

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 The Right Honourable Sir Tony Baldry MP

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 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.

Clauses of the Bill

- 3 Clauses 1 to 36 of the Bill make provision for the works, compulsory acquisition of land, extinction and exclusion of rights over land, planning and deregulation.
- 4 Clauses 37 to 42 of the Bill make provision for railway matters.
- 5 Clauses 43 to 65 of the Bill set out a number of miscellaneous and general provisions, including the compulsory acquisition of land for regeneration or relocation and rights of entry for further high speed rail.

Your Petitioner

- 6 Your Petitioner, the Rt. Hon. Sir Tony Baldry, is the Member of Parliament for Banbury. Your Petitioner has a responsibility as the Member of Parliament to represent their constituents on matters including but not exclusive of, quality of life, value for public funds and access to public services.

- 7 The proposed route of Phase One of High Speed 2 passes through Mixbury and Finmere both of which are within the Parliamentary constituency of Banbury.
- 8 Your Petitioner and their rights and interests are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioner object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

Your Petitioner's Concerns

- 9 Each of your Petitioner's concerns is explained more fully below and solutions to its concerns identified. Your Petitioner recognises, however, that other solutions to these concerns may be brought forward and, insofar as those are to be preferred, they would wish to associate with them.

Use of local highways

- 10 Your Petitioner has concerns surrounding the use of roads identified for construction which will cause significant disruption to local communities in your Petitioner's constituency and will also hinder your Petitioner's ability to carry out their responsibilities as the Member of Parliament, which requires your Petitioner to travel frequently around the constituency of Banbury using roads which will be used during the construction phase of High Speed 2.
- 11 Your Petitioner is particularly concerned about the use of Junctions 10 and 11 of the M40 (the former of which is already recognised as a "pinchpoint" by the Highways Agency), the A361, Hennef Way in Banbury and other A and B roads in your Petitioner's constituency by construction vehicles. Your Petitioner is further concerned by the impact of construction traffic through the market town of Banbury which already suffers the effects of localised pollution and congestion.
- 12 Your Petitioner seeks a commitment from the Promoter that detailed traffic modelling be carried out on these routes to ensure that the cumulative effect of all existing traffic together with additional construction traffic is considered for congestion, pollution and safety purposes and appropriate action through signage and where appropriate, transport orders, is taken to ensure the safety of these roads is upheld.
- 13 Furthermore, for those A and B roads which it has been proposed will be used, your Petitioner requests that the Nominated Undertaker maintains the quality of these highways, repairs any damage incurred during construction and restores the highways to their original state when construction work has been completed.
- 14 Your Petitioner is further concerned about the proposed use of roads which are neither classified as A nor B, including but not exclusively

Featherbed Lane – known locally as Fulwell Lane. These roads are generally single track and provide an important links to the villages of Mixbury and Finmere from other areas. Construction traffic is likely to have a significant impact on these roads and cause substantial disruption to local residents.

- 15 Your Petitioner requests that where roads which are neither A nor B roads such as Featherbed Lane will be used or indeed closed to accommodate construction vehicles, consideration should be given to making provision for a designated haul road as an alternative route for such vehicles, as indeed your Petitioner understands Cherwell District Council is also seeking.

General

- 16 For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioner respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, so far affecting your Petitioner, should not be allowed to pass into law.
- 17 There are other clauses and provisions of the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect your Petitioner and their rights and interests and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioner.

YOUR PETITIONER 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 Petitioner 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 Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

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