

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON - WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

PETITION

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:

Alan Noad	Janet Noad	W Farhan	Amal Farhan	S Sieber	P Sieber
E H Formoy	R Lipscombe	D Lipscombe	Radhika Howarth	D Doogan	
Michael Roy Smith	Jennifer Smith		Doug Barchard	Shirley Barchard	
Rohini Bali	J Gimir	Saeeda Alam	D Higgins	Paul Gilam	R Kirke
Jenny Ali	M A Rowe	Marion Turfrey	P Jeans	Elaine Craddock	
Alice Noad	Elizabeth Rogers	Ruby Rumph	Roy Pridham	Malcolm Thirsk	
Jenny Whittaker	W Stevenson	Jenny Hillman	R M Pinkerton		
D J Leggett	M Pike	Angela Kerr	Freda Gore	Carol Ellis	
M Blackie	Edward Abbott	J Thompson	S Owen-Thursfield		

SHEWETH as follows:-

1. A Bill (hereinafter referred to as “the Bill”) has been introduced and is now pending in your honourable House entitled “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 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 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. 7.1 Your Petitioners are of mixed ethnicity; many of whom are elderly and have lived in the same location for upward of 25 years and some are more recent arrivals and have young children. Parkfield Road, Ickenham is situated within 300 metres from the proposed site of HS2  
7.2 Ickenham is now one of the wards of the London Borough of Hillingdon but is an ancient farming community mentioned in the Domesday Book and still includes thriving farmsteads. There are a number of historic constructions in Ickenham most notably Swakeleys House a 17<sup>th</sup> Century mansion built for the Lord Mayor of London. There are two thriving churches, over twenty clubs and associations and the residents enjoy a thriving community spirit.  
7.3 Despite a heavy flow of traffic through the village Ickenham manages to exist as a welcoming and friendly community and much loved by its residents. Your Petitioners residing in Parkfield Road live in a peaceful environment and their peace is not usually disturbed by sudden increases in noise levels. As it is presently planned, the construction of HS2 will seriously disrupt the Ickenham community for a number of reasons and their lifestyle will be substantially downgraded both during construction and when HS2 is in operation.

7.4 Your Petitioners live at the following addresses:

56 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW	58 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW
55 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW	53A Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW
44 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW	53 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW
47 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW	52 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW
45 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW	50 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW
54 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW	38 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW
41A Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW	36 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW
28 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN	24 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN
22 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN	20 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN
18 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN	23A Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN
14 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN	10 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN
8 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN	36 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW
3 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN	7 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN
9 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN	11 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN
23 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN	31 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN
33 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN	35 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LN
37 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW	39 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW
60 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW	62 Parkfield Road, Ickenham, UB10 8LW

8. Your Petitioners, their properties, rights and interests are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

9. 9.1 The Bill includes powers for the Secretary of State and the Nominated Undertaker to do construction works which are estimated to take 10 years to complete and will include up to an estimated 1,400 lorry movements through Ickenham every day, accompanied by the creation of dust, noise and vibration, poor air quality, and 24 hour working. This will inevitably lead to severe sleep deprivation particularly for the elderly residents among your Petitioners and their young children living in Parkfield Road.

9.2 The Bill includes provision for the construction of a viaduct which will carry the HS2 railway line through the Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre (HOAC). HOAC is a popular leisure and educational centre, presently enjoyed by 22,000 children and adults, including your Petitioners, every year. Your Petitioners are concerned that since many of the activities are water-based, HOAC will have no option but to close during the construction period and, due to the noise of the trains and the obstructions provided by the proposed supporting piers, will be unable ever to re-open on its present site.

9.3 Your Petitioners are concerned that as a consequence of the construction of HS2 both Ruislip and Uxbridge Golf Courses which are used extensively by Ickenham residents, including some of your Petitioners, will have no option to close during the construction period and there is no prospect of Ruislip Golf Course ever being re-opened in its present form.

9.4 Your Petitioners are concerned that HS2 construction work will have a serious adverse effect on local domestic supplies, including pollution of drinking water.

9.5 Your Petitioners are concerned that the spoil resulting from the tunnel and groundworks are proposed to be dumped on farmland alongside the two country lanes of Harvil Road and Breakspear Road. These lanes are narrow and already congested with traffic and incapable of

accommodating additional large movements of heavy lorries. Furthermore, apart from the spoiling of the appearance of the countryside with very large heaps of London clay and other spoil, there is a severe risk of surface water flooding of the adjacent land, roads and housing.

9.6 Your Petitioners are gravely concerned that as a consequence of the additional vehicular traffic generated by the movement of equipment and spoil necessitated by the construction of HS2 that the already heavily congested road through Ickenham will be so congested that they will be brought to a total standstill for very long periods. This in turn will prevent emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire engines from reaching their destinations in timely fashion.

9.7 Your Petitioners are gravely concerned that due to the close proximity of Parkfield Road to HS2, the projected noise levels directly arising from the operation of HS2 will be in excess of best practice in noise mitigation and that your Petitioners will be subject to sleep deprivation and high stress levels resulting from this increase in noise levels.

10. 10.1 Your Petitioners note that the proposed route for HS2 is in tunnel between the Eastern boundary of the Borough of Hillingdon until it emerges at Ickenham High Road, West Ruislip. It is then proposed to go overland as it travels through Ickenham westwards through the Colne Valley. Your Petitioners submit that the majority of objections raised in paragraphs 9.1 – 9.7 above would be mitigated were the HS2 railway be constructed in tunnel extended from the High Road, West Ruislip through Ickenham and the Colne Valley and beneath HOAC. Your Petitioners therefore object to the powers that are proposed to be provided by the Bill to the Secretary of State and the Nominated Undertaker and respectfully submit that the Bill should be amended or undertakings should be required so that HS2 Limited, the Secretary of State and/or the Nominated Undertaker must review the construction strategy for the project and its-related works by considering their cumulative impacts on communities. And they need to suggest necessary changes from the results of that review before works design and construction strategies have been finalised or construction contractors employed.

10.2 In the event that your honourable house were to decide not to require an extension of the tunnel, your Petitioners consider that the proposed railhead at Ickenham should be constructed as early as possible and well ahead of any tunnelling works, in order to provide and be used as a means of transporting spoil by rail and avoiding the extreme potential adverse consequences of transportation by road through Ickenham. This provision would also simplify the delivery of materials and equipment to and from the site, again avoiding adverse impact on the already congested Ickenham roads

11. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, so far affecting your Petitioners, should not be allowed to pass into law.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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 Petitioners in the premises as your Honourable House shall deem meet.

AND your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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