

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013–14

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

PETITION

Against the Bill – 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 Alan Charles Butler of Upper House Farm.

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.
- 3 Clauses 1 to 18 of the bill set out the objectives and intentions in relation to the construction of the railway transport system and include provision for compulsory acquisition, temporary possession and compensation matters. Clauses 19 to 52 relate to existing regulations and the alteration thereof in order to allow the necessary works and use of the railway transport system with Clauses 57 to 65 dealing with miscellaneous and general provisions.
- 4 The Schedules contained within the Bill being from numbers 1 to 31 provide for the works to be required in the various locations.

- 5 Your Petitioner does not object in principle to the decision to construct Phase 1 of High Speed 2 but does object to the design and location of works to be carried out as referred to below.
- 4 Including (but not limited to) Clauses 2, 4, 29, 47 and 48 more specifically land to the Northwest of plantation noted as in notice number C273/001868 sheet number 3-55 property number 156.
- 5 Your Petitioner is an owner of property known as Upper House Farm, Middleton that is directly affected by the train track at track section CT-06-116.
- 5 Your Petitioner and their rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
- 6 Your Petitioner objects to the bill due to supplementary planting being forced upon them at sheet number 3-55 property number 156 for losses experienced elsewhere on the line.
- 7 Your Petitioner objects to the Bill on the grounds that tree planting to the West of the track (in track section CT-06-116) will create an area of land poorly accessible with modern agricultural machinery.
- 8 Access arrangements are already in place regarding the overhead electricity lines which avoids taking access through the farmyard itself. Your Petitioner suggests that the existing rights are used without the need for access rights to be granted through the farmyard.
- 9 For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, clauses so far affecting your Petitioners relating to the above, should not be allowed to pass into law.
- 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 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 Agent for the Petitioner

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