

Essendine Parish Council Written Representation in response to

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH1) held on Tuesday 26th September 2023

Essendine Parish Council thanks the Applicant for the Compulsory Acquisition public meeting they held in Essendine Village Hall on 20th September, it is the view of Essendine Parish Council that no resident of Essendine, who attended the meeting, left the meeting happy.

Vehicular access to property.

It is not acceptable that the applicant expects any resident to be without vehicular access to their property for a “day or two” when installing any cable along the A6121 in Essendine.

Parking

In the event that any resident living on Bourne Road or Stamford Road Essendine is denied vehicular access to their property that applicant should create alternative parking arrangements for the affected residents. At the last count approx 8000 vehicle movements per day were recorded along the A6121 through Essendine.

Emergency Action plans the interruption of any utility

The applicant should construct and have ready to implement emergency action plans to reinstate any utilities that are broken during the construction of and installation of any cable trench along the length of the A6121 through Essendine. These action plans should include a given time period for the utility to be reinstated failure to reinstate the potential broken utility within the given time period should result in compensation being paid to the negatively affected residence and or business. Precedent exists in that recently Anglian Water failed to provide safe drinking water to the residents of Essendine and they compensated the residents with a credit to their water bill.

Gigaclear are the monopoly super fast broadband provider to domestic residents in Essendine, their service level agreement to reinstate broadband provision for a residence that has its broadband connection severed is three working days.

In the event the applicant has their DCO approved and any broadband connection is severed by the applicants contractor it is not acceptable for any residence to be left for up to three days without any broadband connection. Many people work from home and rely on a super fast broadband connection to carry out their work, superfast broadband is so instilled in modern life that being without it for long periods for domestic or commercial use is not acceptable. The applicant should create a contract with Gigaclear and any future superfast broadband provider to reinstate a severed broadband connection within hours not days.

Essendine Parish Council maintains its previously communicated position of;

“Essendine Parish Council are vehemently opposed to any compulsory acquisition of any land belonging to the Essendine Parish Council by anyone at anytime”.

The above resolution was resolved unanimously by the councillors at a meeting of Essendine Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th July 2023.

Further, it is just plain wrong that the land and property rights of Essendine Parish Council owned land (and therefore the land is owned by the people) can be compulsory acquired by a private organisation to assist and support the privately owned organisation in creating commercial financial gain for their own financial ends.

End.