

HOUSE OF COMMONS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
taken before the
STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE
on the
HIGH SPEED RAIL (CREWE – MANCHESTER) BILL

Thursday 20 October 2022

Before:

Rt Hon. Dame Rosie Winterton MP, First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means (Chair)
Jo Gideon MP
Jessica Morden MP
Richard Thompson MP

Daniel Greenberg, Counsel for Domestic Legislation, in attendance

PAUL IRVING, of WINCKWORTH SHERWOOD, appeared as Parliamentary Agent for the Bill.

1. **CHAIR:** Thank you all for attending this meeting. I would now like to welcome Mr Paul Irving, the representative from the agent, Winkworth Sherwood. Before I go any further, would any Members like to declare a particular interest in the Bill that we need to record? No—thank you.
2. Mr Irving, could I ask you to begin by talking us through the Standing Orders and where non-compliance was found?
3. **PAUL IRVING:** We have actually set out in the statement that we have submitted the details of the Standing Orders for which non-compliance was found and our explanation as to why we did not comply. I was not proposing to go through that in detail, unless you would like me to, but will confine my remarks to just a brief summary of the position, if that is acceptable.
4. **CHAIR:** Thank you.
5. **PAUL IRVING:** As regards the first area of non-compliance, which is non-compliance as to dates, I would just reiterate the point made in the statement that these are requirements which it is impossible to comply with in relation to a hybrid Bill and additional provisions to a hybrid Bill. It is an issue we have repeatedly on all hybrid Bills, so there is nothing I think we could have done about that.
6. As regards the documents that were not deposited, I would just again reiterate that this was due to matters entirely outside the control of the promoter. The promoter did all they could to ensure that documents were available for inspection.
7. I would say, secondly, that there were other libraries where the documents were available. Thirdly, I would just reiterate the point that, as regards the requirements of the Standing Order for the documents to be available for inspection at an office in each local authority area, those documents were available for inspection at the local authority offices in Manchester throughout the period. I was not going to add any more, unless you have got any questions.
8. **CHAIR:** As you say, it is set out, so thank you for that. Do any Members have any questions at this stage? No.

9. Thank you for all the information you have given us. Perhaps I could ask you and the members of the public to wait outside the room, then we will call you back in once we have reached a decision.

The Committee adjourned to deliberate in private from 12.18 pm to 12.22 pm.

10. **CHAIR:** Thank you for your patience and for returning to the Committee. We have reached a decision on this matter. We have resolved that Standing Orders 4, 4A, 10, 10A, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 27, 27A, 34, 36, 39, 41, 45 and 47 ought to be dispensed with. I hope that is satisfactory to everybody.