

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION NOT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL
STATEMENT**

**(Regulation 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement
Works) Regulations 1999 as amended by
SI 2005/1399 and SI 2006/618**

**Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board
River Nar SSSI Water Level Management Plan Implementation**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Norfolk Rivers IDB proposes to carry out works on the River Nar at 4 locations detailed below as part of the Water Level Management Plan Implementation.

Lexham Hall	Grid Ref: TF867168 to TF885172
Castle Acre Common to West Acre Mill	Grid Ref: TF807150 to TF789150
Castle Acre - Castle	Grid Ref: TF825154 to TF819148
Mileham	Grid Ref: TF890175 to TF906187

The works will involve diverting or partially infilling the existing deep cut drain using historically dredged material forming an improved more dynamic watercourse running along to the existing floodplain route. This will create the potential for far more morphological (habitat) diversity, and have 'function and form' more akin to a natural chalk stream than the present drain character; Meanders, riffles, pools, woody debris and fish passes around existing structures will be introduced as parts of the works. Various assets including timber bridges & culverts will be moved, raised or replaced as part of the programme of works including the installation of temporary construction phase silt traps.

In times of floods the banks can be over-topped, reconnecting the river with its floodplain reducing overall flood risk and allow silt to be deposited on the floodplain rather than carried downstream to clog river gravels or fill on-line lakes etc. Areas adjacent to the river such as the common will benefit locally from raised water levels providing conditions for wet grassland habitat of high ecological value to be restored.

The works are set to take place between February 2012 and March 2015.

With reference to the above statutory instrument the Board considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant adverse effects upon the environment and therefore it is not proposed to carry out an environmental assessment in relation to these works. Any person who wishes to make representation to the Board in relation to the environmental effect of these proposed improvements should do so in writing to the address shown below within 28 days of the publication of this notice.

A report and drawings are available for inspection during office hours at the address below or by appointment at the District Engineer's Office, c/o Edmund Nuttall Site Offices, Ludham Bridge, Ludham, Norfolk NR29 5NX. Please telephone for an appointment on 01692 631284.

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