

IN PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF COMMONS

SESSION 2013–14

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 PETER BRAYSHAW

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. Your Petitioner is Peter Brayshaw, of 27, Trimdon, Plender Street, London NW1 0HA, included at reference C2 in the map of the Euston Area provided with the Environmental Statement, CT-05-001, wrongly labelled as Delancy St. Your Petitioner has lived at that address for the last 13 years, and holds the lease from Camden Council. Your Petitioner works currently as an elected Councillor for the St Pancras and Somers Town Ward, and daily or more walks through the Somers Town area, visiting its housing estates, community centres, schools,, local residents and businesses.
8. Your Petitioner and his rights, interests and/or property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioner object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing. Your Petitioner likewise believes the rights, interests, property of your Petitioner's neighbours, community, and constituents are injuriously affected
9. The Bill includes powers for the Secretary of State and nominated undertaker to conduct extensive construction works, extending over a lengthy period of time. There will be a large number of lorry movements, removing spoil and bringing construction materials. The streets immediately surrounding your Petitioner's flat,

including Camden Street, Bayham Street, and parts of Plender Street are delineated as routes on maps supplied with the Environmental Statement. Your Petitioner believes these alone will increase the already high extent of air quality pollutants, as well as cause noise, dust, traffic congestion, disruption to bus routes which he uses, and have an injurious impact on your Petitioner, neighbours, and local community. Your Petitioner has some difficulty in estimating the extent of these impacts, as will your Honourable House, since the choice of Option 8 for Euston Station, on which the Environmental Statement was based, and which remains in the Bill, will at some stage be supplanted by an Option requested by the Secretary of State, which will be much bigger than Option 8, last for longer in terms of construction time, and involve more disruption and injurious effects on your Petitioner and other neighbours and residents.

10. Your Petitioner objects to the powers that are proposed to be provided by the Bill to the Secretary of State and the nominated undertaker and respectfully submits that the Bill should be amended or undertakings required so that HS2 Ltd, the Secretary of State, and/or the nominated undertaker review a number of issues impacting injuriously on your Petitioner. These issues should include the construction strategy, including the proposals for road rather than rail to be used for construction traffic, the size of the proposed station at Euston, including the option of keeping as close as possible to the proposals in the Euston Area Plan submitted for inspection by Camden Council and the GLA, consideration of cumulative impacts on the Petitioner and the community of which he is a member, the potential reduction of local adverse impacts should a "Double-Deck Down" option be feasible
11. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioner respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, so far affecting your Petitioner, 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 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 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 Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Signed.....

Peter Brayshaw

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