

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-2014

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

Against the Bill – On Merits – Praying to be heard by counsel, & c.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF AREZO JOUNUS

SHEWETH as follows:-

1. A Bill (hereinafter referred to as “the bill”) has been introduced and is now pending in your honourable House intituled “ A bill to make provision for a railway between Euston in London and a junction with the West Coast Main Line at Handsacre in Staffordshire, with a spur from Old Oak Common in the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham to a junction with the Channel Tunnel Rail Link at York Way in the London Borough of Islington and a spur from Water Orton in Warwickshire to Curzon Street in Birmingham; and for connected purposes.
2. The bill is presented by Mr Secretary McLoughlin.
3. Clauses 1-58 set out the Bill’s objectives in relation to the construction and operation of the railway transport system mentioned in paragraph 1 above. They include provision for compulsory acquisition, extinction and exclusion of rights over land, Temporary possession and use of land, planning permission, Deregulation, Railway matters, Nominated undertaker and other Phase One function-holders, Statutory undertakers, Regeneration and reinstatement, Further high speed rail works, The Crown, Deposited plans and sections. Clauses 59-61 of the Bill deal with miscellaneous and general provisions.
4. Your Petitioner is Arezo Jounus (hereinafter referred to as the Petitioner). Your Petitioner is an owner of land on east side of London Road, Wendover, Aylesbury Vale, Buckinghamshire, which the Bill may directly and specially affect.
5. Your Petitioner and their rights, interests and land are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioner object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

Noise and Disturbance

6. Your petitioners aver that there will be substantial interference from noise, vibration and increased activity in the vicinity of the train depot. The noise of train brakes

applied during the movement of rolling stock into and out of the sidings, stabling areas and depot will cause serious interference with living conditions and enjoyment of land.

7. Noise arising from the trains as they pass into and out is also a serious concern.

Light Pollution

8. It is also averred that there will be serious disturbance from light used to illuminate the depot, surrounding sidings, car parks and access points.

Loss of Greenbelt

9. The loss of the greenbelt land caused by the new high speed rail is of particular concern to your petitioners given the paucity of green areas in Wendover and the importance of retaining greenbelt land in this densely-urban location.
10. For the forgoing and connected reasons your Petitioner respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended, so far affecting your Petitioner, should not be allowed to pass into law.
11. There are other clauses and provisions of the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect your Petitioner and their rights, interests and property and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioner.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore humble pray your Honourable House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands and that they may be heard by their Counsel, Agents and witnesses in support of the allegations of this Petition against so much of the Bill as affects the property, rights and interests of your Petitioner and in support of such other clauses and provisions as may be necessary or expedient for their protection, or that such other relief may be given to your Petitioner in the premises as your Honourable House shall deem meet.

AND your Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

