

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2013-14

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON- WEST MIDLANDS) BILL
Against - on Merits

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled.

THE HUMBLE PETITION of David William Cairns

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, and Secretary Theresa May, Secretary Vince Cable, Secretary Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary Eric Pickles, Secretary Owen Paterson, Secerary Edward Davey, Mr Robert Godwill.

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 compusory 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.

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 (" the Nominated undertaker") to exercise 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 works. Provision is also made about the application

of Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.

6. The works proposed to be authorised by the Bill (" the Authorised Works") are specified in clauses 1 and 2 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.

7. Your petitioner is the freehold owner together with his wife Mrs Anne Margaret Ruth Cairns of Linaver Farm, Lee Common, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, HP16 9JL

8. Your Petitioner's and his family's rights, interests and property are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioners object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

9. The surrounding area of the Chilterns is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which will be severely damaged by making the proposed rail track with or without cuttings in this area, in such a process ancient woodlands and traditional fields will be irretrievably damaged, large dumps of excacted material will futher damage the thin topsoil on these chalk hills.

10. This part of the country side is extensively used by cyclists, walkers and many weekends with teenagers undertaking Duke of Edinburgh projects. Footpath routes will be damaged and many destroyed.

11. The road B485 from Chesham to Great Missenden is the only access road to our area that is not a single track road, the single track roads are Leather lane, the road by Hunt's Green and Rocky lane, none of these are suitable for large construction traffic and are liable to be blocked by snow in the Winter. These roads need to be available without obstruction for access to the schools in Great Missenden and to the shops and Railway station in Great Missenden. If they are to be used for construction traffic this should be restricted to between 10.00 pm and 6.00 am

12. Compensation is being given only in respect of buildings on the actual train route, none is proposed for other buildings affected by the construction traffic or noise which may heard throughout twenty four hours.

13. This part of High Speed 2 is on chalk hills which is comparatively easy to tunnel through, if the rail lines are to be made in this area then the proposed tunnel for the rail track should be continued. Your Petitioner pleads that the bored tunnel be made as long as possible under this area of Outstanding Beauty and that this tunnel reaches at least as far as Rocky lane and preferably as far North as Wendover.

14. During the recent parliamentary debate on the amendment

to the proposed Bill, speakers on both sides of the debate made important points not referred to by Mr Secretary McLoughlin, speakers against the amendment (that is for the Bill to go ahead) stated it was only sensible that the proposed high speed track connected with the London to Paris terminal and also with Heathrow.

16. Speakers for the amendment pointed out if the High speed train speed was restricted to 30 miles less per hour on parts of the route then the route could follow existing motorways and then there could be a route from Heathrow following the M25 and then the M40. I, myself wrote Lord Adonis to this affect when the proposed route for High Speed rail was first announced and in a written reply was informed that due to the speed of the train this was not possible, so if the information given in in this House of Commons debate is correct there does not seem to be any bar to following motorway routes which should be very much cheaper and easier to construct.

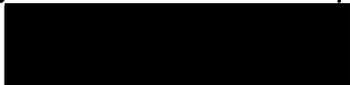
17. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioner respectfully submits that, unless the relevant clauses of the Bill are amended, so far as it affects your Petitioner, it should not be allowed to pass into law.

18. There are other clauses and provisions of the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect your Petitioner and his rights and interests and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioner.

19. Your Petitioner supports the submissions made by Chiltern Distruct Council, the Chiltern Conservation Board and the Woodland Trust. In principle all these petitions not only preserve the Chiltern's ANOB but also protect the villages of The Lee, Lee Common and South Heath.

20. YOUR PETITIONER therefore humbly pray your Honourable House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands and that he may be heard in support of of the allegations of this Petition against so much of the Bill as affects the rights and interests of your Petitioner and in support of other such clauses and provisions as may be necessary or expedient for his 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.



Signature of Petitioner David William Cairns

CERTIFICATE OF RESPECTABILITY

To the Clerk of Bills,

House of Commons

I, MARY CAROLINE BLOWNE

being a ~~Member of Parliament/Justice of the Peace/Barrister/Solicitor~~ (NON PRACTISING
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do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief,

DAVID WILLIOTT CAIRNS

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