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**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:

J PRICE, D.J BENNETT-PRICE, D WILSON, S BENTLEY, N KALIRAI, S KALIRAI

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 Petitioners are owners and residents of properties in the local area and represent the interests of residents in the southern end of Tilehouse Lane, Denham who are directly affected by the works referred to above. Your petitioners have lived in Tilehouse Lane for periods varying from 8 years to 30 years. This location was chosen by each family because of the rural area, while being close to London, the local amenities and the natural beauty of the surrounding area. Your petitioners properties and everyday lives will be subject to noise, vibration, pollution, disruption and irreversible visual impacts throughout the construction period of at least seven years, and virtually continuous train noise for up to 18 hours per day during the subsequent years of operation.
8. Your Petitioners and their rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
9. Your petitioners are concerned about the effects that construction traffic will have on Tilehouse Lane due to its narrow width, high hedges, frequent bends, lack of lighting and the popularity of this route with cyclists and walkers, like your Petitioners.

Your petitioners request that Tilehouse Lane is not used by HGVs and site workers vehicles at any time. All site traffic for the works at the end of Tilehouse Lane should use the purpose made junction on the M25.

10. Your petitioners request that due to an exceptionally long construction period HS2 Ltd implements measures to ensure construction and site worker traffic does not use Tilehouse Lane, in such a way that residents of Tilehouse Lane are not inconvenienced.

Your petitioners request that the effectiveness of measures are monitored and those results made available to the residents, together

with a means of reporting breaches. Your petitioners request that HS2 Ltd is required to take effective action to remedy any breaches within the same day.

11. Your Petitioners are concerned that the country feeling of Tilehouse Lane will be lost after the development of the overbridge as that will expand the width of the road at that section and encourage more drivers to use Tilehouse Lane when the A412 has delays due to problems on the M25.

Your Petitioners request that this redevelopment follows the precedent set with the overbridge of Chalfont Lane over the M25 where it joins Shire Lane. This is single track from the A412 until the bridge where it widens and then narrows again.

12. The proposed access road to Denham Park Farm Quarry via Tilehouse Lane will create the potential for fatal accidents as the section of road is used by walkers and cyclists, adding to this, the proposed scheme intends to divert the bridleway along the same section of road.

Your petitioners request that the access road to Denham Park Farm Quarry is taken via the HS2 compound and directly on to the M25 and that the bridleway is not diverted.

13. Your petitioners are also gravely concerned that temporary closure of the A412 will result in considerable delays and disruption to traffic on Tilehouse Lane.

Your petitioners request that whenever the A412 is closed or restricted, measures are put in place to ensure that the traffic is not directed down Tilehouse Lane.

14. There will be severe traffic congestion for years on the local roads. Access to places of work, schools, shops, medical facilities and work will be compromised.

Your petitioners request that HS2 traffic access on the A412 through Denham is restricted during the hours of 07:30 to 09:30 and 15:30–19:00. All arrangements to be monitored and any breaches to be dealt with in an acceptable timeframe.

15. There will be dust pollution for several years from the construction site and vehicles.

Your petitioners request that measures are taken to eliminate pollution and that there is continual and effective monitoring of pollution and if it exceeds pre works levels, works shall be halted without delay.

16. The value of the petitioners properties has fallen since the announcement of the HS2 project, this is in sharp contrast to the property prices in neighbouring villages such as Gerrards Cross. Two Tilehouse Lane residents have been unable to sell their properties

Your petitioners request that HS2 guarantee to purchase their properties at such time that they wish to sell, at the projected prices in the locally unaffected areas had the HS2 project not been announced.

17. The geology of the petitioners residential area may lead to vibrations from the construction works and HS2 operations, resulting in possible structural damage and noise pollution.

Your petitioners request an indemnity that any damage, claims, demands, proceedings, costs and expenses arising from the

construction and operation of HS2 will be remedied and properly compensated.

18. The construction works and subsequent operations site at the Northern end of Tilehouse Lane will have a detrimental visual impact on the area and restrict or block resident's access to the Northern end of Tilehouse Lane.

Your petitioners request that the construction site and subsequent operations are built in harmony with the surrounds and do not spoil the view. It also request that residents access to the Northern end of Tilehouse Lane is not hindered.

19. Your Petitioners are regular users of public footpaths, bridleways and canal towpaths around the Colne Valley and are concerned about the impact of works authorised by the Bill on these footpaths. The proposed works plan to close some of these including the canal towpath.

Your Petitioners ask that the number of local PRoW proposed to be stopped up or diverted be reduced significantly so that an adequate level of local amenity is preserved during the construction period and beyond.

20. Overall your Petitioners are disappointed that a viaduct is planned for the Colne Valley. This is an area that provides much needed respite from the London sprawl. Your Petitioners along with many other local residents and people who live further into Middlesex use all of the natural and recreational facilities. Facilities such as the Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre (HOAC), Denham Country Park, Colne Valley Country Park, the local marinas, the Denham Water Ski Club, local fishing lakes, the public footpaths alongside the canal and rivers and so on. Much of this will be destroyed forever and the rest permanently damaged.

Your Petitioners respectfully request that a tunnel is to be constructed under the Colne Valley instead of the viaduct. Your petitioners request that the tunnel from Ickenham is continued to form up with the proposed tunnel under the M25, thereby creating a continuous tunnel instead of the proposed Colne Valley viaduct and negating the need for the permanent damage that will result from the proposed route.

21. Your Petitioners 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.

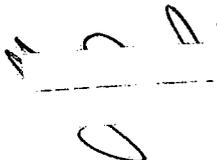
22. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, so far affecting your Petitioners, should not be allowed to pass into law.

23. 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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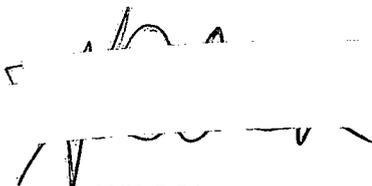
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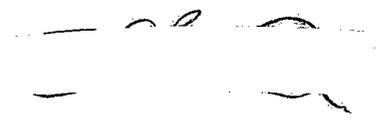
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