

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-14

High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill

Against the Bill – on Merits – Praying to be heard by counsel, etc.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF Sheila Ansell and Peter Ansell.

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 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 Secretary Patrick 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, 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 compulsory acquisition, the extinction and exclusion of rights over land, the temporary possession and use of land, planning permission and deregulation in connection with, inter alia, heritage and environmental matters. Clauses 37 to 52 deal with railway matters, nominated and statutory undertakers, regeneration and reinstatement and further high speed rail works. Clauses 53 to 65 contain miscellaneous and general provisions.
4. The nominated undertaker (defined in the Bill and hereinafter referred to as “the nominated undertaker”) is authorised by the Bill to construct and maintain the works specified in Schedule 1 to the Bill being works for the construction of Phase One of High Speed 2 and works consequent on or incidental to such works. These works are called “the scheduled works”.

5. Your petitioners (hereinafter referred to as “the Petitioners”) live at “The Tardis”, London Road, Wendover, Buckinghamshire, HP22 6PN.
6. The Bill would authorise the construction and operation of the railway through and near London Road, Wendover.
7. Your Petitioners and their interests are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons contained in this Petition.
8. Your Petitioners have been the recipient of letters and information in the post from HS2 Ltd, which indicate that it considers that they are affected by the Bill.
9. Objection is taken to both the construction and operation of certain of the scheduled works proposed to be undertaken in and near Wendover between Little Missenden and Stoke Mandeville. These works consist mainly of an embankment between Hartley Farm and Road Barn Farm; Small Dean viaduct; and an embankment between the northern end of the Small Dean viaduct and the southern end of the Wendover green tunnel. They include ancillary works such as satellite compounds, auto-transformer stations, balancing ponds and portal buildings.
10. Your Petitioners’ main objectives are: to persuade your Honourable House to enable them to be compulsorily or voluntarily purchased, to be adequately compensated for any loss incurred as a result of the works if they have to remain in residence during and after the construction, to lower the line into a fully-bored tunnel as it passes between the portal at present proposed at Mantles Wood, to the boundary of the Area of Outstanding Beauty on the north west side of Wendover or to construct a haul/relief road.
11. Your Petitioners are Senior Citizens – Shiela Ansell is 76 years of age and Peter Ansell is 83 and when they down-sized and moved to their home six years ago they were not aware that HS2 would be implemented. Had they been aware of this they would not have moved into this area, as this was to have been their final move.
12. Your Petitioners are concerned that the increased volume of traffic will seriously affect Emergency Services reaching them in the event of urgent need. Peter Ansell has a heart condition and in the event of him needing hospital treatment (which at present is based at High Wycombe) the delay in reaching him could lead to serious consequences. The congestion on the A413 is at present dire during certain periods of the day and with the increased volume of traffic would only lead to more delays.
13. Access to the local Wendover Health Clinic would be compromised once again with the volume of traffic; as would access to the local village for shopping etc making these journeys both longer and probably more dangerous for your Petitioners as Senior Citizens. At present there is only a very limited bus service which doesn’t allow Your Petitioners time to get to the Health Centre for an appointment and then return home within an acceptable

time –they would have to wait for a further two hours for a return bus service to their home - not acceptable to elderly people. The disruption from the works would make this position worse.

14. This is an area of outstanding natural Beauty and the habitat etc of wildlife and plant life will be destroyed - how long would it take for Nature to redress this balance?

15. Your Petitioners also aver that the effect of these long trains running every two minutes at speeds of around 240 miles per hour will affect their peace and tranquillity and incur an intolerable strain on them in their advancing years.

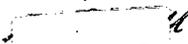
16. Your Petitioners' home has been compromised value-wise and the possibility of selling at present is completely out of the question - they are aware that others along this road have tried and local estate agents just wouldn't accept them and those who have been trying to sell for some time haven't even had any viewings. Therefore Your Petitioners seek to have Compulsory Purchase of their property at a realistic valuation.

17. The proposal of a bored tunnel would eliminate the need for a viaduct which would visually impeach their view of the surrounding countryside, and which Your Petitioners believe has been approved by HS2 Ltd already. If this is rejected by your Honourable House your Petitioners would like to propose the following:-

- i) That a relief road from the roundabout at Small Dean extending toward the north east of the construction all the way to the Wendover Dean viaduct and beyond which will have the effect of removing all construction from your Petitioners' area of London Road and also from Rocky Lane.
- ii) That adequate provision is made to prevent surface water run-offs from both the A413 and Rocky Lane (which is at present totally unacceptable).
- iii) That all areas of the Construction and Operational Codes are followed to the letter.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore 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 Counsel, Agent and witnesses in support of the allegations of this Petition against such of the clauses and provisions of the Bill as affect the rights and interests of your Petitioner and in support of such other clauses, amendments or provisions as may be necessary or expedient for his protection, or that such other relief may be given to your Petitioner as your Honourable House may deem meet.

AND your Petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Shiela Ansell 
Peter Ansell 

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