

IN PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-14

HIGH SPEED (LONDON-WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

PETITION

Against-on-merits- Praying to be heard by Counsel,
To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
Ireland in Parliament assembled.

THE HUMBLE PETITION of Allen Terry Salter & Penelope Anne Salter.

Sheweth as follows :-

1. A Bill has been introduced and is now pending in your honourable House entitled 'A Bill to make provision for a railway between Euston in London and a junction with the West Coast Line at Handsacre in Staffordshire, with a spur from Water Orton in Warwickshire to Curzon Street I Birmingham; and for connected purposes'
2. The Bill is presented by Secretary McLoughlin, supported by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Theresa May, Secretary Vince Cable, Secretary Edward Davey, and Mr Robert Goodwill.
3. 3 Clauses 1 to 36 set out the Bill's objectives in relation to the construction and operation of the railway mentioned in paragraph 1 above. They include provision for the construction of works, highways and road traffic matters, the compulsory acquisition of land and other provisions relating to the use of land, planning permission, heritage issues, trees and noise. They include clauses which would disapply and modify various enactments relating to special categories of land including burial grounds, consecrated land, commons and open spaces, and other matters, including overhead wires, water, building regulations and party walls, street works and the use of lorries.
4. Clauses 37 to 42 of the Bill deal with the regulatory regime for the railway.
5. Clauses 43 to 65 of the Bill set out a number of miscellaneous and general provisions, including provision for the appointment of a nominated undertaker to exercise the powers under the Bill, transfer schemes, provisions relating to statutory undertakers and the Crown, provision about the compulsory acquisition of land for regeneration, reinstatement works and provision about further high speed railway works. Provision is also made about the application of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.
6. The works proposed to be authorized by the Bill are specified in clauses 1 and 2 of and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Bill. They consist of scheduled works, which are described in Schedule 1 to the Bill and other works, which are described in clause 2 of and Schedules 2 and 3 to the Bill.

7. **Allen Terry Salter and Penelope Anne Salter (Your Petitioner)**
Of Chase Green House, Mill Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire,
A retired couple living at the above house for the past nine years.
Your Petitioners property will not be demolished as a result of the Bill but is located within 100 meters of the proposed tunnel.
8. Your Petitioners and their property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
9. **Because of the close proximity of the High Speed Train tunnel their property has reduced in value by 10% a loss in excess of £100,000 .**
The Petitioners have lived in the Chiltern Hills area for over forty years, they walk in the Great Missenden area where four of the public footpaths currently used will be cut off by the railway line. There is no provision for footpath bridges over the railway line or tunnel under to keep the footpaths open.
The Petitioners also enjoy the countryside and woodlands that are part of the Chiltern Hills areas of outstanding natural beauty. These areas would be devastated by the effect of the proposed construction work.
The Petitioners are also concerned about the amount of lorries and earth moving coming into this area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
10. **The proposed Bill should be amended to offset damage and loss of ancient woodlands and protect areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty by extending the proposed tunnel past Amersham and through the entire length of the Chiltern Hills to protect our National Heritage. This will avoid the proposed huge dump of waste material and reduce lorry movements in the area.**
11. For the foregoing reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, so far affecting your Petitioners , should not be allowed to pass into law.
12. 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 they may be heard by their Council, 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 the protection, or that such other clauses and provisions as may be necessary or expedient for their protection, or that such other relief may be given to your Petitioners in the premises as your Honourable House shall deem meet.

AND your Petitioners will ever pray

Signed

Allen Terry Salter & Penelope Anne Salter

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**Contact details,
Mr. & Mrs. A T Salter**

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