

A HYBRID MEETING OF THE SOUTH HOLLAND INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD WAS HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT MARSH REEVES, FOXES LOWE ROAD, HOLBEACH, PE12 7PA AND VIRTUALLY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 04 AUGUST 2026 AT 10.30 AM.

Elected Members		Appointed Members	
*	S Bartlett	South Holland DC	
*	C Dring	*	A Beal
	J Grundy		N Chapman
*	A Hay	*	P Foyster
*	S Markillie	*	M Geaney
*	J Perowne		P Redgate
*	I Stancer	*	E Sneath
*	S Taylor	*	T Sneath
*	R Thompson	*	J Tyrrell
*	D Worth	*	J Whitbourn
			Vacancy
		Jointly Appointed	
		*	A Casson
*	Present		
*v	Present via Teams	*/v	Total Present (81%)

D Worth in the Chair

In attendance:

*Cathryn Brady (Head of Catchment Services), *Katie Byrne (Business Support Officer), *Marcus Coleman (Chief Executive), *Sallyanne Jeffrey (Chief Financial Officer), *vGeorgina Nichols (FCERM Programme Manager), and *Karl Vines (Area Manager, South Holland)

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60/26	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
60/26/01	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
60/26/02	Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Nanette Chapman and Caroline Laburn.	
61/26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
61/26/01	The Chairman declared an interest in section 2.1, page 63 of the Catchment Services Report. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
61/26/02	All the Appointed Members of the Board who were Councillors for South Holland District Council declared an interest in section 2.2,	

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	page 64 of the Catchment Services Report. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
62/26	IN MEMORY OF DAVID WILKINSON	
62/26/01	The Chairman reflected on the recent passing of Board member David Wilkinson. The Chairman described David's commitment to Board matters and his upbeat, positive demeanour at all times. It was noted that he was always a great supporter of South Holland and brought a depth of knowledge and insight to the meetings. The Chairman led a minute's silence to remember David Wilkinson.	
63/26	MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING	
63/26/01	The minutes of the last Board meeting held on 05 May 2026 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.	
64/26	MINUTES OF THE LAST JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD'S ANGLING COMMITTEE AND THE HOLBEACH AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB	
64/26/01	The recommendations arising from the unconfirmed minutes of the last joint Angling Committee meeting held on 02 June 2026 were considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
64/26/02	Gowts Lane (02/26/03) The Area Manager confirmed that Lincs County Council (LCC) have agreed to tip a quantity of stone down Gowts Lane for further pot-hole repairs. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
64/26/03	Section of South Holland Main Drain – Sharpe's Bridge to outfall Sluice (south bank) (06/23/03) The Board unanimously agreed to remove this length from the fishing agreement due to the environmental benefits to the area from the lack of pedestrian access in recent years. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KV
64/26/04	Youth recruits into Angling (08/26/01) Margret Geaney confirmed that Donington have a high success rate in recruiting young anglers. Paul Foyster and Margaret Geaney agreed to discuss further offline. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	MG/PF
65/26	MINUTES OF THE LAST CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING	

ID	South Holland IDB, Minute	Action
65/26/01	The recommendations arising from the unconfirmed minutes of the last Conservation Committee meeting held on 14 July 2026 were considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
65/26/02	Middle Drain – Trialling Cutting One Side (03/26/01) Richard Thompson confirmed to the Board the decision to trial the cutting on one side. It was confirmed that there is a need to cut every other year in a controlled way. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
65/26/03	The Chairman emphasised that as the Conservation Committee only meets annually, the Board need to make sure actions are followed up in a timely manner. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
66/26	MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE FENS 2100+	
66/26/01	The recommendations arising from the unconfirmed minutes of the last Special Committee meeting with the Fens 2100+ team held on 22 July 2026 were considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
66/26/02	The Chairman reiterated that a crucial meeting with the Fens 2100+ team had taken place. The Board had been advised that four options were being considered for re-siting the tidal limit structure on the River Nene, including two options which would require major changes to the Board's discharge arrangements. The Chairman confirmed that the Area Manager is involved with the Steering Committee and a decision is expected by the end of the year. The Chairman agreed that the discussion needed to continue at the CMC meeting in September and should be added to the agenda. The Board also agreed that the Kings Lynn IDB would benefit from a similar presentation from the FENS 2100+ team. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	MC
67/26	HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT	
67/26/01	The Health and Safety Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
67/26/02	Health and Safety Consultant Visit (5.) The Chairman expressed his disappointment that that management had not picked up the lack of wearing goggles and wearing seatbelts prior to this being spotted by an external inspection. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
68/26	CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME OVERVIEW AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT REPORT	

