

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION [2013–14]

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 Roger Kirby Landells
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 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 petitioner is the freehold joint owner and occupier with his spouse of Calm Place, School Lane, Twyford, Buckinghamshire, MK18 4EY (“your petitioner’s property”). Your petitioner’s property is within 350 metres of the proposed route as shown on the plans deposited with the Bill, and the property is therefore liable to noise, dust impacts during construction and operations under the Bill. Therefore your petitioner’s residential property will be subject to intolerable noise, emissions and dust for at least 3 years. The Environmental Statement accompanying the Bill has not stated the levels of noise, dust impacts the property and your Petitioner will be affected by. Your petitioner will be impacted by additional construction congestion each day going into and out of Twyford.
- 8 Your Petitioner his rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
- 9 Your petitioner is gravely concerned about the impact of the proposed route on the likely ability of your Petitioner to sell his property at an unblighted price at any time during the next decade and a half. This causes your Petitioner considerable anxiety as your Petitioner will reach the age of seventy in January, 2015 as did your Petitioner’s spouse in January, 2014. Regrettably your Petitioner’s spouse has developed quite significant health problems that have been exacerbated during the past four years. The result of this failing health being the potential need to move either to a location in closer proximity to one or other of your Petitioner’s daughters or perhaps to a care or rest home. The likely inability to sell at the unblighted price will therefore impact directly on your Petitioner’s and his spouse’s future quality of life.
- 10 Your Petitioner therefore makes two requests, first that the HS2 Route 3 alignment is moved away from Twyford as requested in the Petition of Twyford Parish Council and second that the Promoter be required to purchase your Petitioner’s property at the unblighted price at any time, at your Petitioner’s request, during the period from the Bill receiving Royal

Assent to one year following the commencement of operation.

- 11 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.

Signature of Petitioner

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