

**IN PARLIAMENT  
HOUSE OF COMMONS  
SESSION 2013–14**

**HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON - WEST MIDLANDS) BILL**

**PETITION**

**Against the Bill - 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 (1) DAVID LINCOLN (2) NICOLA JANE LINCOLN**

**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 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 first Petitioner, DAVID LINCOLN, was born and bred locally, has lived in a three-bedroom maisonette known as Stockbeck adjacent to Barnby Street on Ampthill Square Estate for 43 years where he brought up his family. His adult daughter remains living in the family home. He has worked locally as a butcher for 55 years and though past retirement age at 70 continued to work reduced hours. The tranquil environment on the estate has contributed to his enjoyment of his home.
8. Your second Petitioner, NICOLA JANE LINCOLN, is aged 44. She works in the local pharmacy. She has a long-standing asthma condition and is very concerned that the dust and air pollution with exacerbate her asthma.
9. Your Petitioners consider that their rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons, amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
10. Your Petitioners, as residents on Ampthill Square Estate and members of the TRA we fully endorse the content, arguments and mitigation suggestions set out within the Petition submitted to your Honourable House by AMPHILL SQUARE TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION in the name of FRAN HERON on behalf of all residents and with our express approval
11. In addition to those mentioned in the document referred to above [10] we would like to draw the attention of your Honourable House to the following additional concerns.
12. Your Petitioners have grave concerns about the duration and extent of disruption that they will face during the construction period of ten years or more.
13. Your petitioners are particularly concerned by the closure of Barnby Street some 10 metres from their home that will prevent access to their parking facility.
14. The demolition of the Royal Mail building situated directly oppose their home together with the construction of the bridge across the railway will cause dust, vibration, noise and reduction in air quality for several years over and above the background pollution levels.
15. Barnby Street will be for the sole use of significant construction traffic accessing the construction compound within the Estate just metres from petitioners' home.

16. Given the past history of anti-social behavior and drug dealing on the Estate, your Petitioners are particularly concerned that the comprehensive security system now in place that has transformed the lives of residents for the better will be compromised.
17. Your Petitioners particularly love the natural environment within the Estate and loss of mature trees providing shade and habitat is of great concern.
18. The loss of peace and tranquility together with the extent and duration of the works causing multiple adverse impacts will destroy the quality of life of your Petitioners for as much as several decades.
19. Both of your Petitioners consider that the proposed bus stand on the junction of Eversholt and Barnby Street is ill advised for safety reasons and should be relocated elsewhere.

#### **Mitigation Measures during the Construction Phase**

20. Your Petitioners ask your Honourable House to require the Promoters to implement the following mitigation measures:
  - There must be no reduction in security for Ampthill Estate residents.
  - Measures to control dust, noise, vibration and air pollution must be industry standard best practice.
  - Pedestrian access and cycle routes must be maintained.
  - HGV transit through the estate must be kept to a minimum.
  - No tree should be cut down without overwhelming evidence it is necessary to do so.
  - Safe access to the community hall must be provided throughout the works.
  - Working hours should not extend to night working except in very exceptional circumstances.
21. There are other clauses and provisions in 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, 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 Petitioner in the premises as Your Honourable House shall deem meet.

**AND Your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.**

Signed:

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David Lincoln, first petitioner

Signed:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Jane Lincoln', written over a horizontal line.

Nicola Jane Lincoln, second petitioner

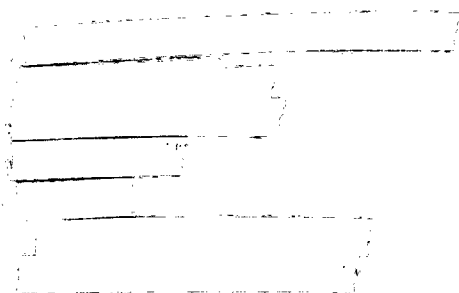
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