

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-14

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

Against – on Merits – [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 Darren Stephen Kyte.

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 [INSERT WORDING FROM BILL].
- 2 The Bill is presented by Mr Secretary McLoughlin.
- 3 Various Clauses within the Bill set out the proposals in relation to compensation for property owners who are affected by the proposed construction of the HS2 rail link.
- 4 Your Petitioner is Mr Darren Stephen Kyte. Your Petitioner is an owner of property at 37, Ellesborough Road, Wendover, Buckinghamshire, which the Bill directly and specially affects.
- 5 Your Petitioner and their rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioner objects for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
- 6 The Petitioner objects to the Bill on the basis of the inadequacy of compensation provisions applicable to property owners, and specifically relating to the situation of the Petitioner and many others in a similar situation.

Whilst part of the Petitioners property is Safeguarded, this is less than 25% of the property. Moreover, the impact upon both the marketability and value of the Petitioner’s property and the many years of intolerable disruption that the construction of HS2 will cause the Petitioner is not adequately addressed by the Bill.

The Petitioner’s property has been extensively marketed for almost 4

years, and proven unsellable due to HS2, even at a deep discount to its true unblighted value. Local agents have confirmed that the property is not marketable due to HS2 and the Safeguarding provisions, yet the property falls outside the stated 120 metres boundary to qualify for the other proposed compensation scheme. In certain rural areas, the blight of HS2 extends considerably beyond this boundary. The Petitioner has, over the past 4 years, already incurred considerable cost due to the inability to relocate, and material consequences both financial and personal to the Petitioner and his partner and family that are presently unable to co-habit permanently.

The consequences and possibility of not being able to sell the property for the remainder of the Petitioner's working lifetime, and not being justly compensated in the short for the blight caused by HS2 will have a very material and potentially devastating impact upon the Petitioner and his family.

The Petitioner will also shortly be serving a Statutory Blight notice, which also has the written support of the Petitioner's MP, the Rt Hon David Lidington, Member of Parliament for Aylesbury. Mr Lidington has also stated that the Petitioner would face intolerable disruption during the construction of HS2, aside from the fact that the Petitioner is also prevented from relocating as he would have otherwise been able to do.

- 7 For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioner respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, clauses ..., so far affecting your Petitioners, should not be allowed to pass into law.
- 8 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 [delete as necessary] 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:

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AGAINST, By Counsel, &c.

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