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68/26/01	The Capital Works Programme Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.	
	69/26 PROJECT DELIVERY REPORT	
69/26/01	The Project Delivery Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
69/26/02	Exeter Drain North Pipeline (1.)	
	The Area Manager emphasised that there had been a few delays on site at Exeter Drain, mainly around ground conditions. The Board agreed that with the unexpected issues, the Board should continue as planned, with any overspend being covered by Board's reserves, and additional grant funding would be sought in retrospect if necessary. There is an expected February 2027 completion. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
69/26/03	South Holland Main Drain Works (3.)	
	The Area Manager reported that the draft findings on the recent structural inspection indicated that Sutton Bridge Sluice could be kept operational, with continued maintenance work, for a period of 10 years, before significant investment would be required due to deterioration of the steel superstructure, doors, piles, and concrete. It was felt that investigations should continue into what structure should replace the sluice, as it is likely that a replacement of the sluice, rather than a refurbishment, would be more appropriate when this significant investment is required. It was noted that the outcome of the FENS 2100+ review of the location of the tidal limit on the River Nene would have a fundamental effect on the outcome of these investigations. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
	70/26 OPERATIONS REPORT	
70/26/01	The Operations Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
70/26/02	Fuel Supply Concerns Costs (17.1)	KV
	The Board agreed to maintain the current tank which holds 12,000 litres and purchase an additional tank to hold 40,000 litres. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
70/26/03	Proposed 17.2. abandonment of 80m of E27 Inley Drain – West (17.2.)	KV
	The Board unanimously agreed to abandon 80m of watercourse at Inley Drain. RESOLVED that this be noted.	

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70/26/04 Turbines on Pump Outfalls to Generate Electricity (17.3.) The Board agreed to delegate authority to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the Plant and Development Committee to discuss further. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KV
71/26 CATCHMENT SERVICES REPORT	
71/26/01 The Catchment Services Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
71/26/02 [Duncan Worth declared an interest in section 2.1. page 63]. [Simon Bartlett in the Chair]	
71/26/03 26_35877_C: Section 23, LDA 1991 application at Main Road, Gedney Drove End (2.1.) The Board resolved to approve the application at Main Road, Gedney Drove End, subject to the Board's standard conditions and specifications. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
71/26/04 [All the Appointed Members of the Board who were Councillors for South Holland District Council and Chris Dring declared an interest in section 2.2. page 64]. RESOLVED that this be noted	
71/26/05 26_36098_C / 26_36099_C: Byelaw 3 / 10 application at Delgate Bank, Weston (2.2.) The Board resolved to delegate authority to consider and determine the application at Delgate Bank, Weston to the Chief Executive's Management Committee. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
71/26/06 Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Review: 2026-2031 (7.1.) The Board unanimously agreed to adopt the new BAP document 2026-2031. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
71/26/07 [Jack Tyrrell left the meeting]	
72/26 SCHEDULE OF PAID ACCOUNTS	
72/26/01 The Schedule of Paid Accounts for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026, totalling £2,107,186 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book), was considered in detail and approved for publication on the WMA Group's website. There were no matters arising.	
73/26 FINANCIAL REPORT	

