

Parliamentary procedure:
how can MPs do justice to
hybrid bills?

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Types of Bills

- Public Bills
 - deal with matters of general public interest
- Private Bills
 - for the particular interest of any person or body
- Hybrid Bills
 - public bills which may in certain respects affect private rights



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Dividing, Allotting, and Inclosing the Open and Common Fields, Common Meadows, and other Open and Commonable Lands and Waste Grounds, lying in the Parishes of *Grantchester* and *Coton*, in the County of *Cambridge*.

WHEREAS the several Parishes of *Grantchester* and *Coton*, in the County of *Cambridge*, adjoin, and some Parts thereof are intermixed with each other, and there are within the said Parishes several Open and Common Fields, Common Meadows, Commonable Lands, and Waste Grounds:

And whereas there are in the said Parishes of *Grantchester* and *Coton*, or One of them, certain Open and Common Fields, Commonable Lands, and Waste Grounds, lying within certain Fields called *Down Field* and *Clint Field*, and also a certain Common called *Grantchester Herd Green*, over which the Commoners of both the said Parishes exercise a mixed Right of Common in proportion to their respective Interests therein:

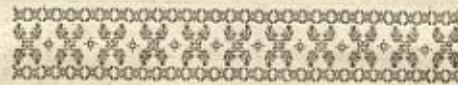
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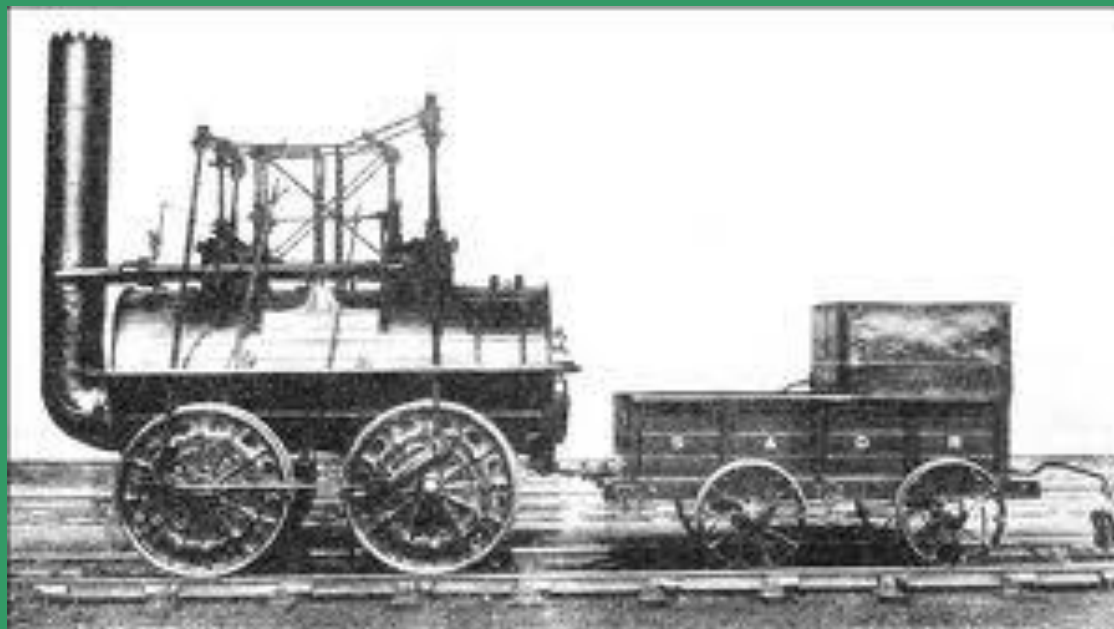
Dividing, Allotting, and Inclosing Five Open Common Fields, commonly called *Shiffnal-Town Field*, otherwise *Pool Field*, otherwise *Drayton Field*, the *Wyke Field*, the *Church Field*, otherwise *Haughton Field*, *Haughton Middle Field*, otherwise *Patnal Field*, and the *Upper Field*, otherwise *Nedge Field*, in the Parish of *Idfal*, otherwise *Shiffnal*, in the County of *Salop*.



