

## 1. Petitioner information


In the box below, give the name and address of each individual, business or organisation submitting the petition. Please note that addresses here will be provided to the Bill's promoter, but will be redacted in the version of the petition published on the Parliamentary Website.

Mr. John Hartley



Cheshire – 

In the box below, give a description of the petitioners. For example, "We are the owners/tenants of the addresses above"; "My company has offices at the address above"; "Our organisation represents the interests of..."; "We are the parish council of...".

I am an agricultural tenant of   
Altrincham, rented from The National Trust. We have several long term  
agreements forming the 121.29ac (38.74 ha), we rent from the Trust.

## 2. Objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill

In the box below, write your objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill and why your property or other interests are **directly and specially affected**. Please number each paragraph.

Only objections outlined in this petition can be presented when giving evidence to the Committee. You will not be entitled to be heard by the Committee on new matters not included in your written petition.

1. I've had the farm since 1967 where we run a suckler enterprise. The cattle are all out for as long as the ground can sustain them, typically late spring through to early autumn. When they are housed indoors we feed them silage cut from within the same tenanted land
2. HS2 are proposing to temporarily acquire a large proportion of the holding, severing land currently united and therefore making some areas inaccessible, and severely restricting our ability to move livestock and significantly impacting our ability to cut enough silage to last the winter
3. The proposed temporary acquisition of the land cuts straight through the centre of the land we occupy, potentially cutting off some areas of the farm from one and other. Where there is provision for water currently, if the lands are to be separated off, some of the separated lands will have no piped water for the cattle
4. We are concerned that the land drains will be damaged due to compaction or even cut through rendering the drains inoperable and the impact upon the land use thereafter
5. HS2 are proposing use of and temporary acquisition of the actual farmyard. This is inappropriate, it would be a significant negative impact to our farming operations and access beyond the land is difficult. You have designated an alternative access, therefore access through the yard is unwarranted in my view. The House is Grade II listed.
6. When we enter into any stewardship scheme(s) or similar with Natural England / RPA et al, HS2 should indemnify us 100% for any transgression caused to agreement(s) due to the land being occupied by HS2 and any of our other lands due to the impact of HS2 partially occupying our farm
7. Similarly, if we are not able meet GEAC (Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition) rules HS2 should indemnify the business 100% for any penalties incurred as a result of their occupation of our land or the impact upon the surrounding land as indirect results of HS2 occupying so much of the farm
8. The timelines are ill defined. When will the land be occupied? When will we have possession after the works for us to be able to return to running our farm before possession taken?

### **3. What do you want to be done in response?**

In the box below, tell us what you think should be done in response to your objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill. You do not have to complete this box if you do not want to.

You can include this information in your response to section 3 'Objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill' if you prefer. Please number each paragraph.

An agreement (written) with HS2 about duration of works, extent of works, and regarding practical matters such as access to our lands, fencing, provision for mains water and working drains, timelines. Agreement how we will deal with the other issues raised where complying with regulations is outwith our control. HS2 must ensure the farm remains viable, during all the time the lands are occupied by HS2.