Stirling-Alloa-Kincardine Railway and Linked Improvements Bill

Bill Number: SP Bill 2
Introduced on: 15 May 2003
Introduced by: Clackmannanshire Council (Private Bill)
Passed: 1 July 2004
Royal Assent: 10 August 2004

Passage of the Bill

The Stirling-Alloa-Kincardine Railway and Linked Improvements Bill [SP Bill 2] was introduced in the Parliament on 15 May 2003. The 60 day period for objections ended on 7 July 2003, resulting in 55 admissible objections. A Stirling-Alloa-Kincardine Railway and Linked Improvements Bill Committee was established and met for the first time on 25 September 2003. The Committee published its Preliminary Stage Report on 5 December 2003, which was debated by the Parliament on 11 December 2003. On 17 December 2003 the Parliament passed a financial resolution on the Bill.

The Committee then commenced phase one of the Consideration Stage of the Bill, which resulted in the publication of its Consideration Stage Report on 27 May 2004. The Committee completed phase two of Consideration Stage on 16 June 2004 when it agreed 18 amendments to the Bill. On 21 June 2004 the Committee published its Report on Appropriate Assessment for the River Teith Candidate Special Area of Conservation. The Bill was passed following the Final Stage debate held on 1 July 2004.

Purpose and objectives of the Bill

The Bill is required to authorise the reconstruction of a railway between Stirling and Kincardine, as well as other works associated with the reopening of the railway.

Provisions of the Bill

The Bill grants the promoter, and their successors, the powers to rebuild the railway between Stirling and Kincardine as well as authorising the construction of other works associated with the reopening of the railway. To this end the promoter is granted a power of compulsory purchase and the power to stop-up roads and footpaths where necessary.

Parliamentary consideration
Although raising some minor concerns, particularly regarding the potential lifespan of Longannet power station, the Committee and Parliament agreed the general principles of the Bill at the Preliminary Stage. The Committee did not uphold any of the remaining 52 objections at the Consideration Stage, although they did request additional information on compensation and mitigation measures. Several minor amendments were agreed without contest during the second phase of the Consideration Stage. No amendments were moved at the Final Stage.