

APPENDIX A: TEMPLATE FOR A PETITION AGAINST A HYBRID BILL

Please note that some parts of your petition must be worded exactly as in the sample petition on the next page. These parts are shown underlined and in blue and you should copy these words exactly as they are written. If you do not, your petition may not be accepted (for example, the petition must contain a prayer; those are the words in blue at the end of the template). You should not use the blue colour or the underlining in your petition, just the words themselves.

You may also alter the gender of the words asterisked (*) and/or make them plural as appropriate. You should not put the asterisks themselves in your finished petition.

If you wish, you may send a draft of your petition by fax, post or e-mail to the House of Lords Private Bill Office at least a week before the last day of petitioning, and we will check it to ensure that the form of your petition is correct. We cannot comment on your arguments though; those are entirely a matter for your own judgment.

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Note: The text in square brackets [] describes what you should put into the petition at that point. Delete the brackets once you have done so.

.....continued.

[PETITION](#) against the

[High Speed Rail \(London – West Midlands\) Bill](#)

[THE PETITION OF](#) [insert the name of the petitioner(s) here]

[Declares that:](#)

1. [The petitioner* is* specially and directly adversely affected by](#) [either list the Clause numbers of the Clauses which affect you¹ or write “the whole Bill” if that is the case]
2. *Your petitioner*

[The petitioner* is*](#) [description of petitioner(s)²; together with a description of the petitioners' property, etc. which the Bill may "specially and directly affect".]

3. *Your petitioner’s concerns*

[Give a brief, clear statement of how you are specially and directly affected by the Bill and what it is you object to in the Bill. If possible suggest alternatives or say what you would like to be altered in the Bill.]

4. *The prayer*

[The petitioner* therefore asks the House of Lords that he*, or someone representing him* in accordance with the rules and Standing Orders of the House, be given an opportunity to give evidence on all or some of the issues raised in this petition to the Select Committee which considers this Bill.](#)

[AND the petitioner* remains, etc.](#)

[each petitioner (or his Agent) **MUST** sign (or seal) the petition here³ Print the name of the person signing below each signature (and add “Agent” if appropriate)]

[add the date here]

¹ For example, “Clauses 1, 7, 34-45, 60”)

² For example, "Your first Petitioner is an owner of property in. ...Your second Petitioner is...", "Your Petitioners are the ... Society, an association of the residents of ... Road, established in ... to..."; "Your petitioner is A Company Limited, a nominee company, incorporated in England"... "Your petitioner is a resident of...."

³ If the petition is not signed by the appropriate person it will not be accepted by the Lords Private Bill Office (see *How to petition against a hybrid bill in the House of Lords: Petitioning Kit Guide*)