

Planning/Development Control

The Waveney Lower Yare & Lothingland Internal Drainage Board is consulted by six district councils on any planning application which may have an impact on drainage within its area. The local authorities involved are South Norfolk, Broadland, Great Yarmouth, Waveney, Mid Suffolk and Breckland. The Board receives copies of relevant applications and these are referred to the surveyor with responsibility for the affected sub district who will assess the impact of any proposed development on the Board's assets. The Board has no power to approve or reject planning applications but consultation ensures that development will not adversely affect the drainage capacity of the area.

Byelaws

The Board has made byelaws under Section 66 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 and these can be viewed by clicking [here](#). Development proposed in or near the Board's district may require byelaw consent from the Board as well as planning permission from the local authority. Applications for byelaw consent should be addressed to the Clerk at 23 Alexandra Road Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 1PP or by email to bblower@nicholsons-uk.com with the following information

1. Applicant's full name address and contact details
2. Brief particulars of the work proposed with a location plan identifying the site and an explanation of whether it is proposed to:-
 - a. alter a watercourse; or
 - b. discharge surface water or effluent into a watercourse; or
 - c. make any change to the discharge into a watercourse (whether in volume or rate); or
 - d. build or plant within seven metres of a bank of a watercourse

On receipt of an application we will advise whether byelaw consent is required for the proposed development and if it is, the terms on which consent may be granted.