

**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 ANN & IAN DEWORRINGHAM

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 have lived in Cromwell Lane for 30 years and will be affected by noise and vibration ,dust ,and pollution ..This will no longer be the tranquil village that we choose to invest in all those years ago. Facilities such as the village hall , the greenway foot paths and access will all be affected
- 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 We object to the bill as we feel this is a vanity project that takes no account for total ruination of what has been a beautiful rural village .The only solution is for consideration to be given to a deep border tunnel development
- 10 Your petitioners assert that we are being considered fairly with a cut and cover tunnel which will dissect the village and cause enormous problems during its construction
- 11 Under the proposed proximity of the railway line peaceful days in our garden will be a thing of the past and we are left with a bleak out look in a house which will far to big for us and unable to sell for its true market value due to the blight
- 12 Our children have all grown up but our sympathy lies with the up and coming children if the school will be able to survive due to the difficulties in keeping the numbers up make the school viable .Which needs to considered to maintain younger couples being attracted to the area
- 13 Your petitioners regularly use the greenway for walking our dogs and enjoying the trees and wildlife surroundings through out the year
- 14 There appears to be little respect for the ancient woodlands and burial grounds that fall on the proposed route
- 15 The village hall is such a vital asset to the community we need ample provision for its existence in a new position so that the facility is there all the way through ant construction process
- 16 Your petitioners have reached a time in life where we should be looking to downsize and use the residual funds for our retirement however due to the blight and short distance being offered this will not be of any benefit to a considerable amount of blighted property owners
- 17 Your petitioners request that the project for the Burton Green Parish be re-examined to take into account the human and environmental costs to the area A deep bore should be considered Which would solve most of the problems and allow the village to continue with its historical way of life
- 18 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.
- 18 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.



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