

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-14

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

Against – 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 DIANE SWINDELLS

SHEWETH as follows:-

1. A Bill (hereinafter referred to as “the Bill”) has been introduced and is now pending in your honourable House intituled “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 (“the Authorised Works”) are specified in clauses 1 and 2 of and Schedule 1 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 the Bill.
7. Your Petitioner is resident at Oakwood, Hob Lane, Burton Green. I have been born and bred in Burton Green. My parents and Grandparents farmed in Hob Lane since 1930.

Burton Green has been my home and community for 60 years . Construction will cut the Village in two and hence divide the community . I am concerned with the construction route which will use Hob Lane as a main route for lorry movements from the south portal out on into Balsall Common . It greatly concerns me that this traffic will pass on long a very windy and bendy road , already subject to many accidents and passing our village school .The school has very little car parking so most users park in Hob Lane. We need some significant mitigation to remedy this situation.

8. Your petitioner has been a regular user of the Village Hall for some 55years and has been a past Chair of the Trustees . The Hall lies at the heart of our community , I respectfully request that the matter of its relocation is given urgent consideration ,to a location that suits a building a new heart for the Community and not built on the land owned and used by the School.

9. Your Petitioner my rights, interests and property will be affected by the Bill , to which your Petitioner objects for reasons amongst others ,hereafter appearing:

- a) The proposed access route illustrated in CFA18 ,the requirement for additional land. Sheet no 2 - 115. It is not a road but a drive within the grounds of a Grade 11 * listed building and a Grade 11 listed Barn .
- b) The proposed route demands access and egress on to the bend in Hob Lane where over the years there have been many accidents.
- c) This proposed route is entranced through a pair of brick pillars which have themselves been knocked down by delivery wagons.

It is requested that an alternative to this route is found .There is an existing access via a farm gate off Hob Lane to the west. ,directly adjacent to the strip of land where access is required to the high voltage cables.It is humbly requested that this alternate access is considered.

For the forgoing and connected reasons your Petitioner respectfully submits that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, the Bill so far affecting your Petitioner ,should not be allowed to pass into law.

There are other clauses and provisions of 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 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.

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