

**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 LINDA ANN EAGER**

**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 Petitioner, LINDA EAGER, was brought up on Ampthill Square Estate from the age of three years of age and have lived here for the last forty-five years. I have lived in the same three-bedroom maisonette which was originally occupied by my parents. Both parents grew up in the local area. She lives in one of the six storey blocks on the Estate known as Calgarth. The Petitioner's parents exercised their Right to Buy their home from London Borough of Camden in the mid 1980's. On the death of her parents your Petitioner inherited the property. She works in central London in the travel industry for around twenty years. She is happy living on Ampthill Square and has settled roots with family living locally. She is grateful that she has been able to grow up in an urban area in a safe and tranquil environment.
8. 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.
9. As a resident on Ampthill Square Estate and member of the TRA she fully endorses 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
10. In addition to those mentioned in the document referred to above [9] your Petitioner would like to draw the attention of your Honourable House to the following additional concerns.
11. Your Petitioner has grave concerns about the duration and extent of disruption that he/she/they will face during the construction period of ten years or more.
12. Your Petitioner is particularly concerned with plans by the Promoter to relocate utilities across the estate causing widespread disruption. Of particular concern is the planned trenching that is indicated on a map which shows trenching through the Petitioner's property and land. Apart from a letter and map, no information has been provided to the Petitioner.
13. Given the past history of anti-social behavior and drug dealing on the Estate, your Petitioner is particularly concerned that the comprehensive security system now in place that has transformed the lives of residents for the better will not be compromised.

14. Barnby Street will be for the sole use of significant construction traffic accessing the construction compound within the Estate which will affect your Petitioner's amenity.
15. Your Petitioner has concerns about Health and Safety and access for emergency vehicles.
16. The construction works relating to the railway will cause dust, vibration, noise and reduction in air quality for over ten years adding to already poor air quality and will be injurious to health.
17. Your Petitioner particularly loves 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. Your Petitioner considers that the proposed bus stand on the junction of Eversholt and Barnby Street is ill advised for safety reasons and should be relocated elsewhere.

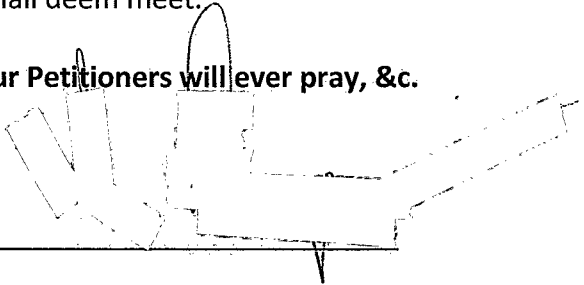
#### **Mitigation Measures during the Construction Phase**

20. Your Petitioner(s) ask yours Honourable House to require the Promoters to implement the following mitigation measures,
  - As a leaseholder, your Petitioner will expect full compensation for all disturbance and loss incurred.
  - 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Ann Eager', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat stylized and includes a large loop at the end.

LINDA ANN EAGER, Your Petitioner

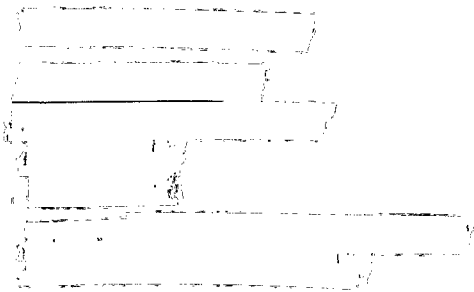
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