

**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 WILLIAM MAURICE HARVEY

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 moved to Amptill Square Estates 35 years ago and exercised his right to buy the leasehold of his flat in the Holmrook block in 1981. My family were also of the Estate. I moved to this area because of the tranquility, access to Regents Park and good access to public transport.
8. Your Petitioner and his 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 AMPHILL 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 he 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. While HS2 Ltd deny any intention of using compulsory purchase powers within the Estate, nevertheless your Petitioner would like to draw the attention of your Honourable House to the very significant potential financial losses which I would face should I wish to move and sell my leasehold.
14. Your Petitioner does not own a car and is dependent upon pedestrian routes and public transportation. Your Petitioner is concerned about the effects of the increased traffic congestion, lorry movements and decreased access to public transportation to his ability to safely get around.

Mitigation Measures during the Construction Phase

15. Your Petitioner asks your Honourable House to require the Promoters to implement the following mitigation measures.

16. Should your Petitioner need to sell his leasehold during the construction of the new station, he needs to be guaranteed equivalent value at a non-impacted market price + 10%.
17. Your Petitioner requests that sufficient bus stops will remain on Eversholt Street and Hampstead Road to ensure convenient access to public traffic. In addition, your Petitioner requests safe pedestrian access both on the Estate and on the surrounding roads
18. The safety to pedestrians must be paramount and sufficient safe road crossing put in place with traffic signals to stop traffic.
19. Your Petitioner urge 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.
20. There are other clauses and provisions in the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect Your Petitioner and his 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:



WILLIAM MAURICE HARVEY, Your Petitioner

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