

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-14

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

Against – on Merits – [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 Fradley and Streethay Parish Council.

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, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary Theresa May, Secretary Vince Cable, Secretary Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary Eric Pickles, Secretary Owen Paterson, Secretary Edward Davey and Mr. Robert Goodwill.
- 3 The Bill clauses 1 to 36 set out the Bill’s objectives in relation to the construction and operation of the railway transport system mentioned in paragraph 1 above. They include provision for compulsory acquisition, planning permission, heritage issues, trees and noise. Clauses 37 to 42 of the Bill establish a regulatory regime for the railway transport system. Clauses 43 to 46 of the Bill deal with nominated and statutory undertakers and other Phase One function-holders. Clauses 47 to 48 provide provisions for regeneration and reinstatement. Clauses 49 to 52 address further high speed rail works, including powers for the Scottish Ministers. Clauses 53 to 56 concern matters pertaining to The Crown. Clauses 57 and 58 provide for administration of deposited plans and sections. Clauses 59 to 61 contain miscellaneous and general provisions and the remaining clauses 62 to 65 contain interpretation of words and terms used in the Bill, financial provisions, commencement day and short title of the Bill.
- 4 The works proposed to be authorised by the Bill are specified in Schedule 1 to the Bill and the scheduled works are defined in the Bill as the works specified in Schedule 1 to the Bill which are works authorised to be constructed by the

nominated undertaker (defined in the Bill and hereinafter referred to as "the nominated undertaker".

- 5 Your Petitioner is the Parish Council of Fradley and Streethay in the district of Lichfield in the County of Staffordshire. (Hereinafter referred to as "the petitioner". Your Petitioners and their rights are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

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- 6 Your petitioner supports the mitigation measures proposed by Staffordshire County Council and Lichfield District Council that a viaduct and associated works carrying the railway over the A38 road north of Streethay will result in excess noise, disruption and pollution and that a lowering of the height alignment or preferably, a tunnel, should be proposed for this section of the line. (reference CT-05-125).
- 7 Noise mitigation measures need to improve as none are currently proposed in Streethay. This may be due to noise levels during the day from existing railways lines and A38 but we have concerns regarding night-time noise levels. The environmental Statement specifies that the presence of high-speed trains will result in noise and visual interruption that will reduce tranquillity locally with the predominantly rural area.
- 8 The proposed railway sidings and associated works and soil storage area would be a huge burden on Streethay and Lichfield area and should be reduced or preferable not used. If the above points are not viable then there should be mitigation measures to ensure air quality doesn't alter - Human receptors that would be affected by change in air quality as a result of the Proposed Scheme identify large areas of Streethay. Streethay will be affected by dust-generating activities including demolition of buildings, construction of Streethay construction sidings, new structures, earthworks and movement of materials on the haul road as well as dust and mud deposited onto public highways from vehicles travelling to and from construction areas. It will also affect local air quality through emissions from additional traffic and route alignments. Night-time noise emissions to be restricted and reduced.
- 9 Your petitioner is very concerned that working times are not sufficiently controlled to ensure work is only carried out during 'normal' working hours, with these being strictly controlled. Named contacts should be provided for all complaints.
- 10 That use of the freight railway between Burton on Trent and Lichfield is restricted where it travels through Streethay for the benefit of properties adjoining to the railway
- 11 That no lorry traffic will pass via the A5127 Burton Road Streethay as this is an already congested main road into Lichfield.

- 12 Appropriate phasing of work to reduce time to an absolute minimum required due to the impending HS2 phase 2 works in the area, as supported by Staffordshire County Council and Lichfield District Council.
- 13 A legacy fund for those affected, as they receive no other benefit from this railway.
- 14 That excess quarrying of sand and gravel should not take place in Alrewas and Fradley to further damage the local environment.
- 15 That railway provision to Lichfield Trent Valley is clearly defined and will not result in a poorer service for this City both during construction and after.
- 16 That no pollution of water will exist at the aquifer in Streethay.
- 17 Your petitioner supports Staffordshire County Council and Lichfield District Council is stating that the upper deviation on this line should be no more than 1 metre.

Fradley

- 18 Your petitioner supports the Staffordshire County Council and the Lichfield District Council in their mitigation proposals to upgrade and widen Wood End Lane from and including the Hilliards Cross junction to the junction of the A515. Concern is raised that in excess of 1000 HS2 vehicle movements are proposed along the route of Wood End Lane to the A515 main construction compound. There is also concern that there should be adequate off-road parking provision for vehicles waiting to enter the construction compound.
- 19 That those proposals put forward by the Canal and River Trust and Inland Waterways Association with the support of Staffordshire County Council and Lichfield District Council for line realignment are supported and auctioned to reduce impact on the canal system in Fradley and potentially save £50million. This also removes the need to cross the canal twice. (Reference CT-05-17)
- 20 For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, clauses 1-3, 4-10, 14-18, 24-36 so far affecting your Petitioners, should not be allowed to pass into law.
- 21 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.

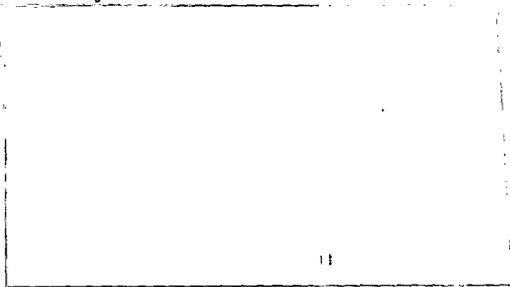
AND your Petitioners will ever pray, &c. _

Signed by:

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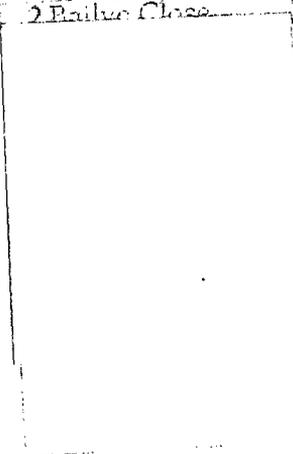
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AGAINST, By Counsel, &c.

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