

PUBLIC SESSION
MINUTES OF ORAL EVIDENCE
taken before
HIGH SPEED RAIL COMMITTEE

On the
HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL
20 November 2014 (Morning)
In Committee Room 5

PRESENT:

Mr Robert Syms (Chair)
Mr Henry Bellingham
Sir Peter Bottomley
Ian Mearns

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Timothy Mould QC, Lead Counsel, Department for Transport
Ms Jacqueline Lean, Landmark Chambers
Rebecca Clutten, Francis Taylor Building

Witnesses:

Sir William Cash, MP for Stone
Ms Hilary Wharf, Director, HS2 Action Alliance
Mr Gary Hammond, Branch Manager, Hamptons Great Missenden
Mr Robert Raffety, Associate Director, Jones Lang LaSalle
Sandy Trickett, Assistant to Dan Byles MP
The Right Honourable Frank Dobson, MP for Holborn and St. Pancras
The Right Honourable Cheryl Gillan, MP for Chesham and Amersham

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55. CHAIR: We now continue with the HS2 Action Alliance on the issue of compensation. Before we start, I'd just like to say we've asked the HS2 Action Alliance to tell us the gist of their case on defects for the environmental statement, three or four illustrative points. We think that should have been possible without undue expense. If there was a credible case, we need to hear it. We're disappointed that, so far, that has not appeared. If HS2 Action Alliance has something on this, they need to produce it within five working days, which is next Thursday, and then we can assess how long the programme for this issue is, and it should be in the form of a letter to this Committee and copied to HS2. I hope that's clear. Compensation, are you leading off, Ms Clutten?