

## APPENDIX A: TEMPLATE PETITION AGAINST A HYBRID BILL

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 [Name of individual, company or association]. *JANE BUSTOP*

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 [INSERT WORDING FROM BILL]. *Make provision for a railway between Euston in London and a Junction with the West Coast Main Line at Handsacre in Staffordshire.*
- 2 The Bill is presented by Mr Secretary McLoughlin. *Handsacre in Staffordshire.*
- 3 [Brief description of the main clauses of the bill to which the objection is to be made.]
- 4 Your Petitioners are [Description of Petitioners: e.g. "Your Petitioner is an owner of property in ...", "Your Petitioners are the ... Society, an association of the residents of ... Road, established in ... to ..."; together with an indication of the Petitioners' property, etc. which the Bill may directly and specially affect].
- 5 Your Petitioners and their rights, interests and property [delete as necessary] are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
- 6 [Clear statement of the reasons why the Petitioners object to the Bill.] *Please see attached sheet.*
- 7 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, should not be allowed to pass into law.
- 8 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 [delete as necessary] and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioners.

I, Jane Bishop, object to this bill due to the disruption it will cause me and my family's life. I have lived very happily and peacefully at No 1 (Flat A) Mornington Crescent where my daughter spent a very happy time at a local school. ~~She~~ She is at present attending St. Marylebone School, and is currently taking her GCSEs. She will next year be preparing for A levels. I ~~do~~ believe as a result of this bill her studies will be severely disrupted, and this worries me greatly.

Mornington Crescent is a listed building and I believe any such works would have a detrimental effect on its foundations.

There is a wonderful community spirit in the area and I think this, again, would be severely affected.

I've been a resident of Mornington Crescent for 17 years and cannot quite believe what is being proposed. I urge you to think things through again.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Bishop.

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 Petitioner in person, or Agent for the Petitioner]

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[The Petition should be endorsed on the back as follows:]

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[Title of Bill]  
PETITION OF [Name of Petitioner]

AGAINST, By Counsel, &c.

[Name, address and telephone number(s) of Agent for the Petitioner, or of the Petitioner in Person]

**NOTE**

The wording given above may be varied, except for the opening section up to and including numbered paragraph 2, and the prayer at the end starting "YOUR PETITIONERS therefore humbly pray", which are standard forms for addressing the House of Commons.

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