WHEREAS, there are within the Parish of *Idfal*, otherwise *Shiffnal*, in the County of *Salop*, Five several Open Common Fields, called *Shiffnal Town Field*, otherwise *Pool Field*, otherwise *Drayton Field*, the *Wyke Field*, the *Church Field*, otherwise *Haughton Field*, *Haughton Middle Field*, otherwise *Patnal Field*, and the *Upper Field*, otherwise *Nedge Field*, containing by Estimation Seven Hundred Acres, or thereabouts:

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Stages of Hybrid Bills

- First Reading (presentation)
- Second Reading
- Select Committee
- Public Bill Committee
- Consideration (Report)
- Third Reading
- Lords Amendments



Tom Bradley MP
Chair of the Transport Select Committee

Channel Tunnel



Channel Tunnel

“We are certain that many Petitioners would have been spared annoyance and inconvenience if it had been made plain to them in advance that the powers of a Select Committee do not extend to reconsidering the fundamental purpose of a Bill.”

Dartford Thurrock Crossing



Dartford–Thurrock Crossing

“This Committee is almost unique both in the detail and the complexity of the technical evidence given and in the depth of the disagreement between the expert witnesses”.

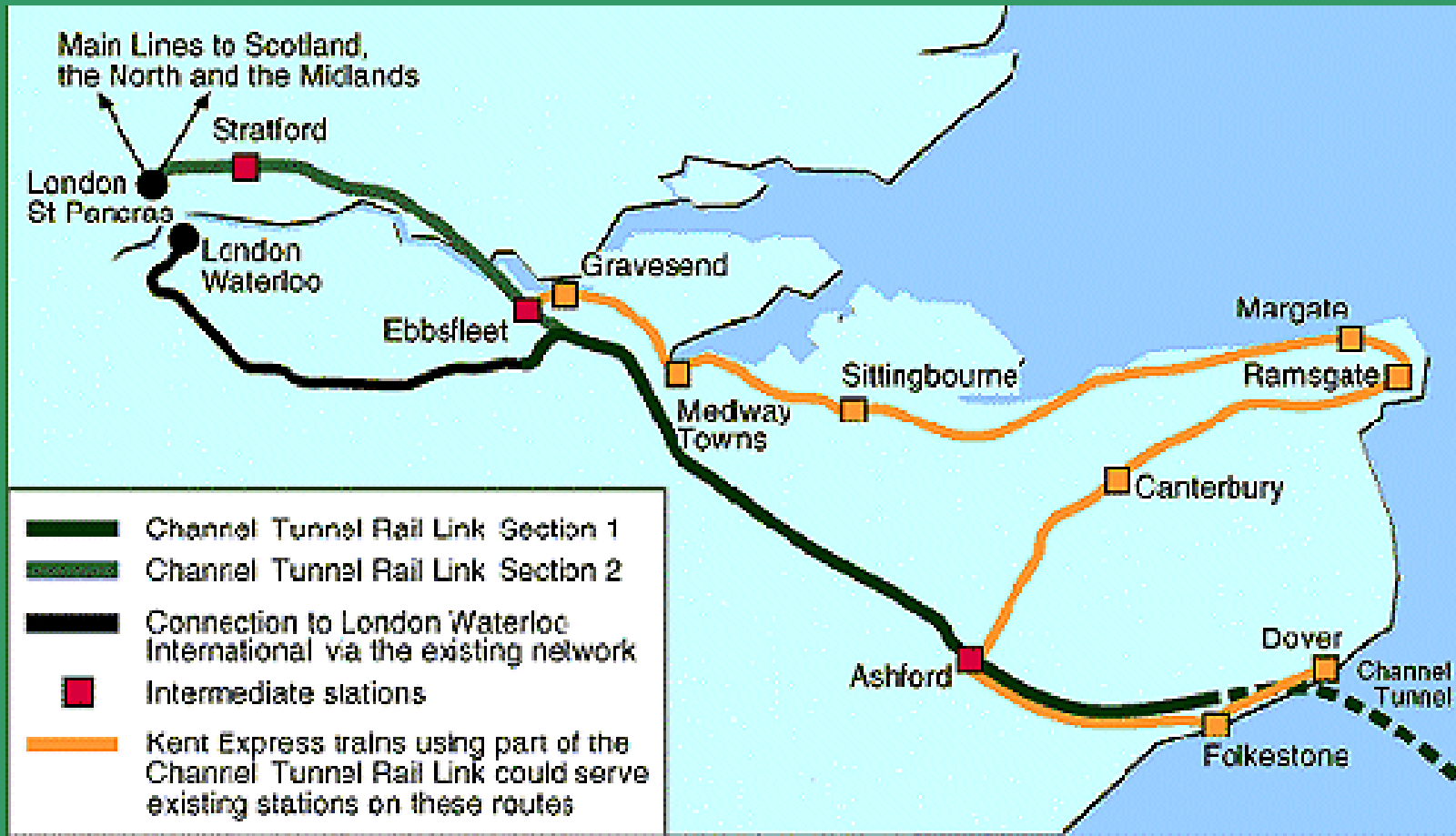
Cardiff Bay Barrage



Cardiff Bay Barrage

- “We decided, with some reluctance, that it would be wrong to make special provision in this case to give greater protection than that afforded to other people in other parts of the country where public work affects private interest.”

