

IN PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF COMMONS

SESSION 2013-14

HIGH SPEED RAIL [LONDON-WEST MIDLANDS]

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 OF BERYL SYLVIA UPTON

SHEWETH as follows: -

1. A Bill [hereinafter called "the Bill"] has been introduced into 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 Schedules 1 and 2 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 and Schedules 2 and 3 to the Bill.

7. Your petitioner is the freehold owner of 152 Hoylake Crescent, Ickenham, Middlesex, UB10 8JJ which is located in the London Borough of Hillingdon. [REDACTED]

8. Your petitioner alleges that her 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 she accordingly objects to the Bill for the reasons, amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

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

10. Your petitioner alleges that the Government should have carried out a Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment prior to its decision to proceed with the HS2 scheme in January 2012. Furthermore, your petitioner considers that the Environmental Statement fails to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, the HS2 proposal will cause harm to the open countryside and Green Belt land, which is arguably contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework, insufficient time has been allowed for comprehensive consideration of the Environmental Statement consultation responses and that there has been a wholly inadequate summary of these responses which has overtly omitted vast amounts of very significant information which should have been included.

11. There are a number of matters which cause great concern to your petitioner, arising from the proposals in the Bill, which affect your petitioner's property.

12. Your petitioner's property is separated from the existing Chiltern line railway and the proposed high speed railway route by a narrow stretch of Common Land.

13. Your petitioner is very concerned that her property and well being will be adversely impacted by the noise, light pollution and poor air quality caused by the planned construction works in Ickenham which are likely to take place 24 hours a day on each day of the week.

14. The consequences of these works will inevitably disrupt your petitioner's home environment, her enjoyment of her garden and her sleep will be disturbed. [REDACTED]

15. Your petitioner requests your honourable House to require the nominated undertaker to ensure that the hours during which the construction works take place in Ickenham are uniform and restricted to daytime operation only between Monday to Friday.

YOUR PETITIONER therefore humbly prays your Honourable House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands and that she may be heard by her 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 Petitioners will ever pray, &cc.

Beryl Sylvia Upton



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