

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 Susan Petford

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 is Susan Petford occupier of agricultural property in and around the Village of Hints in Staffordshire which is directly and specifically affected by the Bill.

- 6 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.
- 7 Your Petitioner and her rights and interests are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
- 8 Referring to Notice No: C273/002374, sheet number 3-60 shows under works number 3/68 (section shown on sheet No. 6-91) the construction of a bridge over the public highway known as Brockhurst Lane. It is advised that the proposed height of the bridge at 2.7metres will restrict all traffic with the exception of private motor cars. Your Petitioner's land lies to the west of the proposed line whilst her farmstead lies to the east of the proposed line. The proposed bridge height will therefore mean that access to the land will not be available along Brockhurst Lane from the east.
- 9 Your Petitioner also advises that the height restriction will mean that emergency vehicles will not be able to access this portion of the public highway leading to potential delays in responding to any emergencies at the adjacent properties which includes farms, livery yards and residential property.
- 10 For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioner respectfully submits that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, with regards to the specifics relating to accommodation works and construction affecting her land then the Bill should not be allowed to pass into law.
- 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 Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

Authorized Agent for and on behalf of Susan Petford

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