

IN PARLIAMENT  
HOUSE OF COMMONS  
SESSION 2013-14

## **HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON - WEST MIDLANDS) BILL**

Against – on merits – Praying to be heard [in Person] [by Agent] [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 ADRIAN FREDERICK RICHARDSON AND SUSAN CAROLINE RICHARDSON**

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 property 196 Regents Park Road London NW1 8XP is directly affected by the Bill in the compulsory acquisition of subsoil under the house and garden and restrictive covenants over the property.**

**Your Petitioners lives will be detrimentally affected by the construction works in the immediate neighbouring roads of Regents Park Road, Gloucester Avenue and Adelaide Road. Your Petitioners' property is also very near to roads which will be used by construction traffic during the construction of the Scheme.**

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 Bill includes powers for the Secretary of State to carry out works in our back garden(Schedule F,notice**

**to Owners,25/11/2013) that will directly affect our livelihood. The rental income from our garden flat will be compromised by the proposed scheme .The environmental disruption and degradation of amenity in the area, would also contribute to the flat becoming a much less attractive rental property.**

**The sale value of our property will be considerably reduced by the "imposition of restrictive covenants" over the property(Schedule E, notice to Owners ,25/11/2013). Any basement development would be impaired by the compulsory restrictions over the property.(Schedule B, notice to Owners,25/11/2013)**

**Daily life will be affected by pollution, traffic disruption and potential loss to local businesses as will the building of the shaft in Adelaide Road, its road closure and rerouting of traffic.**

**Your petitioners object to the vagueness of the description used in the bill for the proposed work in our back garden to replace the Victorian sewer. The duration and the exact nature of the building work have not been adequately explained. Your petitioners demand compensation for the inconvenience of this proposal as it will directly affect the rental income they receive from their ground floor flat.**

Your Petitioners object to the powers 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 to be given so that HS2 Limited, the Secretary of State and/or the Nominated Undertaker must review the construction strategy for the project and its related works activities by putting weight on their cumulative impacts on area communities, and come forward with necessary changes arising from that review before works packages design and tendering strategies have been finalised. **The line should be terminated at Old Oak Common.**

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 Themselves 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 Adrian Richardson ...

Signed Susan Richardson