

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 petitioners are the Governing Body of Ruislip High School and the Governing Body of Ruislip Gardens Primary School. The schools represent the interests of their communities, which consist of students, staff, parents, governors and local residents.
 - Ruislip High School is situated in Sidmouth Drive, Ruislip Middlesex, HA4 OBY. The Government approved its Academy status 1st April 2014. The school has 971 students between the ages of 11 -- 18 years, and 135 members of staff,
 - Ruislip Gardens Primary School is situated in Stafford Road, Ruislip Middlesex, HA4 6PD. It is a co-educational Nursery and Primary School which caters for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years. In 2014 there are 418 pupils on roll, which is expected to rise to 580 over the next 6 years due to planned expansion with 81 members of staff (2014).
8. Both schools are located within the CFA6 area of the proposed route of HS2 - South Ruislip to Ickenham, in the school catchment area of West End Road and Ruislip Gardens. This area and the wider school catchment areas are linked to several major road systems, which are designated in the HS2 proposal for long term (up to 10 years –HS2 Data) usage by construction HGVs covering the construction work for the tunnelling operations at West Ruislip construction zone, Ventilation Shaft construction zone at South Ruislip, and the replacement/ relocation of utilities and services throughout the area.
9. Your petitioners allege that the rights and interests of the schools' community 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 following reasons, amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

Introductory

10. 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.
11. Your petitioners allege 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 petitioners consider 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. Your petitioner also considers that the Environmental Statement did not adequately assess the impacts on Ruislip roads, schools, 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.
12. There are a number of matters which cause great concern to your petitioners, arising from the proposals in the Bill. Most of the points are specific to the area within your petitioners' catchment area and some of the points apply to areas affecting the wider learning environment or activities areas of the school communities.

Specific Concerns

13. The Bill includes powers for the Secretary of State and the Nominated Undertaker to carry out construction works which are estimated to take up to 10 years to complete; i) the tunnel system from Old Oak Common Lane, East Acton and emerging at Ickenham High Road, West Ruislip, ii) The ventilation shaft at South Ruislip, iii) relocation of existing services and utilities, and three construction zones within the area. Your petitioners are concerned at the consequential disruption that this will cause to the schools and local communities, arising from the planned increased HGV lorry movements and associated construction linked works along the main roads that are used by the communities on a daily basis particularly during school term time.
14. Your petitioners would request your honourable House to require the Secretary of State and the Nominated Undertaker to apply a restriction on HS2 transport movements using Victoria Road to access the construction of the vent shaft. These restrictions should be applied particularly during school term time, so as not to affect school traffic from the roads linking into Sidmouth Drive, Bedford Road and along the West End Road.

15. The West End Road is one of four main roads linked to the A40, three of which are proposed designated transport routes for HS2 materials, resources, and spoils. The proposal is for a large number of HGVs using the three main roads continuously throughout the planned ten year period. Your petitioners are concerned with; the major congestion problems, the major impact this will have on the communities, and in particular the likelihood of a major negative impact on the teaching and learning of students. Your petitioners would request your honourable House to require the Promoter of the Bill and Nominated Undertaker to ensure that traffic management is regularly monitored, assessed and amended with inputs from your petitioners.
16. Your petitioners are concerned that the Bill does not cover effective ownership for the affect and responsibility for the management of possible damage to existing utilities and services, due to the tunnelling construction work, particularly on the main road infrastructures in the Ruislip area. Your petitioners wish to ensure that the Promoter of the Bill underwrites this element of work and would request your honourable House to require the Nominated Undertaker takes responsibility for this element of work and all practicable steps are taken to minimise the possibility of any subsequent damage. In the event that such damage does occur, your petitioners would request your honourable House to ensure that any damage caused is rectified and your petitioners will be paid full and proper compensation for any loss which they may suffer as a consequence of damage or disruption to utilities and services and the associated work caused during the construction of the tunnels and/or when the tunnels have finally been constructed.
17. Your petitioners have a number of concerns arising from the disruption likely to be caused through any construction work to utilities and service routes within this area. Insufficient information has been provided in relation to the effect and consequences of this work. Your petitioners therefore wish to ensure that the Nominated Undertaker will take all possible steps to ensure that any works on utilities and other service routes within the area are minimised during school term time and that major construction work is carried out outside of school term time and unless an emergency arises, is undertaken following consultation with your petitioners and the local communities, prior to work commencing.
18. Your petitioners have been notified that services under the West End Road will need to be replaced or relocated as the tunnelling construction work will pass under this area. During this disruption, your petitioners wish to ensure that the Nominated Undertaker will permit at least one side of West End Road to remain open at all times, to allow for a degree of traffic flow. The planned construction works at the junctions of West End Road with Sidmouth Drive, Bridgewater Road and Long Drive are to be undertaken at different stages of the project and your petitioners would therefore request your honourable House to require the Nominated Undertaker to provide continuous access for your petitioners,

particularly during school term times and avoid a major impact to the communities and the effect on teaching and learning for your petitioners' students.

19. Your petitioners would request your honourable House to require the Nominated Undertaker when carrying out utility work on the West End Road not to obstruct or restrict access or egress to Sidmouth Drive or Bedford Road for pedestrians, cars, school transport and emergency services.
20. Your petitioners request your honourable House to require the Nominated Undertaker to ensure that the school communities and the local community have safe access to their education institutions and local facilities by ensuring that the Pedestrian crossings between New Pond Parade shops, Bedford Road and Ruislip Gardens station are accessible, not restricted and kept in full working order. The Nominated Undertaker should also ensure that in the event of any of the existing crossings being temporarily closed that an alternative safe replacement crossing is provided.
21. Your petitioners request your honourable House to require the Nominated Undertaker to ensure that the school communities and the local community continues to have access to good transport links throughout the period of the proposed work including accessibility and no restriction of access to the number and location of existing bus stops within the existing area and at Ruislip Gardens station.
22. Your petitioners request your honourable House to require that the Nominated Undertaker ensures that during the disruption, students and staff continue to have access to external sports and learning facilities provided in local green space areas. Your petitioners are further concerned that any construction work in these areas, including utilities and other service routes within the area, should be carried out outside of school term time and undertaken through consultation with your petitioners and the local communities, prior to work commencing.

General Concerns

23. Your petitioners have additional concerns arising from the effect that the proposed HS2 project will have on external green space areas used by your petitioners for external school teaching and learning activities. i) If the Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre (HOAC) is forced to close, your petitioners wish to ensure that the Nominated Undertaker will identify and implement an equivalent site for HOAC within an area of five miles of its existing location in Harefield. With regards to ii) Willow Tree centre and Harefield, your petitioners wish to ensure that the Nominated Undertaker will work in consultation with your petitioners to guarantee that safe access and egress is provided throughout the planned timescale of the HS2 project.

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

AND your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Signed:

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