

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 Mr. BRETTON ADRIAN FRAZER ADAMS

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 Mr. B A F Adams. The proposals presented affecting my property relate to the acquisition of a right over the property and the right to use any road on the property for passage. Your Petitioner considers such proposals have not been properly considered and a viable, far less disruptive, and less costly alternative exists to provide access to the area behind the property required by the proposals. The premises affected under Notice C273/002534 are presented on Plan Number 2-115 in relation to property number 30. Requests have been made to establish the need for access and information in relation to the potential traffic type, but this remains unclear.
- 8 Your Petitioners and their rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
- 9 The proposed access route illustrated on the plan is not a road, but a drive within the grounds of the Grade II listed building, and this is in part, is a simple garden path between 1.6 and 1.95 M wide. Access along this route appears not to take into account the following :
 - The proposed route takes no account of the existing garaging, stables and tack room buildings that exist within the grounds of the Grade II listed building.
 - The proposed route demands traversing two limited weight capacity bridges running over the brook that passes through the property
 - The proposed route demands traversing a shallow clay drain that is in constant use by a natural spring coupled with private sewage treatment plant
 - The proposed route demands access and egress on the bend in the road of Hob Lane, where frequent accidents occur
 - The proposed route demands navigation through brick columns at the entrance which have demanded reconstruction a number of times following delivery of goods

Alternative routes to the land to the rear can be made either via a route to the north of the Farmhouse, within your Petitioners ownership, or much more easily via an existing farm gate off Hob Lane to the west, directly adjacent to the strip of land where access is required to the high voltage electricity pylons. These alternatives mitigate or completely avoid the concerns presented above, together with the loss of peaceful enjoyment and disruption / adaptation to the grounds of the Listed Farmhouse. It is requested that these viable alternatives are duly considered.

- 10 Your petitioner's premises are located off Hob Lane, one of the proposed construction traffic routes. Passing along this road daily, it is clear that significant congestion and the potential for accidents exists in relation to Burton Green School at the beginning and end of the school day under the current circumstances, the addition of construction traffic is of great concern.
- 11 For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, the Bill so far as affecting your Petitioners, should not be allowed to pass into law.
- 12 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.

Signature of Petitioner in person

B A F Adams

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AGAINST, By Counsel, &c.

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