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73/26/01	The Financial Report for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 was considered in detail and approved, (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book). Arising therefrom:	MP
73/26/02	The Chief Financial Officer confirmed there had been three requests to pay for drainage rates in instalments which had been approved by the Chief Executive.	
74/26 MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE RISK REGISTER		
74/26/01	The Risk Register showing those risks with a risk assessment matrix score of ≥ 6 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
74/26/02	The Chief Executive confirmed that a narrative summary had been added to the risk register following comments from the previous meeting. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
74/26/03	The Chairman asked that the review date be amended to the date of the next review needed. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	
75/26 COMPLAINTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND FEEDBACK		
75/26/01	The Complaints and Feedback Register was considered in detail and approved (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book). There had been no other correspondence, complaints or feedback requiring the Board's consideration during this reporting period. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
76/26 DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING		
76/26/01	The next full Board meeting would take place at Marsh Reeves, Foxes Lowe Road, Holbeach and via Microsoft Teams, on Wednesday 21 October 2026 at 10:30 am.	
77/26 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING DATES		
77/26/01	Committee meeting dates were confirmed as follows: • Performance Committee – 21 September 2026 at 9.00 am • Health and Safety Committee – 30 September 2026 at 9.00 am • Plant and Development Committee – 30 September 2026 at 9.30 am	
78/26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
78/26/01	There were no other items of business to discuss.	

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79/26	OPEN FORUM: TO HEAR FROM ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH LEAVE OF THE CHAIRMAN	
79/26/01	There were no members of the public present at this meeting.	
	80/26 CONSORTIUM MATTERS	
80/26/01	Unconfirmed Minutes and Report Extracts	
	The unconfirmed minutes and report extracts from the last Consortium Management Committee (CMC) meeting held on 26 June 2026 were considered in detail and noted. Arising therefrom:	
80/26/02	Items for discussion at the next CMC Meeting	
	The Board asked that the subject of the Fens 2100+ be brought up and discussed by members for discussion at the next CMC meeting on 25 September 2026. Should members wish to raise any other item for discussion at the next meeting, they should contact any of the Board's representatives: the Chairman and Sam Markillie, or the Chief Executive directly.	
	81/26 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS	
81/26/01	It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to exclude the public from the next part of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Board's Standing Orders.	

THE JOINT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH HOLLAND IDB ANGLING COMMITTEE AND HOLBEACH & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB WAS HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, MARSH REEVES, FOXES LOWE ROAD, HOLBEACH, ON TUESDAY 02 JUNE 2026 AT 6PM.

Angling Committee

Elected Members

- * Simon Bartlett
- * Joe Grundy
- * Duncan Worth

Appointed Members South Holland DC

- * Paul Foyster
- Paul Redgate

Holbeach and District Angling Club ("the Club")

- Chris Newton
- * Alan Palmer
- * Roger Smith

- * Jon Stublely
- Ian Thrower

- * Present (SHIDB: 80%)

Duncan Worth in the Chair

In attendance:

Katie Byrne (Business Support Officer), Dave Sporton (Working Foreman), Lewis Taylor (Operations Engineer) and Karl Vines (Area Manager)

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	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
01/26/01	Apologies for absence were received from Marcus Coleman, Chris Newton and Ian Thrower.	
	TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
02/26/01	The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2025 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Arising therefrom:	
02/26/02	Warning Markers (02/25/02) It was agreed that the Angling Club should proceed with installing their own warning markers in the vicinity of overhead cables, and that they would strim around these posts so that they could be seen by the Board's Operatives when undertaking cutting operations. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	AP
02/26/03	Gowts Lane (03/25/04) The Area Manager confirmed that a quantity of stone had been dropped down the lane by Lincs County Council to fill pot holes, and that an adjacent farmer had undertaken the spreading of this stone. It was suggested that the request be made annually. The Chairman suggested using 'fix my street' to make	AP

