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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

PETITION

Against the Bill – 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

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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 ("Phase One of HS2") 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 and Schedules 2 and 3 to the Bill.

7 Your Petitioners are the owners of the following properties which are located in the London Borough of Hillingdon.

- 3, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8HE
- 28, Bellamy Close, Ickenham, UB10 8SJ
- 34, St Giles Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8RJ
- 58, Breakspear Road South, Ickenham, UB10 8HE
- 22, Bellamy Close, Ickenham, UB10 8SJ
- 26, Bellamy Close, Ickenham, UB10 8SJ
- 11, North Drive, Ruislip, HA4 8HA
- 24, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SG
- 16, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SF
- 57, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SF
- 21, Three Oaks Close, Ickenham, UB10 8DU
- 16, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SF
- 3, Three Oaks Close, Ickenham, UB10 8DU
- 9, Vinlake Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8DS
- 18, Gilmore Close, Ickenham, UB10 8DX
- 157, Swakeleys Road, Ickenham, UB10 8DL
- 63, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SQ
- 31, Vinlake Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8DS
- 25, Vinlake Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8DS
- 25, The Grove, Ickenham, UB10 8QJ
- 155, Swakeleys Road, Ickenham, UB10 8DL
- 2, Three Oaks Close, Ickenham, UB10 8DU
- 39, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SQ
- 26, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SG
- 11, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SF
- 80, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SH
- 7, Charlbury Road, Ickenham, UB10 8EX
- 18, Bellamy Close, Ickenham, UB10 8SJ
- 26, Vinlake Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8DS
- 29, Vinlake Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8DS

2, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SF
4, Three Oaks Close, Ickenham, UB10 8DU
21, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SG
7, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SF
33, Vinlake Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8DS
5, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SF
23, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SG
1, Vinlake Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8DS
59, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SQ
57, Burnham Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8RT
61, Burnham Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8RT
47, Vinlake Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8DS
13, Three Oaks Close, Ickenham, UB10 8DU
23, Vinlake Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8DS
5, Melbourne Close, Ickenham, UB10 8SL
64, Long Lane, Hillingdon, UB10 OEQ
4, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SF
14, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SF
98, Campden Road, Ickenham, UB10 8EU
1, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SF
70, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SQ
6, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SF
13, Gilmore Close, Ickenham, UB10 8DX
24, Bellamy Close, Ickenham, UB10 8SJ
54, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SQ
67, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SH
68, Thornhill Road, Ickenham, UB10 8SQ
17, Gilmore Close, Ickenham, UB10 8DX

8 Your Petitioners allege that they and their property, rights and interests would be injuriously and prejudicially affected by the provisions of the Bill if passed into law in their present form and they accordingly object to the Bill for the reasons, amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

Introductory

9 Your petitioners oppose the Bill in principle. Whilst your petitioners acknowledge that the principle of the Bill is established at second reading, your petitioners' views on the subject are so strong that they must be recorded in this petition.

10 Your petitioners consider that the Environmental Statement did not adequately assess the impacts on Ickenham roads, schools, employment, ecology, air quality, local services, emergency services, drainage and flooding. It was prepared with great haste and the most adverse effects were never discussed at Community Forums.

11. HS2 Ltd refused to engage in discussion to mitigate the adverse impacts on Ickenham. Even with the intervention of our local MP in September 2013 HS2 Ltd refused to meet with your petitioners to discuss extending the tunnel beyond West Ruislip.
12. There are many matters which cause great concern to your petitioners, arising from the proposals in the Bill. Your petitioners are hopeful that many of their concerns can be met by agreement with the promoter of the Bill.

General Concerns

13. As residents of Ickenham & Ruislip your petitioners have identified several specific significant concerns which are set out below. This list is by no means exhaustive, and due to the inadequacy and inaccuracies of the Environmental Statement prepared by HS2, it is inevitable that the construction of HS2 will disrupt the lives of your petitioners in ways which have not yet been considered.

Colne Valley Tunnel

14. Your petitioners respectfully submit that the proposal to carry the railway overground through the area between Ruislip and the M25 will give rise to many community, health, business and environmental impacts. In your petitioners' respectful submission the cumulative effects of all these adverse impacts requires that a bored tunnel should be constructed instead of an overland route across Ickenham and the Colne Valley.
15. Given all the concerns and issues arising from the overland route in Ickenham and the Colne Valley your petitioners believe that the additional costs of an extension of the London tunnelling would be justified. The following paragraphs set out in more details your petitioners' justification for a tunnel and they also explain the remedies that your petitioners seek to mitigate the disruptions and disturbances.

Specific Concerns

Noise

16. Your petitioners understand from the Environmental Statement that there will be significant adverse noise impacts as a direct result of the overground high speed railway in Ickenham and during the construction of the works. Your petitioners will suffer adverse effects from construction sites in Harvil Road, Breakspear Road South and Ickenham High Road for a period of ten years.
17. Your petitioners wish to ensure that the nominated undertaker should provide a detailed site specific noise mitigation plan along with the provision of adequate compensation measures.

