

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013/2014

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 Geoffrey Crawley and Mrs Pauline Crawley

SHEWETH as follows:-

- a. 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 Petitioners have lived in the village of Harefield since 1977 and are freehold owners of 32 Sanctuary Close Harefield, which is their family home. Your petitioners' close family members live in Hillingdon and are thus able to visit regularly to help with household needs. One of your petitioners receives Attendance Allowance related to her medical needs. Your petitioners and their family depend heavily on local roads that will be used for works proposed by the Bill, and enjoy local open spaces, the Grand Union Canal towpath and local lakeside walks that will be spoiled both by construction and eventual operation of the proposed railway.
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. Your Petitioners oppose the Bill in principle. Whilst your Petitioners acknowledge the principle of the Bill is established at Second Reading your Petitioners' views on the subject are so strong they must be recorded in this Petition.
10. Your Petitioners object to the HS2 project as the Promoters have not demonstrated a viable business or environmental case
11. Your petitioners use Harvil Road and Moorhall Road daily by car or bus for two main reasons in addition to normal daily life. One of your petitioners is undergoing lengthy treatment at UCL Hospital in Central London for a serious bowel condition, requiring use of bus services along these roads to reach London Underground services in Uxbridge. At other times one of your petitioners travels by car along Harvil Road to Hillingdon Hospital where she works in the Riverside Centre reviewing patients who are detained under the Mental Health Act. Both of these sets of journeys will be seriously compromised by the extensive construction traffic congestion that will be caused by works proposed under the Bill.
12. One of your petitioners suffers from asthma and the other suffers from COPD, both of which are aggravated by dust and traffic emissions. Your petitioners enjoy the good air quality from which Harefield generally benefits, and their regular walks are intended to provide the fresh air that helps alleviate their symptoms. They fear that the presence of construction sites and traffic for over seven years will spoil this air quality and cause respiratory problems that may require medical attention. Your petitioners worry that access to those services will also be compromised by the heavy construction traffic, exacerbating the problem.
13. Your petitioners believe that the number and duration of construction sites proposed for the Colne Valley area are determined by the choice to place the route on viaduct in this area, and that placing it in tunnel instead would reduce the need for so much surface level construction work.
14. 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.

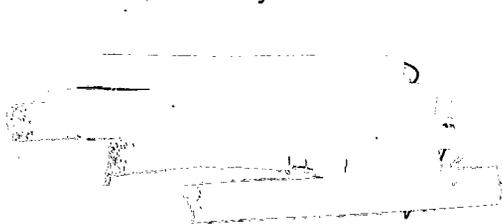
YOUR PETITIONERS therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands and that they may be heard by their Counsel, Agents and witnesses in support of the allegations of this Petition against so much of the Bill as affects the property, rights 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.

Mr Geoffrey Crawley

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Mrs Pauline Crawley

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AGAINST, by Counsel, @c

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