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LCC aware of the condition of the lane as a result of pot holes. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	
03/26 HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE	
03/26/01 Alan Palmer reported that any health and safety matters were discussed with the Board's Area Manager and / or the Operations Manager throughout the season. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
03/26/02 Alan Palmer mentioned areas of rutting on certain accesses that needed repairing. The Chairman asked that Alan Palmer includes a What3Words reference when reporting these issues so that these areas can be identified more clearly. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	AP
03/26/03 One of these areas of rutting damage was on a track to Boardman's corner on the South Holland Main Drain. Public right of way on this track was to be checked, and the views of the adjacent landowner sought with regards to access to this area.	
03/26/04 Chris Newton reported that swimmers were reported in the South Holland Main Drain during the recent warm weather. The Chairman confirmed an audit needed to be done annually to ensure the Board's signage prohibiting boating and swimming is still in place and clearly visible. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KV
03/26/05 Alan Palmer confirmed that all Health & Safety matters were up to date. The Health & Safety Policy and Risk Assessments had been renewed with the next review date of 30 April 2027. Copies of the Risk Assessments had been provided to the Area Manager. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
04/26 TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FROM HOLBEACH & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB OF THEIR INSURANCE POLICY; HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY AND RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON	
04/26/01 The Club's Insurance Policy commencing October 2025 was still in force. The Business Support Officer agreed to send a reminder to Alan Palmer to send a copy of this year's insurance to the Board when it is renewed. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KB / AP
04/26/02 Alan Palmer reported that all Risk Assessments (RA's) were up to date, having been reviewed. It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED for the Business Support Officer to copy a full set of the Club Risk Assessments along with the Health and Safety Policy for the Board's records. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KB
04/26/03 The Chairman asked that arrangements be made for the Board's Health and Safety consultant to review the Angling Club's Risk Assessments this year. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KV

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05/26	TO REVIEW THE HOLBEACH AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB NIGHT FISHING 2025/26 SEASON AND CONSIDER THE 2026/27 SEASON	
05/26/01	The Club reported that the 2025/26-night-fishing season had gone well with no complaints being reported to the Committee or the Club. RESOLVED that this be noted.	AP
05/26/02	It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to allow the Club to continue with their night fishing arrangement during 2025/26, subject to deployment of the usual safeguards.	
06/26	TO CONFIRM THE RENEWAL OF THE FISHING LICENCE FOR THE HOLBEACH & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB FOR THE YEAR 16 JUNE 2026 TO 15 JUNE 2027	
06/26/01	It was agreed that the fishing licence would be issued and signed to cover the period from 16 June 2026 to 15 June 2027. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	AP/PJC
06/26/02	It was agreed to renew the licence on the same terms as last year. The Club paid the £1 annual licence fee and requested that a receipt be sent to Alan Palmer. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KB
06/26/03	Section of South Holland Main Drain – Sharpe’s Bridge to outfall Sluice (South bank) The Angling Club confirmed that there was no access along the south bank of the South Holland Main Drain between Sharpe’s Bridge and the outfall sluice due to the barbed wire installed for the grazing area. The Area Manager confirmed he would speak with the Board’s Conservation team with regards to this to see if anything could be done, but the area is in an environmental scheme and has benefited from the lack of pedestrian access in recent years. The possibility of removing this length from the fishing agreement was briefly discussed, but it was agreed to discuss this matter further with the Club after consultation with the environmental team, so that a decision could be made before next year’s fishing season. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
07/26	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	
07/26/01	It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED for the Committee and the Angling Club to next meet at 6pm on Tuesday, 08 June 2027, at the Board’s Marsh Reeves Office, Foxes Lowe Road, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs, PE12 7PA. The Business Support Officer agreed to send a calendar invite for this meeting. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KB
08/26	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
08/26/01	Paul Foyster advised it would be a good idea if more of the younger generation were interested in Angling. Paul Foyster and Alan Palmer would	AP/PF

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	discuss further outside the meeting to see how the Council can promote this to young people. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	
08/26/02	Little Holland Alan Palmer advised that the Little Holland Drain was un-fishable last year due to the weed and silt in the channel. The Area Manager reported that weed clearance on the bed of the watercourse was due to be undertaken with long reach excavator in June/July, and that the drain was on the de-silting list for this financial year, work to be undertaken during the autumn/winter.	
08/26/03	South Holland Main Drain The Angling Club reported that they were struggling to clear the weed in front of the fishing pegs this year due to the amount of growth. It was agreed that the Board would undertake this work for the Angling Club on a re-chargeable basis, based on a single days work at a cost of £568 plus VAT. The Working Foreman asked Alan Palmer to identify the particular areas where they wanted this work to be undertaken. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	
08/26/04	The Area Manager informed the Angling Club that a structure inspection of Sutton Bridge Sluice was being undertaken this year. The concrete and steel were being surveyed between 10-12 June 2026, and divers were inspecting the submerged areas in early July. RESOLVED that this be noted.	

