**IN PARLIAMENT**

**HOUSE OF COMMONS**

**SESSION 2015–16**

**[YOU NEED TO PROVIDE FOUR STAPLED COPIES OF THIS ENTRE DOCUMENT, WHICH ALL HAVE TO BE SIGNED WHERE REQUIRED. TWO OF THE FOUR COPIES MUST HAVE THE PETITION COVER SHEET ATTACHED. PLEASE REMEMBER TO DELETE THIS TEXT BEFORE PRINTING]**

**HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON - WEST MIDLANDS) BILL**

**PETITION**

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 [ENTER YOUR NAME(S) OR THE NAME OF YOUR GROUP HERE IN CAPITAL LETTERS]

SHEWETH as follows:-

1. A Bill (hereinafter referred to as “the 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 Main Line at Handsacre in Staffordshire, with 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. [Brief description of the additional provisions to the bill to which the objection is to be made.]
4. [In this paragraph, you should introduce yourself or your group, describe yourself as ‘Your Petitioner’ or if you are a couple or a group ‘Your Petitioners’. You should include your address and any details about where you live, e.g. how long you’ve lived there, who else lives with you and social circumstances which will give the Select Committee a picture of you and how the HS2 scheme may affect your life. For example, as part of this paragraph you could say “Your Petitioner’s property will not be demolished as a result of the Bill but it is located within X metres of the line, or construction footprint. Your Petitioners’ property is also on a residential road which will be used by construction traffic during the construction of the Scheme”. If you are petitioning on behalf of a group, put in an assessment of the people and area which your group represents.]
5. Your Petitioner(s) and their [rights, interests and/or property] are injuriously affected by the Bill, to which your Petitioner(s) object for reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.
6. [In this paragraph or paragraphs you should set out what it is about the scheme that you do not like, what the impact will be on your life and how it will affect you. For example you could say something like: “The Bill includes powers for the Secretary of State and the Nominated Undertaker to do construction works which are estimated to take 10 years to complete and will include lorry movements, the creation of dust and noise, poor air quality, and 24 hour working. This will inevitably lead to severe sleep deprivation for my elderly mother and considerable health concerns as two of my children already have asthma and respiratory problems”. Set out each of your issues/concerns in this section of your petition, using a separate paragraph for each issue. For further information an examples, please see the ‘What should I petition against?’ section of the Stop HS2 Guide to Petitioning at [www.stophs2.org/petitioning](http://www.stophs2.org/petitioning)]
7. [In this paragraph or paragraphs, you need to set out what it is that you want the Select Committee to do about the issue that you have raised. You could say something like: “Your Petitioners object to the powers that are proposed to be provided by the Bill to the Secretary of State and the Nominated Undertaker and respectfully submit that the Bill should be amended or undertakings should be required so that HS2 Limited, the Secretary of State and/or the Nominated Undertaker must review the construction strategy for the project and its related works by considering their cumulative impacts on communities. And they need to suggest necessary changes from the results of that review before works design and construction strategies have been finalised or construction contractors employed. For further information an examples, please see the ‘What should I petition for?’ section of the Stop HS2 Guide to Petitioning at [www.stophs2.org.petitioning](http://www.stophs2.org.petitioning)]
8. For the foregoing and connected reasons your Petitioner(s) respectfully submit that, unless the Bill is amended as proposed above, so far affecting your Petitioner(s), should not be allowed to pass into law.
9. There are other clauses and provisions of the Bill which, if passed into law as they now stand will prejudicially affect your Petitioner(s) and their rights, interests and property and for which no adequate provision is made to protect your Petitioner(s).

[THE PRAYER (THE TEXT FOLLOWING) **MUST** BE ON THE SAME PIECE OF PAPER AS THE FIRST SIGNATURE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO DELETE THIS THIS TEXT BEFORE PRINTING]

YOUR PETITIONER(S) 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 Petitioner(s) 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(s) in the premises as your Honourable House shall deem meet.

AND your Petitioner(s) will ever pray, &c.

Signed [PRINT YOUR NAME HERE AND SIGN AFTERWARDS. ADD MORE SIGNATURES IF NECESSARY. ANY ONE WHO HAS SIGNED THE PETITION IS ALLOWED TO DELIVER IT TO PARLIAMENT, ALONG WITH AGENTS AND MPs]

[On behalf of…………… (if you are submitting the petition on behalf of a group or organisation, put this here, otherwise delete this bit)]

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HOUSE OF COMMONS SESSION 2013-14

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PETITION OF [PUT YOUR NAME OR THE NAME OF YOUR GROUP HERE]

Against the Bill - On Merits - By Counsel &c

[PUT YOUR CONTACT DETAILS (OR THE CONTACT DETAILS OF YOUR AGENT) HERE: NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL]