ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION NOT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT under (Regulation 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999 as amended by SI 2005/1399, and SI 2006/618 and SI 2017/585.

Halvergate High-Level Carrier and Environmental Improvement Scheme

The Broads (2006) Internal Drainage Board (BIDB) gives notice of its intention to carry out an environmental enhancement scheme to extend the current High-Level Carrier (HLC) eastward across the Reedham Marshes, toward Great Yarmouth and Ashtree, whilst also creating two freshwater wetland habitat areas. This will occur between locations TG 47876 07341 to TG 49865 08508.

The aim of the project is to ensure a reliable supply of freshwater for habitat improvement across Halvergate Marshes and beyond by creating an additional 3.2km of HLC and creating scrapes and islands within two wetland habitats areas, encircled by low bunds; for the benefit of wildlife. The water levels will be controlled in these areas using water control structures. Fresh water will be fed from the HLC to maintain water levels as required. The wetland areas will be connected, and the arable field will be bypassed by installing a 545m long x 600mm diameter culvert along the folding area between the field and the Tidal Embankment.

This work will be carried out in partnership with landowners and in accordance with the Planning Permission granted by the Broads Authority: BA/2022/0321/FUL.

BIDB considers that the improvement works are not likely to have a significant effect on the environment and does not intend to prepare an environmental statement in respect of them. However, a non-statutory Environmental Action Plan (EAP) report has been produced to document the potential environmental impacts of the scheme.

An electronic copy of the EAP report and other documentation and maps are available on request from the address shown below or can be viewed at the same address.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to the likely environmental effects of the proposed improvement works should do so, in writing, to the address specified below, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

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