

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 Kenneth Lue and Julie Lue**

SHEWETH as follows:

1. A Bill (Herein referred to as “ the Bill” ) has been introduced and is now pending in your honourable house entitled “A Bill to make provision of 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 into 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, if enacted, to construct and maintain the works specified in Schedule 1 to the Bill being works for the construction of Phase 1 of High Speed 2 and works consequent on or incidental to such works. These works are called “the scheduled works”.

Your Petitioners will be directly affected by the scheduled works owing to the location of their property.

## ABOUT YOUR PETITIONERS

5. Your Petitioners own and occupy Chiltern Lodge, London Road, Wendover, HP22 6PN. They have lived at their property since July 2000 with their children, Alex aged 22 years and Joseph aged 13 years. The property was purchased because of the flexibility of extending. With this in mind Your Petitioners always planned to sell once their children left home. Due to the recent recession they have needed to sell but after the announcement of HS2 their property has been blighted. This blight has forced them to suffer financial difficulties.

6. Your Petitioners' house was placed on the market just before the announcement of HS2. During this time two viewings took place but subsequently there have been no further viewings since even though Your Petitioners have reduced the price of their home. Your Petitioners approached another local estate agent with the hope of marketing their property with another. However the local agent responded by confirming that their property is unsalable therefore valueless.

## YOUR PETITIONERS' OBJECTIVES

7. Your Petitioners' main objective is to seek to be included in the compulsory purchase of their property, as to stay living in the area during construction and post construction would be unbearable. If this is not an option, the Petitioners seek monetary compensation for loss of value to their home and the hardship they will endure during construction, to be paid from commencement not two years after construction.

8. Their secondary objective is to ensure that if they have to remain in their home post construction, the railway line is encompassed within a fully bored tunnel under the whole of AONB. This will minimise some of the negative impacts. There would be financial savings, house values would go back up, construction work would be eliminated and the integrity of AONB would be preserved.

9. Their third objective is to ensure that during construction phase that a haul/relief road be constructed. At the moment the A413 is very busy especially at peak times 6.30am – 9am and 3pm – 8pm. Your Petitioners therefore have major concerns about its use during the construction phase, as the extra traffic will cause the road to come to a standstill at peak times potentially trapping them in their home. The A413 (London Road, ) on which Your Petitioners' property is located and which is their sole means of access, is a single lane in each direction and the normal volumes of traffic will be hugely disrupted by the large number of traffic movements of heavy vehicles and plant serving the construction sites. 300 HGVs per day will cause long delays along this and all local roads, especially the B4009 and A41, which they use on a regular basis for work and school.

## CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

10. During the construction process there will be increased noise from the traffic and site workers. Your Petitioners' health will suffer due to the stress they will be under; not to mention the dust flying around. This in turn will put additional strain on the local amenities - for example Local health centre, Hospital, police etc.

11. Your Petitioners are concerned that the chalk dust from the construction will be of great nuisance and a health hazard as one of Your Petitioners and his son suffer with Asthma. Air quality will deteriorate to the level of discomfort and hazard to health through exhaust fumes from the large number of heavy vehicles and plant using the A413, the storage and transportation of the many thousands of tonnes of chalk at the Hunts Green Farm dump site, the dust arising from the excavations for the viaduct and embankment.

12. Construction work, plant and spoil movements will produce substantial noise and vibration, leading to difficulties in concentration during the day and sleep disruption at night.

13. The construction areas and compounds will be brightly lit for extended periods which in this area of little artificial light will make sleep at night difficult.

14. Your Petitioners are concerned that although the Code of Construction Practice may have been written to the highest standard, enforcement will not be practical without enforceable independent monitoring by District Councils and fast track arrangements made for the raising and resolution of breaches.

15. 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 Petitioners and in support of such other clauses, amendments or provisions as may be necessary or expedient for their protection, or that such other relief may be given to your Petitioners as your Honourable House may deem meet.

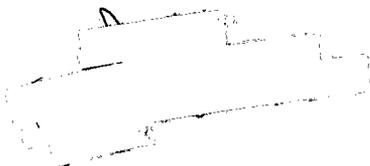
AND your Petitioners will ever pray, etc.

[signed]

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