

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-14

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

Against – 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 Denise Patricia Bolland (Ms)

SHEWETH as follows:-

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.”

1. The Bill is presented by Mr Secretary McLoughlin, supported by The Prime Minister, The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Theresa May, Secretary Vince Cable, Secretary Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary Eric Pickles, Secretary Own Paterson, Secretary Edward Davey, and Mr Robert Goodwill.
2. 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 lines, water, building regulations and party walls, street works and the use of lorries.
3. Clauses 37 to 42 of the Bill deal with the regulatory regime for the railway.
4. 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 (“the 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 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.
5. The works proposed to be authorised by the Bill (“the Authorised Works”) are specified in clauses 1 and 2 of and Schedule 1 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 the Bill.

6. Your Petitioner is the freehold owner of Whileaway Cottage, Grubbins Lane, Speen, Buckinghamshire HP27 0SH "your petitioner's property".
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. Your Petitioner, as a resident in the village of Speen, must use the A413 to access Amersham, Wendover, Gerrards Cross, The Chalfonts, M25 or the M1, the B485 to access Chesham, A4009 to access the M40 going West, the A4010 to access High Wycombe from Princes Risborough, A4128 to access High Wycombe from Great Missenden daily when commuting to work, to access local services including rail stations, health services, veterinary services, post offices, banks, shops, and supermarkets, and to fulfil voluntary and counselling support work. Most importantly to visit her mother who suffers advanced dementia and who is in a nursing home in Castle Donington, a 6+ hours round trip. These roads are critical for your Petitioner to be able to carry out her daily life. The heavy use of these roads for construction purposes will result in severe delays and increase the time and cost taken for your Petitioner to commute to work, to access local services, to fulfil voluntary and counselling support work, and to visit her mother.
9. Your Petitioner proposes that the longest fully bored tunnel under the AONB beyond Wendover with minimal external features be built as this would remove most, if not all, construction traffic from these roads and no road diversions and/or closures would be required. In addition the AONB, including three ancient woodlands would be preserved. Tunnel options are referred to in the Environmental Statement Volume 2 Community Forum Area report CFA9 Central Chilterns page 41 paragraphs 2.6.3 to 2.6.17.
10. If a fully bored tunnel under the AONB beyond Wendover, with as few external features as possible is not granted then your petitioner proposes that the movement of construction traffic be restricted to Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am-5pm.
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 Petitioners will ever *Rtc.*

Denise P. Bolland (Ms)

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