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Launton PCC  
c/o

Launton  
Bicester

20/08/18

To; Mr C. Grayling, the Secretary of State for Transport  
c/o The Transport and Works Act Orders Unit  
Department for Transport  
Zone 1/18  
Great Minster House  
33 Horseferry Road  
London  
SW1P 4DR

Dear Mr Grayling

I am writing on behalf of Launton Parochial Church Council, Launton, near Bicester, Oxfordshire.

We would like to register some concerns over the Network Rail Notice to compulsorily acquire rights and access over the roadway by the Parish Hall in Launton (notice EWR-0029-Notice\_9).

Our concerns are:

1. That the roadway past the Parish Hall is the only access for parents and 147 school children at the start and end of the school day. There are about 120 cars coming and going each day. There is a legal right for staff of the school to park there as well. We are concerned for the safety of children and adults, as this extra traffic will be using what is a narrow and already well used roadway and car park. We assume some of the East West rail traffic will be heavy lorries, which will make this area much more dangerous for all who use it. We cannot stress enough the negative and dangerous impact this will have.
2. That without access to this road it would be impossible to get heating oil, food, milk and items delivered to the school. Collection of rubbish and recycling will also be prevented.
3. That hall users, as well as the parents of the school children, will find it more difficult to park by the hall and this could result in more cars parked on the main Bicester Road in Launton, making it more dangerous, especially as lorries will be trying to turn into the access road up by the hall.



4. That there is a Playing Field Association, the Harrison Public House and Launton Playgroup, who use this access road frequently and, again, this will have a severe impact on their day-to-day activities, as it is the only access route for customers/users, deliveries and so on.
5. That this Notice will affect the plans of the PCC who are in negotiations with the Parish Council about leasing the Parish Hall. We are near completion and will soon be applying for grants to improve the hall, the car park and the access road. We are concerned that this Notice and its consequences could hold up this major plan for the hall.
6. The access road by the Parish Hall will become even more worn and uneven due to the increase in the number of heavy lorries using it.

We have been unable to find more about what "rights" EWR/Network Rail are seeking despite having contacted Network rail twice... and this means we cannot assess any other difficulties that might be a result of this notice.

Please send any correspondence concerning this matter to the above address or to this e mail:

Yours sincerely

Celia Evans ( Launton PCC secretary)

