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HOUSE OF COMMONS

SESSION 2013-14

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.

64 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
35 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
58 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
29 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
30 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge, UB10 8BS
16 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
8 Eleanor Grove, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BH
31 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
2 Eleanor Grove, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB18 8BH
2a Eleanor Grove, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BH
37 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
60 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
18 Boniface Road, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BU
62 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
16 Boniface Road, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BU
8 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BP
2 Charlton Close, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BW
24 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
4 The Mallows, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BX
34 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
8 Rectory Way, , Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BP
16 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
16 Eleanor Grove, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BH
7 Charlton Close, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BW
46 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
5 Boniface Road, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BU
38 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
17 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
21 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
15 Charlton Close, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BW
18 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
13 Eleanor Grove, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BH
50 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
18 Boniface Road, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BU
12 Boniface Road, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BU
9 Eleanor Grove, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BH
4 Eleanor Grove, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BH
58 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
26 Boniface Road, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BU

11 Charlton Close, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BW
3 Ashbury Drive, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BN
52 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
10 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BP
2 The Mallows, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BX
8 Charlton Close, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BW
23 Eleanor Grove, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BJ
6 The Mallows, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BX
54 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BT
2 Broadacre Close, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BL
21 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
12 Eleanor Grove, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BH
5 The Mallows, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BX
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28 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
29 Eleanor Grove, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BJ
22 Rectory Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BS
2 Ashbury Drive, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BN
27 Eleanor Grove, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8BJ
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- 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, 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 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 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 as a minimum in respect of the matters that are covered, should your honourable House not find in favour of a tunnel.

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

- 18 Your petitioners are gravely concerned about the inadequacy of measures proposed to mitigate the effects of construction traffic throughout Ickenham. The siting of three construction sites in Ickenham up to 10 years with other constructions sites in nearby Harefield will cause significant disruption and congestion to Ickenham suburban roads, by HGV traffic, which are already heavily congested by local traffic and through traffic from commuters across North West London. Breakspear Road South, Harvil Road, Swakeleys Road and Ickenham High Road are already heavily congested during morning and evening peak times. A number of side roads such as Copthall Road West, St Georges Drive, Greenacres Avenue, Thornhill Road, Ivy House 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 and taking children to schools. Your petitioners fear that their sole access roads of Rectory Way and Eleanor Grove, by vehicle, onto Swakeleys Road will be impeded further. Your petitioners, many of whom worship in Ickenham, have grave concerns that the addition of an huge increase in low frequency vibrations created by spoil lorries could undermine the stability of their grade 2 listed fourteenth century church of St Giles', Ickenham along with other nearby, ancient, buildings including the village centre Pump that has already suffered subsidence due to high traffic volumes. Your petitioners request that the nominated undertaker should be compelled to use best available techniques in the construction and operation of the high speed railway and its associated developments to ensure that no vibration can be felt in these buildings and there are no other adverse effects. Your petitioners request that there should be binding mitigation measures, including vibration and resultant damage mitigation and monitoring systems in place before commencement and during construction and operation. Binding mitigation measures should include, but not be limited to, an express obligation to undertake specific measures to limit structural and other damage to the buildings.
- 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 and prohibiting HGV movements near school routes for 30 minutes before and after the start and end of the school day (during term time).

(b) Operating a low emissions shuttle bus system for construction workers from key public transport interchanges to avoid providing parking for contractors at the construction compounds.

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. Your petitioners, who are mainly 60 years of age and over, have regular, and often multiple, appointments at the four hospitals that lie within the boundaries of the London Borough of Hillingdon. Mount Vernon, Bishops Wood and Harefield Hospitals will be particularly difficult to access owing to the proposed construction routes and your petitioners wish that the nominated undertaker will at all times during the construction works maintain adequate and easy access through Ickenham to these hospitals and local G.P. clinics.

Environment

- 21 Your petitioners make extensive use of the recreational facilities afforded by the London Borough of Hillingdon and the Colne Valley and are very concerned about the following impacts of the high speed railway:
- 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. Your petitioners use many local green belt areas, regularly, for recreational walking with their family and their dogs.
 - 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 spoil dumps.

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

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.

Air Pollution

- 22 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. Swakeleys Road is used by schoolchildren walking to Vyners and Breakspear Schools and is the main shopping area for Ickenham. As aforementioned, Rectory Way and neighbouring estate roads have a high demographic of elderly residents for whom increased pollution poses a serious health issue.

Drainage and flooding

- 23 Your petitioners are also concerned that there is an increased risk of surface water flooding from placement of excavated material and construction of works between Harvil Road and Breakspear Road South. Your petitioners believe that the Bill as it stands makes no 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 independent assessment of the risks of surface water flooding or the implications on ground water contamination which can form the basis of comprehensive mitigation proposals.

Proposed Railhead at Ickenham

- 24 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'

- 25 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-evaluate the areas identified for the deposit of spoil in terms of their suitability and prepare alternative proposals for consultation. Your petitioners request that all spoil be removed entirely from Ickenham utilising existing rail and canal links. They request that it be used wisely and environmentally sensitively over a wide area through the Colne Valley to landscape and enhance existing, natural, sanctuaries to the benefit of their native flora and fauna and the public. Methods of utilising and removing spoil, sensitively, were much in evidence during

the construction of the 2012 London Olympic Park.

Local Transport Services

- 26 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' older residents 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. Your petitioners request your honourable House to require assurances from the undertaker that your petitioners transport services will not be disrupted during construction works.

Landscape

- 27 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

- 29 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.
- 30 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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