

NOTES & INFORMATION

The Board wishes to draw the attention of owners and occupiers of land to the following:

1. Water Abstraction

The attention of all ratepayers is drawn to the danger of taking water from rivers and drains without first ensuring that it is suitable for the purpose for which it is to be used, and will not cause harm to crops or livestock. The permission of the Environment Agency and the Board must be sought before abstracting any water.

2. Crowland and Cowbit Washes – Liable to Flooding

The ploughing up of grassland and subsequent cropping as arable land in the area of Crowland and Cowbit Washes is undertaken entirely at the risk of the owner and occupier concerned. The Board emphasises that these Washes are liable to flooding, particularly when the water in the River Welland overtops the east bank or is released through the siphons. The Board is not and will not be responsible for any damage to cropping which may result from flooding.

3. Entry onto Land

The Board will require to enter onto land adjacent to their dykes for the purpose of maintaining the watercourse with or without mechanical excavators and machinery under the powers given to the Board under Section 64 of the Land Drainage Act 1991. No formal notice other than this will be given, although the Board's Officers will endeavour to give occupiers a few days warning before heavy machinery is used on private land.

4. Field Under-Drainage

Persons carrying out field under-drainage are strongly advised to ascertain maximum flood water levels in their own and the Board's drain in order to avoid drowned systems. The Board's Engineering department will be pleased to advise on maximum water levels.

Field drain outfalls direct into a Board's drain will require consent, for which application should be made to the Board.

5. Irrigation

The Board endeavours to make water available for irrigation. It is, however, not possible to guarantee water is available to all areas.

6. Culvert Removals

This winter has been a very difficult time for a lot of people with regard to hare coursers driving over land and damaging crops. We have seen the steps that have been taken by many people to try and stop this, so we do understand why people have had to remove culverts and block access to their land. However, our cutting season is fast approaching: weirs are already going in and it will not be long before we need to open up the waterways to let water back into the drains for irrigation and maintenance purposes. Once again, can we please ask that culverts are put back so we can regain access for the coming cutting season?

7. Crop Spraying

Herbicides and pesticides must not be applied to banks of the Board's drains or allowed to contaminate water. Care should be taken that none of the Board's employees are in the vicinity when spraying commences.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF THERE IS A CHANGE OF OCCUPIER OF LAND

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FLY TIPPING



Please notify the office if you see anyone dumping rubbish in any of our waterways.
Please help us to keep our drains clean and tidy.

The Board covers an area of approximately 32,400 hectares, much of which is below sea level. The drainage network carries water to the lowest point where it is then either pumped into a higher water course or discharged by gravity into the tidal River Welland.

Due to very shallow gradients on these drains, 'self-cleaning' is not always available. Dredging therefore plays a very important role in not only maintaining water movement but also capacity for storage of water in the drains during wet periods.

The Board have a rolling dredging programme that means all drains are usually dredged every 5-12 years. In some parts of the area where the drains run through gravel soils, the frequency for dredging is less as material is slower to build up. However, in areas where peat and silt is present, there is a need for more frequent dredging.

Without regular dredging many channels would not perform as designed and efficient evacuation of water would not be possible.

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No Fishing

There are no fishing rights on ANY of our waterways for the foreseeable future. If you witness illegal fishing, please report to Lincolnshire Police by ringing 101 and quoting "Operation Traverse". A fishing licence does not allow fishing on private waterways.

Byelaws & Consents

The Board's permission is required before erecting any fence or structure or planting any tree or hedge within 9 metres of the top of a Board's drain or pipeline. Consent is also required prior to connecting any surface water or treatment plant outfall and also piping or altering any watercourse within the Board's area.

BANK SLIPPAGE



We have noticed over the past few years that some farmers are ploughing ever closer to our bank-sides. This is causing slippage/erosion and, after heavy rainfall in particular, in resulting in soil being deposited into our watercourses.

This could be due to farmers' ploughing practices, in that the plough is being dropped short at the top of our banks creating deep furrows; the rainfall is then collecting in these furrows and washes the top soil into our dykes and drains.

Can we please request that care is taken when working near our watercourses.

Early Season Maintenance

To enable the Board's drainage systems to operate effectively the Board will be undertaking early season maintenance commencing in April on selected waterways.

Our bank details are:

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