

IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
SESSION 2015-16

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON-WEST MIDLANDS) BILL (ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS)

MEMORIAL

COMPLAINING OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH
STANDING ORDERS OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS
AND THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

TO THE EXAMINERS OF PETITIONERS FOR PRIVATE BILLS IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND TO THE
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THE MEMORIAL
OF
CHILTERN SOCIETY

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
3. Clauses 1 to 65, along with accompanying schedules, authorise and detail the works to be done in relation to the construction and the operation of the railway (also "HS2") mentioned in paragraph 1 above.
4. A fourth Additional Provision 4 (AP4) October 2015 to amend the powers in the Bill, reintroduced on 28 May 2015, has been introduced into and is now pending in your honourable House.

5. Among other amendments, AP4 would amend Schedule I of the Bill to additional power to extend the Chiltern Tunnel a further 2.6km moving the tunnel portal to north of South Heath, with the requirement for a further vent shaft head on the B 485. The Additional Provision was accompanied by an Environmental Statement and a Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES3) in relation to changes in the design of the Proposed Scheme near Gt Missenden, together with revised estimates of the impact of construction on the road network in the Chilterns.
6. Your Memorialist is the Chiltern Society (hereinafter referred to as 'Your Memorialist'), a charity with approximately 7,000 members, speaks on behalf of those members who live in the Chiltern Hills in the area affected by the Proposed Scheme from Chesham in the east, Beaconsfield and High Wycombe to the west, Amersham and Chalfont St Giles in the south and Wendover to the north. This area has a population of approximately 200,000 people. The Proposed Scheme runs from south to north through the centre of this area. Your Memorialist submitted a petition number 0761 in relation to the Bill, before the Additional Provisions were introduced.
7. Your Memorialist complains that that they and their members are specifically affected by the above mentioned provision by the creation of a new haul road to serve the relocated tunnel portal, and that the requirements in in relation to Additional Provision 4 and the Supplementary Environment Statement 3 are not complied with in particular concerning the information referred to in Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Town and Country Planning Act (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 and so much of the information referred to in Part 1 of that Schedule is reasonably required to assess the environmental effect of the works and as the promoters can reasonably be expected to compile.
8. Your Memorialist has noted that Revised Scheme SES3 and AP4 ES Vol 2 CFA9 Central Chilterns
 - a. Para 3.2.3 sets out that 'Supplementary traffic data has been collected at the following highway junctions and sections of highway that are subject to this reassessment' with a list of 6 junctions.
 - b. Para 3.2.4 states that 'Further supplementary traffic data has also been collected at other junctions that are relevant to the AP4 amendment (AP4-009-001) and are addressed in Section 5.
 - c. Para 3.2.5 states 'Details of all the new survey data are included in SES3 and AP4 ES, Volume 5: Appendix TR001-000.
9. Your Memorialist has reviewed the supplementary traffic data provided in Volume 5, and found anomalies and obvious errors in a number of the schedules. These anomalies and errors were raised with the Promoter, who confirmed that indeed there were a number of errors. The documents available on-line were amended on 30 October 2015, and are shown highlighted in yellow. This change does not appear to have been updated for people with paper copies of the documents.
10. The number of errors is sufficient to raise doubts about the accuracy of data in schedules of supplementary traffic data related to CFA8 and CFA 10 as well as in CFA9.
11. Your Memorialist has reviewed the junctions set out in para 3.2.3 and para 3.2.4 for which revised supplementary traffic data has been prepared. In your Memorialist's

opinion there are a number of key junctions where traffic data has not been recorded and published. Your Memorialist believes that the impact of changes in AP4 cannot be properly assessed without a complete list of junctions impacted.

12. Your Memorialist has established that the traffic assessments on roads and junctions have been made between the hours of 08.00 and 09.00 and 17.00 and 18.00. Your Memorialist believes that to establish the true impact on traffic assessments need to be made from 07.00 to 09.30 and 15.00 to 19.00, these being the hours of peak traffic in the Chilterns.
13. For the ongoing and connected reasons your Memorialist respectfully submits that the Promoters of the Bill have failed to comply with Standing Orders

YOUR MEMORIALIST THEREFORE REQUESTS that they be heard by themselves or their agents in support of the allegations included in this Memorial.

Signed on behalf of Chiltern Society

John Gladwin