

IN PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF COMMONS

SESSION 2013-2014

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLAND) BILL

Against- on Merits- Praying to be heard By Council. & c.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF Diane Elizabeth Blackwell

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 owner of West Barn, Savay Lane Denham Buckinghamshire UB9 5NJ, which is in close proximity to Moorfield Road and Moorhall Road, both of which are proposed to be used, under the Bill, as routes for construction vehicles.

Your Petitioner suffers with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) due to an inherited lung disease and is very concerned about the increase in air pollution (especially diesel) that the construction vehicles will emit. It will have a severely detrimental effect upon your Petitioner's health, which was a major consideration in moving to Savay Farm 7 years ago.

Your Petitioner regularly uses Moorfield Road and Moorhall Road to access Harefield Hospital and Northwood Health Centre. Your Petitioner is very concerned about the increase in traffic the compound sites will cause and the delays and the increased time it will take to access these vital medical facilities.

Exercise is an important part of your Petitioner's rehabilitation and lifestyle and your Petitioner fears that dog-walking will become impossible.

8. Your Petitioner and her rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioner objects for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
9. Your Petitioner is concerned about the impact of construction vehicles using Moorfield Road and Moorhall Road as the proximity of her property to these roads makes it impossible to avoid them. The construction vehicles using these roads will have a grave effect upon your Petitioner's quality of life due to the increase in air pollution and the delays the increased volume of traffic will undoubtedly cause. Your Petitioner requests that a tunnel be constructed under Denham Green and the surrounding lakes and the nominated undertakers' construction vehicles use only the A412 (North Orbital road) which is more suitable for heavy goods vehicles than the B roads.
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 therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands and they may be heard by their Counsel, Agents and witnesses in support of their 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.

Diane Elizabeth Blackwell
