

Essendine Parish Council

Interested Party ref no; 20035993

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1) Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>

Post hearing submission – summary of oral case put

Essendine Parish Council are vehemently opposed to any Compulsory Acquisition of any land belonging to the Essendine Parish Council by anyone at any time.

Compulsory acquisition through the village of Essendine was brought to the table shockingly very late in the process and was not placed into the public domain at either of the two in person public consultations held at Essendine Village Hall by the applicant.

Mr Fox for the applicant has confirmed the maps provided by the applicant relative to Compulsory Acquisition are not correct – why has the applicant not been proactive and provided and offered individual guidance and support for the affected properties. A \$250 million project should surely have the budget to correct the maps and give the affected parties some comfort.

Essendine Parish Council are heartened to hear the negotiations with Network Rail are going well with laying the electricity cable through bridge number 198.

The proposed cabling route offers three routes, Essendine Parish Council request the applicant removes the option along the A6121 through the entire length of the village of Essendine.

Mr Fox for the Applicant has said it is the preferred option to remove the A6121 cabling route from the DCO. Will the removal be carried out before the DCO is submitted to the Secretary of State?

It is not right that a private enterprise acquires rights over publicly owned land for commercial gain.

What happens when street furniture and bus shelters must be removed, how long will it be removed for and when will it all be reinstated?

How will the applicant ensure the safety of Play Area users when accessing the Play Area which has a border with the A6121. All Play Areas must have two points (gates etc.) where users can enter and exit the Play Area, will the gate on the A6121 be sealed when the cabling is being laid and if so what will the applicant do to ensure that two entrance and exit gates are in operation at all times.

Health and Wellbeing; generically anxiety has increase due to compulsory acquisition being proposed by the applicant across the front of the houses on the A6121.

Commitments to allow constant access to parish land and private land that is potentially affected by the cabling route along the A6121 should be in place and especially for the people that have medical disabilities and or age related mobility issues. These issues require the individuals to use a vehicle of any size to access their property along the A6121 in Essendine.

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