A MEETING OF THE SOUTH HOLLAND IDB CONSERVATION COMMITTEE WAS HELD AT MARSH REEVES OFFICE, FOXES LOWE ROAD, HOLBEACH, SPALDING, Lincs ON TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2026 AT 9.00 AM.

	Elected Members		Appointed Members
*	S Bartlett	*	A Beal
	C Dring	*	P Foyster
*	R Thompson		Vacancy
*	D Worth		
*Present (71%)			

Independent Advisors

- * Tammy Smalley (Lincs Wildlife Trust)
- *_v Margaret Haggerty (Greater Lincs Nature Partnership)
- Luke Bamforth (Greater Lincs Nature Partnership)
- Helen Scarborough (Consultant)

Mr R Thompson in the Chair

In attendance:

*Katie Byrne (Business Support Officer), *_vTayah Farnham (Business Support Assistant), *Caroline Laburn (Environmental Manager), *Dave Sporton (Works Manager), *Lewis Taylor (Operations Engineer) and *Karl Vines (Area Manager)

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01/26	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
01/26/01	Apologies for absence were received from Luke Bamforth. The Chairman welcomed Tayah Farnham as an Observer to the meeting.	
02/26	MINUTES OF THE LAST CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	
02/26/01	The minutes of the last committee meeting held on 01 July 2025 were confirmed as a true record and would be signed by the Chairman at the end of the meeting. Arising therefrom:	
02/26/02	Land adjacent to South Holland Main Drain for sowing with wildflower mix (02/25/02)	
	The Environmental Manager confirmed she had undertaken some research and advised that the best approach was to trial cutting and are	

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	moving the vegetation from the easement strips. The Chairman confirmed that we would continue to seek advice regarding the best practice for managing access strips due to the nutrient rich soil. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
03/26	TO CONSIDER THE CONSERVATION REPORT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD ACCORDINGLY	
03/26/01	Middle Marsh Drain – Trialling Cutting One Side (1.1)	KV
	The Chairman confirmed the trial study had commenced and that data would be available to report back to the full Board Meeting as this would be an on-going process. Margaret Haggerty suggested the Board contact other Boards that are already doing one-sided watercourse cuts to see if there is anything to be learned from their experience. The Board agreed to rotate the cutting on either side of the trial drain from year to year. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	
03/26/02	[9.21 Tammy Smalley joined the meeting]	
03/26/03	Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Review 2026-2031 (1.3)	CL
	The Environmental Manager confirmed the BAP has been brought in line with the recovery strategy and a few amendments have been made. The LNRS should be fully signed off by the end of July by Natural England and then submitted to Defra. A recommendation will be made to the main Board for adoption of the new BAP. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
03/26/04	Data collection by Staff (2.)	
	The Chairman confirmed that the logging of sightings on the SHIDB tablet system needed to be as simple and quick as possible to allow operatives to buy into the data collection process. The Environmental Manager confirmed there had been less interest with the new SHIDB tablets compared to the old data loggers. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
03/26/05	Owl / Kestrel Boxes (3.)	KV
	The Area Manager confirmed that some of the old owl boxes would be replaced over the winter period. The Chairman asked that an additional box be added along the sea bank between Lawyers Drain & Lundy's Farm. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	
03/26/06	Grass Snake Nesting Piles (4.)	CL
	The Environmental Manager confirmed continual checks would take place at the end of the season. There had been no trace of snakes	

