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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 Diana Sabini

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 Petitioner (hereinafter referred to as "your Petitioner") lives at "Hawthorn", London Road, Wendover, HP22 6PN. She has lived here for 19 years and is 60 years of age. The Bill would authorise the construction and operation of the railway through and near London Road, Wendover. Your Petitioner's property is shown in the Zone of Theoretical Visibility in LV/07/036. The proposed line would run within 360 meters of your Petitioner's property. Your Petitioner objects to those parts of the works outlined below.

6. Objection is taken to the works proposed to be undertaken in and near London Road, Wendover between Great Missenden and Wendover. These works consist mainly of two viaducts, embankments and very large scale construction works in connection therewith.

7. Your Petitioner avers that the proposed works would affect the area in which they reside which forms part of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty ("AONB") and HS2 will cause unacceptable damage to this area if it is allowed to go ahead. Your Petitioner supports the Council for the Protection of Rural England which argues that the only option is for a bored tunnel under the whole AONB. The construction and operation of the scheduled works that will be so near the property will have a daily effect on the Petitioner.

8. The disruption from the extra construction traffic will cause delays to the already busy A413, which the Petitioner uses daily both by bicycle and car.

9. The daily use of footpaths to walk the dog will no longer be a pleasure due to the noise, dust and spoiled view from the planned construction works.

10. The value of your Petitioner's property has already lost value and is now unsellable. The local estate agents have declined to accept an instruction to sell the property.

11. Once HS2 is in operation, permanent effects will be the noise from the train and loss of the splendid view of the countryside from the large viaduct and embankment.

12. Your Petitioner proposes that the works should be replaced by a fully bored tunnel from Firth Hill, Great Missenden to the boundary of AONB at Stoke Mandeville. The proposed tunnel would eliminate the construction work and preserve the AONB. The proposed tunnel would also eliminate the fact that at present your Petitioner cannot sell her home.

13. In principle the construction of a bored tunnel has been approved by HS2 limited.

14. The current proposals of HS2 limited for compensation are unacceptable and your Petitioner seeks a further extension of the scheme to include your Petitioner's

is currently excluded.

15. Your Petitioner seeks compulsory purchase of her property. The property is expensive to maintain with a high maintenance garden, which the petitioner no longer needs. Your Petitioner's children will be leaving home in the very near future and your Petitioner therefore no longer needs the extra space. Your Petitioner is thus looking to downsize and move to a property which is cheaper to maintain.

13. Your Petitioner draws the attention of your Honorable House to the fact that, in the Southern section of the AONB, the specification of the route has been altered to include tunneling by way of mitigation. This provision has not been afforded to the Northern section in which your Petitioners reside. Your Petitioner avers that, if this proposal is to proceed as a world class railway then the mitigation and compensation should also be to a world class standard. Your Petitioner avers that The Chilterns AONB must therefore to be tunneled throughout.

YOUR PETITIONER therefore 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 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 Petitioner will ever pray, etc.

[signed]

Diana Sabini

Agent for the above-named Petitioners

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