

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 Paul Stone and Mrs Joy Stone

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 are freehold owners of 44 Merle Avenue, Harefield, which they have occupied as their family home since 1987.

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. There are two Roads leading in or out of Harefield in South Harefield i.e. Harvil Road and Moorhall Road., both essential for the two bus services that serve Harefield. As Pensioners our Bus Services U9 and 331 are important to us. Harvil Road carries five thousand vehicle movements a day. Works proposed for the Bill anticipate eight hundred lorry movements for many years which would in turn cause much congestion on this Road is used by your Petitioners on a regular basis to travel to Hillingdon Hospital, and various services in Uxbridge. Moorhall Road would be an alternative route but would be congested in the same manner. There will be congestion on all local Roads used by your Petitioners for many years such that access to Schools, Hospitals, Health Centres, Shops and places of work will be compromised. Emergency services will also be hampered. There are plans for seven Construction sites within South Harefield which will also add to the congestion not just in that part of the Village but the Village as a whole.

12. Your Petitioners have uninterrupted views from their property in Merle Avenue across the Valley which the Viaduct will cross. The impact of the Viaduct will be detrimental to your Petitioners visually and the noise of a minimum 28 Train journeys every hour will be unbearable. Your Petitioners believe that the Harefield Valley is the most picturesque area of countryside within the M25 and

the loss of its tranquillity would adversely affect their quality of life.

13. Your Petitioners request a tunnel under the Colne Valley to replace the planned Viaduct some of the problems stated above will be alleviated and our beautiful greenbelt and Countryside would not be so blighted.

14. Your Petitioners are concerned of the possible increase in Crime during the construction period. Harefield Police Station has been closed due to cut backs and local Police cover now comes from Ruislip, 5 miles away. Any delay due to congestion is of great concern to your Petitioners.

15. One of your Petitioners suffers from COPD and is concerned about increased dust and pollution from construction sites and related traffic. Alongside this personal concern your Petitioners ask your Honourable House to note that the world-famous Harefield Hospital, centre of excellence for heart and lung treatment, was originally situated in this location because of the particularly good local air quality. Your petitioners feel that damage to local air quality in combination with jeopardised access to the Hospital because of construction traffic presents a serious threat to their health.

16. Your Petitioners are very concerned that the proposals for noise barriers on the proposed Colne Valley Viaduct are not adequate taking into account that it will be travelling over a number of Lakes which will cause sound to carry further towards their property and the open areas they use for recreation.

17. 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.

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