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	nesting under the grass piles that had been laid. The committee suggested that next year; the officers could combine the piles to create a larger pile to entice the snakes as they maintain the heat better. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	
03/26/07	Orchids (7.4) The Chairman asked that the current agreement of the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) be sent to him as he was going to look at the possibility of using a land agent to advise on what comes next after the current HLS agreement expires. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KV
03/26/08	Kingfisher Nesting Sites (9.) The Chairman confirmed that the Board have been unable to locate an appropriate area for Kingfisher nesting. Simon Bartlett confirmed Lundy's Farm could be a possible site. The Environment Manager and Simon Bartlett agreed to discuss further offline. The Area Manager also commented that thought was being given to alter the access arrangement at Lawyers Pumping Station and the incorporation of a Kingfisher cliff as part of these works could be considered. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	CL/SB
03/26/09	Ponds (12.) Boatmere Creek Enhancement – The Chairman confirmed that there had been no water in the creek and that it would be beneficial to have an area with deeper water. The Committee agreed it was a good idea to have meeting on site to discuss. Tammy Smalley agreed to invite John Oliver (Natural England) to meet on site to discuss a plan moving forward. RESOLVED that this be noted.	CL
03/26/10	House Martins and Swallows (13.) The committee agreed that the smaller budget-friendly version of the artificial nesting habitat would be constructed by operative staff and erected at a suitable location. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KV
03/26/11	Cutting and removing vegetation – Luton Leam outfall basin It was initially agreed that the Board's grazier be approached to see if he was interested in cutting and removing the vegetation in the Luton Leam old outfall basin for hay. It was discussed that Ragwort may be an issue, and if the grazier is not prepared to remove this himself, the Chairman & Environment Manager agreed to liaise with Tammy Smalley regards opportunities regards getting volunteers in Corporate Organisations to help pull Ragwort. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	RT/CL

04/26 RECOMMENDED WORKS AND BUDGET FOR 2027/28

04/26/01 It was agreed to recommend to the Board that they approve a 4.5% increase in the budget for 2027-28.

Proposed works for 2027-28:

Item	2027/28 budget (£+VAT)
Maintenance of grass snake nests and monitoring	800
Maintenance of Owl/Kestrel nest boxes	1500
Construction of Otter holt (as and when a suitable site presents itself)	3500
Construction of Kingfisher nest site (as and when a suitable site presents itself)	0
Construction/Maintenance of Sand Martin cliff	600
Spiney Mason Wasp vegetation clearance	Covered by Environment Team
Bat boxes	Covered by Environment Team
Mink control	0
Surveys and monitoring of either South Holland Main Drain HLS or Lutton Leam (alternating years)	1500
Lutton Leam Old Outfall basin – Use of a contractor	500
Vermin control South Holland Main Drain HLS site	1200
Provision to undertake management recommendations on Lutton Leam and SH Main Drain	3000
Boatmere Creek Pond Improvements	2500
Income from HLS +£2500 approx.	-2500
Seek advice from a land agent to instigate options for after the Stewardship Scheme ends.	1500
Towards Swallow nesting pole mounted cups created by the ops team	500

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Total	14,600
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05/26 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

05/26/01 The date of the next meeting to be confirmed.

KB**06/26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

06/26/01 The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed.

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*	Present		
*v	Present via Teams	*/v	Total Present (48%)

D Worth in the Chair

In attendance:

Marcus Coleman (Chief Executive), Georgina Nichols (FCERM Programme Manager), Karl Vines (Area Manager, South Holland) and Lewis Taylor (Operations Engineer), Louise Wilson (Fens 2100+), Steven Trehwella (Fens 2100+)

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60/26	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
60/26/01	The Chairman welcomed	
60/26/02	Apologies for absence were received on behalf of C Dring, J Grundy, A Hay, I Stancer, S Taylor, R Thompson, P Redgate, E Sneath, J Tyrrell, and J Whitbourn.	
61/26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
61/26/01	There were no declarations of interest declared. RESOLVED that this be noted.	

