

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 HELEN WATSON

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, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Theresa May, Secretary Vince Cable, Secretary Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary Eric Pickles, Secretary Owen Paterson, Secretary Edward Davey, Mr Robert Goodwill.
- 3 Objection is taken to the works to be undertaken within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and in particular to **works 2.13 to 2.27** (listed in Schedule 1 of the bill) in the parishes of Little Missenden, Great Missenden, Chartridge and The Lee, and to the clauses of the bill which would authorise these works.

- 4 Your Petitioner resides in Chalfont St Peter adjacent to the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (hereinafter referred to as "the AONB").
- 5 Your Petitioner and their rights, property and interests are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioner objects for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

Specific Concerns

- 6 Your petitioner is concerned that the construction compound at the tunnel portal in the Colne valley area will have a serious impact on the residents of Chalfont St Peter. The A412 / North Orbital is accessed by local residents through West Hyde Lane /Chalfont Lane or Rickmanswoth Lane / Horn Hill Road to Watford, Rickmansworth and the M25. Chalfont Lane is the only direct route to Harefield and Mt Vernon Hospitals.
- 7 It is proposed to close Chalfont Lane and build temporary access the fields to join Horn Hill Road.
- 8 Roberts Lane is a single track lane with few passing places which a totally unsuitable for heavy construction vehicles, or indeed any increase in the volume of traffic. Your petitioner requires closure of the junction of Roberts Lane with West Hyde Lane to protect its residents.
- 9 As a cancer patient registered at Mt Vernon Hospital the proposed closure of Chalfont Lane would seriously affect your petitioners' route to hospital, adding uncertainty to the journey and a delay of unknown duration. The stress involved by uncertain delays of this type is considerable. However, your petitioner is willing to accept this adverse impact in order to protect local residents and their young families.
- 10 For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioners respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above (to remove the works noted in paragraph 3 from the schedule) so far affecting your Petitioners, should not be allowed to pass into law.
- 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, property and interests 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.

Signature of Petitioner in person,

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