

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 JIRAWAT PRATEEPACHITTI, KANOUNGNUCH KINNORN AND THANAWAT SINGTOSAP

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 Petitioners are the family of three, myself, Jirawat Prateepachitti, Kanoungnuch Kinnorn and Thanawat Singtosap. Your Petitioners are Camden Council tenants living at Flat 39, Ainsdale, Harrington St., NW1 3SD. We have been living at the stated address since 8th February 2013. Prior before accepting the property, We haven't been informed of the HS2 project and only had found out recently when we moved in. Your Petitioners are aware of their circumstances that the building they are currently living in, Ainsdale will have a direct impact by the project, the demolition of the building.
8. Your Petitioners and their interests are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
9. The scheme requires demolition of 214 dwellings, most of which are social rented housing on the Regent's Park Estate, including the property we are currently living in, Ainsdale. The expected timing for demolition is likely to be in the year of 2017. We are therefore will be left with an only option which is to leave the property and to relocate to replacement homes provided by the Council. With our current financial circumstances, this will certainly set us back to deficiency.

Our current property, Ainsdale located conveniently for commuting from home to work. Myself and my wife are working until late hours and we are commuting by the means of public transport. We would prefer to take the most convenient route back home. However, the impact from the construction will have a direct effect on public transportation and unavoidably it will take us longer to commute back and forth.

The Bill includes powers for the Secretary of State and the Nominated Undertaker to do construction works which are estimated to take 10 years to complete and will include lorry movements, the creation of dust and noise, poor air quality, and 24 hour working. This will inevitably lead to severe sleep deprivation, especially to my wife, Kanoungnuch Kinnorn as she already have migraine and high blood pressure.

10. Your Petitioners strongly oppose the decision to construct the HS2 railway line because of the devastating impact the construction and operation of the line will bring about the demolition of our property. Your Petitioners demand relocation to replacement home of an equivalent tenure and in a form of development. The replacement home must be provided in advance of demolition, must be of a high quality design and must meet the needs of the displaced residents. Your Petitioners must be able to stay in the Euston area whereas possible and must be moved only once into our new accommodation to minimise the disruption we will already experience.

Your Petitioners object to the power that are proposed to be provided by the Bill to the Secretary of State and the Nominated Undertaker and respectfully submit that the Bill should be amended or undertakings should be required so that HS2 Limited, the Secretary of State and/ or the Nominated Undertaker must review the construction stately for the project and its related works by considering their cumulative impacts on communities.

11. 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.

Signed Jirawat Prateepachitti .....

Signed Kanoungnuch Kinnorn .....

Signed Thanawat Singtosap .....

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