

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-14

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON - WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

Against - on Merits - 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 GUILLERMO MURIEL, MIRIAM MURIEL AND JUAN MURIEL
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 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 GUILLERMO MURIEL, MIRIAM MURIEL AND JUAN MURIEL a local working couple with a teenage student son, are Secured Council Tenants of property FLAT 9 CONISTON, HARRINGTON STREET in LONDON NW1 3SG since January 1997, a **ground floor property** which although will not be demolished as a result of the Bill, it is located within 50 metres of the blocks that are proposed to be demolished, and will therefore be next door and overlooking one of the HS2 construction sites. Your Petitioners' property is also on a residential road which will be used by construction traffic during the construction of the Scheme.

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

9. For the past 17 years, in addition to our daily employment commitments, whilst bringing up a child, we have also offered in our own home, a voluntary free service to the local Latin-American community, providing counselling and meditation therapy, to individuals experiencing high levels of mental, emotional and physical stress, as well as those affected by terminal illnesses. Your Petitioners are concerned about the negative effect of the proposals in the Bill both during and after the construction stage on the movement and access of pedestrians, cyclists, disable individuals and local residential traffic in the area surrounding the Station.

Your Petitioners request your honourable House to amend the Bill or require undertakings from the Promoters to ensure that any on-street residential parking and servicing that is displaced as a result of the proposed works and their construction is replaced. Also, your Petitioners request that the Nominated Undertaker should be required to compensate your Petitioners for any loss of parking revenue and related costs arising as a direct or indirect result of the implementation of Bill

10. Over the years, we have managed to create a calm, loving and relaxing environment in our own flat in order to offer those in need a temporary sanctuary during their free therapy sessions.

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 among others: Lorry and heavy equipment movements, the creation of dust, severe levels of vibration and noise, poor air quality plus 24 hour a day construction work.

These will inevitably lead not only to a profound negative impact in our own daily lives, creating unbearable permanent living conditions and extensive Health and Safety threats including sleep deprivation, stress and anxiety, but will also destroy our contribution to society, making it impossible to continue our much needed long standing humanitarian service to our local community.

Your Petitioners request your honourable House to require the promoters to ensure that adequate provision is made for efficient freight and servicing arrangements for the Station, which must ensure that their impacts on local residents are minimised. These arrangements should include provision, in consultation with your Petitioners, of an ULEZ around the station and a sustainable freight servicing plan to minimise the impact on the local area and the provision of related infrastructure that is recommended in the plan.

11. As long standing residents in Camden, with a wide circle of family and friends within the borough, we use the existing network of buses extensively, in addition to walking, cycling and our own car in order to go about our daily employment commitments as well as food shopping, recreational activities, visiting relatives and friends.

Your Petitioners are concerned that the present proposal will cause severe disruption of transport and access affecting residents, (including children and young people), and workers for more than 13 years. This will include public transport disruption, road closures and diversions and the re-routing of services, leading to increased traffic and congestion in already highly congested areas. This will affect pedestrians, cyclists, buses and other road users. Provision must be made for adequate facilities for pedestrians, access to our local residential roads, convenient access to public transport, cycling and parking.

12. Traffic congestion will be significantly increased during the construction works on already heavily congested roads by the 740 construction vehicle trips per day at Euston, 90% of which will be by heavy goods vehicles. These will substantially affect air quality leading to significant increases in two of the most serious air pollutants, Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and Particulate Matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}). There are also likely to be increases in pollutants as a result of the operation of HS2. This will come against a background of mounting health impacts of air pollution generally, and its links to heart disease, asthma and cancer.

Road traffic impacts during construction: Road closures and diversions will lead to increases in congestion which in turn will lead to increases in concentrations of pollution on some of the most polluted roads in the Borough, including Euston Road Gray's Inn Road and Hampstead Road which is situated within 50 meters of our flat. Some of the worst predicted increases in NO₂ are on a scale that is unprecedented in the Borough.

Your petitioners will like to see the use of Rail as far as practicable for the dispersal of spoil and provision of material so as to reduce lorry movements, as well as the installation of air filtration systems for our property and those other properties affected by this project.

13. Your petitioners are concerned that the extensive nature of the foresaid construction project will cause such upheaval that it could render their present dwellings, uninhabitable. Your petitioners requests that in such an event, their home should be replaced by a home of an equivalent tenure and in a form of development which complies with Camden's planning policies. This replacement home must be provided in advance of demolition within the Euston area, must be of a high quality design and must meet the needs of your petitioners.

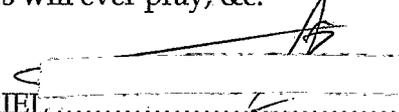
14. In addition to this, your petitioners also feel that suitable financial compensation must be made available by the promoter to at least the equivalent compensation measures available to residents of rural areas.

15. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully 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

16. 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 themselves 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.

Signed GUILLERMO MURIEL 

Signed MIRIAM MURIEL 

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