

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-14

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

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 East Claydon Parish Council

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 (“the Authorised Works”) 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 of the Bill.
- 7 Your petitioner is **East Claydon Parish Council** hereinafter ‘Your petitioner’
- 8 Your petitioner is concerned about the impact of construction vehicles during the build of the rail line and in particular to traffic related to the Infrastructure Maintenance Depot (IMD) at Calvert only 3 miles from our Parish using Botyl Road, Granborough Road and Orchard Way in Botolph Claydon and East Claydon Road, Sandhill Road, St. Mary’s Road and Winslow Road in East Claydon. Your petitioners’ parishioners’ residential properties, many of which are listed and included in a conservation area, are on these roads, and therefore construction vehicles using these roads will affect your parishioners directly due to increased delay, noise and vibration. Your petitioner is also concerned about the effects that construction traffic will have on the roads detailed above due to their regular use by emergency vehicles, lack of suitability for HGVs and the popularity of this route with cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians. Many of your petitioner’s parishioners regularly use the roads detailed above in order to get to work and/or drop children off at East Claydon First School and therefore will be directly affected by increased HGVs on this road. The condition of the surface roads would be adversely affected by heavy construction vehicles and there is a risk of damage to listed properties caused by vibration from passing large vehicles. Your petitioner requests that construction vehicles and traffic to and from the IMD do not at any time use Botyl Road, Granborough Road and Orchard Way in Botolph Claydon and East Claydon Road, Sandhill Road, St. Mary’s Road and Winslow Road in East Claydon due to the unsuitability of roads. Your petitioner requests that the nominated undertaker uses alternative access during construction and after the opening of the IMD, and uses the trace as far as possible.
- 9 Your petitioner is seriously concerned about the business case for HS2, particularly the fact that it represents poor value for money to the taxpayer and

they do not believe that the project is in the best interests of the UK as a whole and that all the facts of the viability of the project have not been made available to ourselves. You petitioner was particularly concerned over the veto by the Government of the November 2011 MPA PAR report into the HS2 project, details of which had been requested, upon the grounds given in writing to the petitioners Member of Parliament by the Minister for the Cabinet Office, the Rt Hon Francis Maude MP that the Governments veto was based on the following considerations:

The exceptional importance and very high profile of the HS2 project, which is an infrastructure project of a scale unmatched in the United Kingdom since the construction of the M25.

The extremely strong public interest, both at the time of the request and now, in ensuring that the HS2 project, which entails huge public expenditure, is properly and robustly overseen and controlled by Government.

The short timeframe between the production of the PAR report and the request for information. This was a case where the request was made when the PAR was still relatively recent (approximately 6 months old).

Your Petitioner believe that such considerations should normally have supported the publication of the report and request that this should be done, so that the provisions of the Bill can be properly assessed by your petitioner.

10. There are other clauses and provisions of the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect your Petitioner and their rights, interests and property and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioner.

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 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.

Anthony Clive Jellicoe Preston, Councillor East Claydon Parish Council



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