

Installation of the high-voltage direct-current (HVDC) cable linking Great Britain and France via the Channel Tunnel.

ElecLink will build, own and operate the service through the Channel Tunnel to provide a transmission link between the UK and France with a capacity of a 1000MW in either direction of flow.

Sam Snart of Hobbs Parker, who is acting on behalf of the Parish Council in its negotiations with ElecLink, attended the Newington Parish Council Meeting on Monday 13 November to explain how the works will be carried out where they pass through the village.

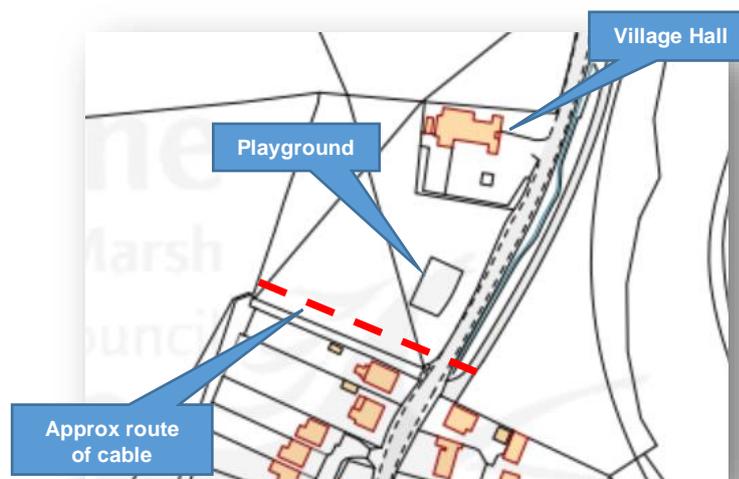
The route of the proposed cable crosses the King George V playing field and The Street just south of the village hall. Sam explained that the length of cable between the boundary of the farmland and midway across the playing field will be laid in an open trench. The remaining cable which crosses the rest of the playing field and The Street will be drilled beneath the ground and, as a result, traffic using The Street will be unaffected.

Access to the works will only be via the farmland to the west of the playing field so the village will be unaffected by construction traffic. Access to all public rights of way across the adjacent fields would be maintained.

In relation to public safety, Sam confirmed that the works would be securely fenced throughout their duration and consideration would be given to providing sound barriers if required.

The work will commence in February/March next year with a duration of 6 to 8 weeks and should be complete before the village summer fete in June.

The map below shows the approximate route of the cable where it crosses the playing field and road.



The above information is provided by Newington Parish Council.