Construction Traffic & Works

- 18 Your petitioners are gravely concerned about the inadequacy of measures proposed to mitigate the effects of construction traffic throughout Ickenham. The siting of construction works in Ickenham for up to 10 years with other constructions sites in nearby Harefield will cause significant disruption and congestion to Ickenham suburban roads by HGV traffic that are already heavily congested by local traffic and through traffic from commuters across north west London. Breakspear Road South, Harvil Road, Swakeleys Road, Ickenham High Road are already very heavily congested during morning and evening peak times. A number of side roads in particular Thornhill Road and Warren Road are already affected by 'rat running'. Your petitioners are concerned that they will be adversely affected in travelling to their jobs, taking their children to schools, accessing health, religious and other local services. Local public transport services are likely to be severely disrupted, as is access to the local tube stations.
- 19 Your petitioners also request that the nominated undertaker be required to mitigate by amending the Code of Construction Practice to strictly enforce the measures such as but not restricted to the following:-
- (a) Restricting HGV movements inside peak hours throughout Ickenham
 - (b) Prohibiting HGV movements near schools at opening & closing times.
 - (c) Operating low emissions shuttle bus systems for workers and avoid providing parking for workers at the construction compounds.
 - (d) Prepare and implement, in conjunction with Hillingdon Council, a traffic management plan to minimise the impacts on local traffic and highways including road closures or restrictions and to remedy damage to the highways from construction traffic:
 - (e) Use the planned viaduct for traffic & spoil movement to avoid local roads.

Health and Welfare

- 20 Your petitioners are gravely concerned that the emergency services will be unable to provide timely support to their families and property due to road congestion during the construction period. The roads in Ickenham provide access to Harefield Hospital dedicated Heart Attack Centre which is used for emergencies from outer north-west London; according to the Trust speed of treatment has shown to be crucial to survival in these cases. Your petitioners wish to ensure that the nominated undertaker will at all times during the construction works maintain adequate access through Ickenham for emergency services.

Environment

- 21 Your petitioners make extensive use of the recreational facilities afforded by the London Borough of Hillingdon and the Colne Valley and are concerned about the following impacts

- a) Diversions of public rights of way are so lengthy and in some cases diverted onto busy roads, e.g. Breakspear Road South, with no footways representing a danger to the public's lives.
- b) The loss of the Hillingdon Outdoor activity Centre which provides leisure and educational facilities for your petitioners and their families
- c) The impacts on Uxbridge and Ruislip Golf courses which may require their temporary or permanent closure
- d) Adverse effects on the ecology in particular on the bat and owl populations.
- e) The use of the green belt areas of Ickenham between Harvil Road and Breakspear Road South as enormous spoil dumps.

The only practicable mitigation for all these impacts is the full tunnel as requested above.

- 22 Should your honourable House not find in favour of such a tunnel, your petitioners request that your nominated undertaker be required to construct such facilities as may be necessary to remove spoil from Ickenham by rail.
- 23 Your petitioners respectfully request that your nominated undertaker be required to dispose of the spoil in an environmentally friendly manner such as has been used for other major construction projects e.g. using waterways and for amenity enhancing landscaping projects.

Air Pollution

- 24 Your petitioners are concerned that unless the railway is constructed in a tunnel a significant amount of HGV traffic arising from 3 major construction sites will be directed through Ickenham and will converge on Swakeleys Road, a roadway already exceeding minimum EU standards for health and used by the petitioners' schoolchildren walking to Vyners and Breakspear Schools.
- 25 Your Petitioner requests that funding be made available for the appropriate authority to undertake responsibility, compliance and enforcement for the monitoring of air quality in accordance with binding mitigation plans and that the results of monitoring are made publicly available.

Drainage and flooding

- 26 Your petitioners are also concerned that there is an increased risk of flooding from placement of excavated material and construction of works between Harvil Road and Breakspear Road South. Surface water and diverted water courses will enter the River Pinn and there is concern this will aggravate the flood risk to properties in the area. Your petitioners believe that the Bill as it stands makes little provision to safeguard your petitioners' roads and properties from flooding and groundwater contamination and the provisions necessary for their protection have been omitted from it. Your petitioners request that the nominated undertaker commission a detailed and independent assessment of the risks of flooding or the implications on ground water contamination which can form the basis of comprehensive mitigation proposals.

Proposed Railhead at Ickenham

- 27 Your petitioners would request your honourable House to require that the proposed railhead at Ickenham be operational as soon as possible and well in advance of any tunnelling works, in order to minimise the transportation of spoil and materials by roads and the dumping of spoil in green belt areas of Ickenham between Harvil Road and Breakspear Road South.

'Sustainable Placement Areas'

- 28 Your petitioners are concerned about the vast quantity of spoil that is to be dispersed in Ickenham. Your petitioners consider that the areas that have been selected for the 'Sustainable Placement' of material have not been properly assessed. Your petitioners request your honourable House to require that HS2 re evaluates the areas identified for the deposit of spoil in terms of their suitability and impacts and prepare alternative proposals for consultation.

Local Transport Services

- 29 Your petitioners are concerned that the proposals for HS2 will cause significant disruption to existing bus, rail and underground services. The U1, U9 and U10 bus routes are vital links for many of your petitioners and these services will be greatly impacted by the increased traffic congestion levels. The extensive construction works and railhead required at West Ruislip are a particular cause for concern as the LT Central Line and Chiltern railway are used by your petitioners to travel to their places of work as well as other purposes. Your petitioners request your honourable House to require effective measures and assurances from the undertaker that your petitioners transport services will not be disrupted during construction works.

Landscape

- 30 Your petitioners understand from the Environmental Statement that there will be significant adverse impacts on their landscape both during the ten year construction phase and from the dumping of excavated materials. Your petitioners believe that as the Bill stands it makes no provision to protect the landscape character of their area and request that the Bill is amended so as to provide protection to your petitioners.

Heathrow Spurs

- 31 Your petitioners are of the view that there is no business case for the Heathrow spurs and there is no positive cost benefit case for the disruption during construction or operation as part of Phase Two of the HS2 project. Your petitioners ask that the Bill be amended so that passive provision for the spurs is removed. Your petitioners request that HS2 take the opportunity to use the costs savings from the dismissal of the Heathrow spurs to build the Colne Valley tunnel as requested.
- 32 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 and interests 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 Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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