Channel Tunnel Rail Link



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“probably the very last railway bill to be promoted through Parliament”

Crossrail

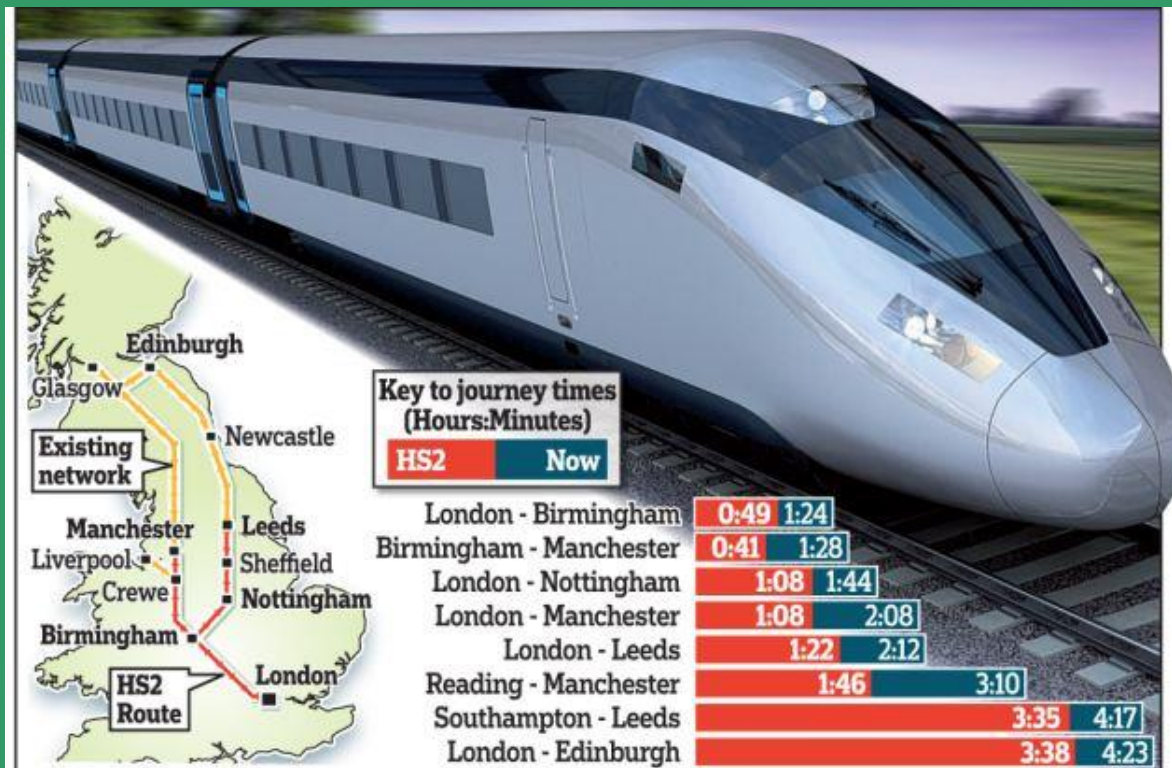


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Route Map



HS 2



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“I want to be completely clear: I consider this battle far from over, and I intend to continue fighting it on behalf of Buckingham constituency residents. My aim is to persuade the Government to drop this wretched project or, failing that, to protect and compensate my constituents.”

High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Bill

“We are ecstatic that the committee will now hear the arguments which thousands affected by HS2 want us to make on their behalf.”—
Joe Rukin, Stop HS2 Campaign Manager

High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Bill

“The Committee will take time to hear and understand petitioners’ arguments. However, unnecessarily lengthy argument on either side will be deprecated, as will reading out of speeches without good reason.”

Thank you

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill-select-committee-commons/>

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/highspeedraillondonwestmidlands.html>