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Subject: re: Attention: Fiona Marshall, The Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee
- (Re: HS2 Select Committee in the House of Lords)

Fiona Marshall Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee
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re: **HS2 Ltd, UK**

Dear Fiona,

I thought this information should be added to the case of the *High Speed 2 Ltd* (HS2), the largest infrastructure project in Europe.

I was asked to defend my *Locus Standi* in front of the HS2 Select Committee in the House of Lords last summer. I was rejected and so couldn't petition there last month.

Surely if I was allowed to petition in the HS2 Select Committee in the House of Commons, I should also have been allowed to petition in the Lords?

Here is what I said more or less in the Lords..I since asked the HS2 team about at least installing double glazed windows to keep some of the noise and the increased pollution out, before the Royal Assent of the hybrid bill. They wrote back saying I was not eligible. Many friends that were very very close to a building being pulled down in preparation for HS2's construction, were also refused windows, and suffered dreadful noise and dust for many months.

HS2 has put some pollution measuring tubes around the Euston area, where the main construction will begin. But they are up high where the pollution measures less and not at the level where the children would be breathing in the air. They are also not spaced along many roads where they should be to measure Air Quality. I am not sure if HS2 Ltd has produced an Air Quality projection of how the pollution level will increase in a built up area like Inner London, in terms of the various Nitrogen Oxides and Particular Matter. --I haven't seen it.

London has already bad air way above the acceptable EU limit, and with the HS2 Ltd pulling down the Temperance Hospital --full of Asbestos, and all the Utilities and Water Waste being moved from Primrose Hill into my Oval Road, plus two massive housing developments starting next year at the same time right on my doorstep, one of which will be above the HS2 tunnel, there will be many deaths!

In the London Borough of Camden, the HS2 construction goes on for 17 years, 24/7. We all get no compensation in London's center, and nothing is in place should fragile old conservation houses like mine subside, or the new waterproofing I installed after a Thames Water flood here in 2009, should be ruined as a result. (HS2 will only buy your house if they have to pull it down, pretty much.)

I still strongly believe this project is too big for the HS2 Ltd team to handle. If they were clear as to exactly what they want, we could more easily get them to fulfill their assurances. But their designs and their goal posts constantly move and change, including the tax payer's bill. However the Prime Minister's schedule to finish on time, does not. It hasn't even been proved that it is needed, the way it is designed at present. It will cause much damage to the environment and people, all along its route. It is literally a square peg in a round hole. -- Incompatible!

I enclose here a letter that I and my neighbours wrote to Theresa May, as we are not convinced by the *Department for Transport's* arguments.

With kind regards,

Primavera

PS: I was asked to review my recent experience of petitioning before the House of Lords Select Committee on the HS2 Phase One Bill.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/bills-and-legislation/current-bills/hybrid-bills/hybrid-bill-review/>

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