

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 Dorothy Helen Robinson (as Executor of Samuel Philip Robinson) (As Partner in S P Robinson and Son)

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 Mrs Dorothy Helen Robinson owner and occupier of agricultural property in and around the City of Lichfield 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, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
- 8 Referring to Notice No: C273/002883, Sheet No.'s 3-75, 3-77, 3-84 and 3-85 show various works and land takes relating to Your Petitioners property and Your Petitioner objects to the works outlined below
- 9 Under Sheet No. 3-84 property number 193, this relates to the construction of a balancing pool. It is advised that the land lying to the East of the line also in the same ownership is lower in nature and a natural position for such a balancing pool and the design of the proposed pool ignores natural boundaries leading to excessive land take. Your Petitioner suggests that this matter is re-addressed.
- 9 Sheet No. 3-84 property number 18 shows an access road and turning head in relation to a signalling control box which it is felt is excessive for the amount of access which will be required post construction and also the location of the control box leading to a loss of agricultural land.
- 10 Sheet No. 3-84 property number 196 relates to drainage works which it is considered will be inadequate for the potential increase in flow.
- 11 Sheet No.'s 3-77 and 3-75 work number 3/100 relates to an access track to an adjoining property which is shown as crossing diagonally through an arable field causing unnecessary loss of agricultural land and increased working costs/issues. Your Petitioner suggests that an alternative and better route can be located within the immediate locality to reduce such impact.
- 12 Sheet No.'s 3-75 and 3-77 show various works in relation to this area of land however, your Petitioner considers that inadequate provision has been given in respect of continuation of service media conduction including drainage which would be affected by the proposed works. Your Petitioner also feels that inadequate attention has been given to access requirements for adjoining agricultural land both during and post construction.
- 13 Sheet No. 3-77 works number 74 is being taken for additional planting and your Petitioner objects to her productive agricultural land being taken to mitigate losses of woodland elsewhere on the line.
- 14 For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioner respectfully submits that, unless the Bill is amended to take account of the issues raised 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.

- 15 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.



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