

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013–14

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

PETITION OF Gordon Michael Avery, Christine Hughes and Isabel Caitlin Victoria Avery-Hughes

**6 Meadow Park
Stoke Mandeville
HP22 5XH**

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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 GORDON MICHAEL AVERY, CHRISTINE HUGHES and ISABEL CAITLIN VICTORIA AVERY-HUGHES

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 Petitioners are residents of 6 Meadow Park, Stoke Mandeville. HP22 5XH and they reside at this address with two primary school aged daughters. Your petitioners have lived at this address for almost ten years, and originally moved to the Aylesbury area from the Heathrow locality primarily to enjoy a rural location with much improved air quality and considerably less traffic congestion. A serious consideration for the Petitioners was living in an environment conducive to good health and free of excessive pollution and smog from traffic and from excavated dust. Additionally your Petitioners value above all else their freedom to travel safely, in a vehicle or on foot to destinations on a daily basis without undue congestion, inhalation of particles or fumes or danger of collision with a vehicle related to HS2 as a pedestrian, car driver or passenger or cyclist.
- 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
9. Your Petitioners object to the powers that are proposed to be provided by the Bill to the Secretary of State and the nominated Undertaker to do construction works which are estimated to take 10 years to complete and will include lorry movements, the creation of dust and noise, poor air quality, traffic congestion, significantly increase the risk of road accidents, particularly given that 24 hour working is proposed.

the Petitioner's first concern is traffic congestion on Station Road, Stoke Mandeville and considerably increased journey times, particularly to other parts of Aylesbury where I travel with my children several times per week

the Petitioner's next concern is the safety of my children whilst walking/ cycling/ scootering along station road whilst this construction is ongoing

the Petitioner's next concern is poor air quality which may impact on my Asthma and the health of my family and of others.

The Petitioner's next concern is that the general desirability of the area will be gravely affected by the construction of HS2, leading to the inability to sell property at its full market value and therefore impeding social mobility and freedom to move home

- 10 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 object to the powers proposed to be provided by the Bill to The Secretary of State and Nominated Undertaker and respectfully submit that undertakings should be required so that HS2 Ltd/ nominated Undertaker should review the construction strategy for the Stoke Mandeville community.

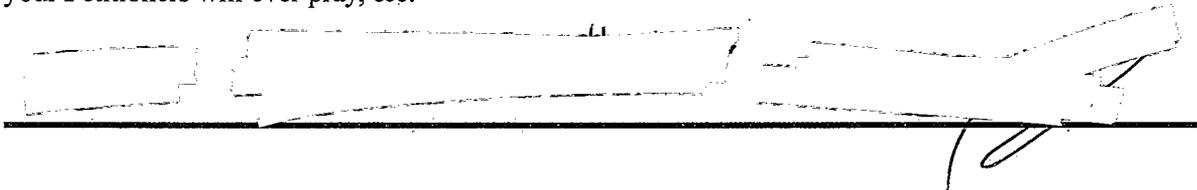
Necessary changes resulting from this review could be:

- Making Station Road, Stoke Mandeville a construction traffic free area
- Restricting construction traffic on Station Road Stoke Mandeville to limited hours to ease traffic congestion during busy times and ease the concentrations of pollution
- undertake air sampling and take appropriate measure

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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