

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 JACQUELINE ALLISON HAGGETT

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 was born in Kentish Town and moved to Amptill Square when I was five years old. I lived with my parents and three brothers in Holmrook until I was 19 when I moved into my own flat in Dalehead. After my father's death, my mother and I swapped flats so I could raise my two children on Amptill Square Estate. My daughters are 18 and 14 and attend school locally. My eldest is going start university locally at Central Saint Martins in September. My 14 year old practices basketball on the Estate ball court on a daily basis and this will be destroyed in the planned works.
8. Your Petitioner and her rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioner objects for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
9. As a resident on Amptill Square Estate and member of the TRA I fully endorse the content, arguments and mitigation suggestions set out within the Petition submitted to your Honourable House by AMPTHILL SQUARE TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION in the name of FRAN HERON on behalf of all residents and with my express approval
10. In addition to those mentioned in the document referred to above [9] I 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 she will face during the construction period of ten years or more.
12. Your Petitioner is concerned about the health implications from dust and exhaust fumes with the increased levels of traffic largely due to HGV journeys because of the station construction. Air quality is already poor in the Euston area and is bad for our health.
13. Your Petitioner is concerned that the games pitch that is so well used by your people from this Estate and from further afield will not be available for long periods because a trench for utilities from outside the Estate is going straight through the middle of the pitch. This will mean that young people will have no similar games area locally as the other pitch on St James Gardens will also be lost.
14. Having lived through the years of regeneration on Amptill your Petitioner has experience of digging on the Estate causing disturbance of rats from the sewers which

was very unpleasant and frightening. The amount of ground disturbance involved in the scheme is likely to cause a plague of rats, mice and other pests.

15. Your Petitioner is also concerned about safety of pedestrians crossing roads.
16. Access across the estate and diversion on local roads will make getting about problematic and getting from A to B will inevitably take longer.

Mitigation Measures during the Construction Phase

17. Your Petitioner asks your Honourable House to require the Promoters to implement the following mitigation measures.
18. All loss of play and sports areas must be replaced in the local area
19. Adequate pest control measures must be put in place.
20. Ensure that there is no increase in air pollution. Levels of certain pollutants already breach EU legislation and it is important that the health of local people is not further harmed.
21. The safety to pedestrians must be paramount and sufficient safe road crossing put in place with traffic signals to stop traffic.
22. Your Petitioner urges your Honourable House to instruct the Promoter to require the new station design to remove the spoil by rail to reduce the number of lorries on the roads and their resultant pollution, noise and traffic congestion.
23. The Promoter should not get priority ahead of those living on Ampthill. Safe paths across the estate must be maintained at all times.
24. There are other clauses and provisions in the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect Your Petitioner and her rights, interests and property and for which no adequate provision is made to protect Your Petitioner.

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:



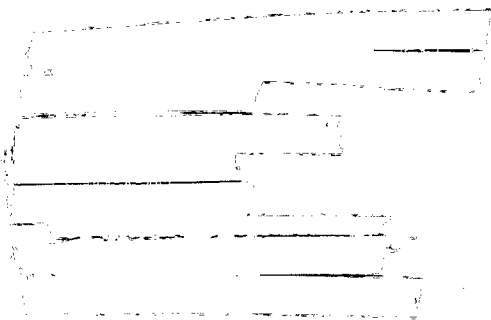
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