

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-14

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

Against – 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 Gregory Huw CHEASMAN

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, supported by The Prime Minister, The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Theresa May, Secretary Vince Cable, Secretary Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary Eric Pickles, Secretary Owen Paterson, Secretary Edward Davey, and Mr Robert Goodwill.
- 3 Clauses 1 to 36 set out the Bill’s objectives in relation to the construction and operation of the railway mentioned in paragraph 1 above. They include provision for the construction of works, highways and road traffic matters, the compulsory acquisition of land and other provisions relating to the use of land, planning permission, heritage issues, trees and noise. They include clauses which would disapply and modify various enactments relating to special categories of land including burial grounds, consecrated land, commons and open spaces, and other matters, including overhead lines, water, building regulations and party walls, street works and the use of lorries.
- 4 Clauses 37 to 42 of the Bill deal with the regulatory regime for the railway.

- 5 Clauses 43 to 65 of the Bill set out a number of miscellaneous and general provisions, including provision for the appointment of a nominated undertaker ("the Nominated Undertaker") to exercise the powers under the Bill, transfer schemes, provisions relating to statutory undertakers and the Crown, provision about the compulsory acquisition of land for regeneration, reinstatement works and provision about further high speed railway works. Provision is also made about the application of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.
- 6 The works proposed to be authorised by the Bill ("the Authorised Works") are specified in clauses 1 and 2 of and Schedule 1 to the Bill. They consist of scheduled works, which are described in Schedule 1 to the Bill and other works, which are described in clause 2 of the Bill.
- 7 Your Petitioner uses Frith Hill and the B485 daily to access variously shops, amenities, medical care and railway station in Great Missenden. These routes are proposed under the Bill to be variously closed, diverted and/or used for construction traffic. This will result in your Petitioner being isolated from local amenities (the only remaining amenities in South Heath village - Annie Bailey's Public House and the Weights & Measures Gym - being already forced to close as they both lay directly on the route as defined by the Bill). The Environmental Statement accompanying the Bill acknowledges these severe isolation effects.
- 8 Your Petitioner and his rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
- 9 9.1
Your Petitioner is concerned that the green tunnel proposed at South Heath will not adequately mitigate noise and visual impact on your Petitioner's community, requires the loss of the village's remaining amenities, and requires lengthy and disruptive closure of and alteration to roads including but not limited to the B485 and both branches of Frith Hill, ie all routes that connect South Heath with its local amenities in Great Missenden. Your Petitioner humbly requests that the bored tunnel currently ending between Amersham and Hyde Heath be extended beyond South Heath toward Wendover.
- 9.2
Your Petitioner is concerned about the use of unsuitable highways such as the B485 Chesham Road by large vehicles delivering supplies and removing spoil during construction.
- 9.3
Your Petitioner is concerned that security fencing will adversely affect the visual amenity of their community (which after all lies entirely within the

protected Chilterns AONB).

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Your Petitioner uses the B485 and both branches of Frith Hill daily, and the footpath from Frith Hill to Great Missenden regularly. The closure and/or diversion of these routes as proposed by the Bill will result in your Petitioner being isolated from shops and services; the use of these roads by construction traffic will greatly increase the time and cost taken for your Petitioner to access any such amenities.

- 10 There are other clauses and provisions of the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand, will prejudicially affect your Petitioners and their rights, interests and property and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioners.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore humbly 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 Petitioners 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.



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