

Essendine Village Hall and Play area will be severely affected if the proposed trenching and cable laying is granted through Compulsory Acquisition by the applicants. There will major disruption to all traffic trying to use the A6121 as a through route and to hirers trying to reach the hall and play area facilities. The village hall and play area on the west side of the A6121, has a long frontage to the road of some 80 -100 metres; this a large area for access to be restricted, both by car, public transport and by pedestrians. During deep trenching and cable laying journey times to access the facilities will be longer, bus timetables will be disrupted and it will be more dangerous for pedestrians to cross the road, particularly children who have no safe crossing point!

The village hall will be much noisier than usual and this will have a detrimental effect on some of the classes currently run there, including yoga and Keep Fit for the elderly. We fully expect cancellations to be made by hirers and others to seek alternative premises for their private events. I completely refute the applicants assurances that there will be no disruption. Furthermore, we are concerned about the disruption and damage to utility services to the hall during the work. The hall relies heavily on the income from all hirers, but particularly private hirings and corporate events. The hall income will decline during the works.

Therefore I disagree with the applicant that the trenching and cable laying won't have a detrimental affect on the facilities. Compulsory Acquisition should not be given to the applicants!