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62/26 IN REMEMBRANCE – DAVID WILKINSON	
62/26/01 The Chairman expressed his gratitude for David's work and commitment to the Board over the years and shared condolences from the Board to David's family. A minutes silence will be held at the next Full Board Meeting in August.	
63/26 SOUTH HOLLAND IDB SPECIAL MEETING – FENS 2100+ DISCUSSION REGARDING RIVER NENE TIDAL LIMIT OPTIONS	
63/26/01 The Chairman welcomed Louise Wilson and Steven Trehwella of the Fens 2100+ project to the meeting. The Chairman provided a brief overview of South Holland IDB and the Board's current knowledge of the Fens 2100+ project.	
63/26/02 The FENS 2100+ team provided an overview of the FENS 2100+ project, and the review of the River Nene tidal limit in particular:- The project is a here and now issue, not an issue for years to come. The current progress update is that baseline reports have been produced in preparation for submission to Central Government, the report highlights the current status of the Nene area, including benefits and concerns of the project along with detail on the economic productivity of the area. In the next 18 months, three main decisions are to be made – 1. Produce a mandate for a 10 year investment fund for asset work programme, to halt asset decline. 2. Consideration of what the future coast line will look like, taking into account climate change, potential rising sea levels and the location of the River Nene tidal limit. The decision of the location of the Nene tidal barrage will be relevant for potentially the next 140 years, so this is a long-term decision, and the importance of this was stressed to the Board. 3. Gain commitment from stakeholders and funding for the project from Central Government. The FENS 2100+ team went on to explain that the review of the tidal Nene limit structure will need to include all of the other infrastructure which works in combination with it to achieve the desired outcome, for example Sutton Bridge Sluice, the future of which is also being reviewed by the Board. It was felt that it would be more effective to apply for funding for replacement of these structures as one project rather than as smaller individual projects. This will improve funding opportunities and boost the likelihood of approval and fund allocation. It is important that projects along the Nene are kept together as one project, to avoid only partial funding of the works, and to give the whole project more chance of success. The current tidal limit structure on the Nene, the Dog in a Doublet Sluice, was built in 1937, and recent asset inspections by the	

Environment Agency have highlighted that due to it's aged condition, the structure will need replacing by 2040. As a project of this size will take several years to plan, design, obtain funding, and construct, it is vital that work starts now so that this deadline can be met. The fens have high productivity and value to the UK and so it is a key project to deliver. The Nene part of the Fens 2100+ project is critical and there needs alignment and engagement from all parties, including local IDBs, Environmental Agency and surrounding County Councils. The project can also provide positive outcomes to the area in economic and environmental enhancements.

The new Tidal Limit on the Nene has 4 potential options, there are several other supporting aspects to each scenario.

Option 1 replace in its current position upstream of Wisbech

Option 2 replace downstream of Wisbech

Option 3 replace just upstream of Sutton Bridge

Option 4 replace downstream of Sutton Bridge

All options are currently open to discussion and consideration, but the plan is to have these options narrowed down, preferably to one option, by the end of the year. This option can then be looked at in more detail. As the new system and assets will be required to have a life expectancy of up to 140 years, it is critical that the correct engineering, technical, environmental and economic elements are selected. Technical data will be sought during this year from partner organisations to feed into the option selection process. It is hoped that by March 2027, a draft strategy, including engineering aspects, will be in place, that can be submitted for funding consideration.

63/26/03 Questions, Answers & Open Discussion

The meeting then took the form of open discussion, with members being given the opportunity to ask questions to the Fens 2100+ team.

Q1 - As a wider project, what are you finding in other areas such as the Great Ouse, are these areas seeing the same issues, with ageing structures etc.?

Yes, the same issues are being seen across the country but at different rates and timescales. Each area has their top priorities, but the priority on the Nene is the ageing structures as they were all built at a similar time, where as for example, the assets on the Great Ouse are more recent. Across the 7 catchments, there are varying priorities, including bank stability and coastal flooding from rising sea levels.

Q2 - To confirm, the Dog in a Doublet Sluice is highest priority on national list as the current asset is 100 years old and action needs to be taken.

Yes, this project could be completed as a benchmark to improve the entire system. Due to the current system working effectively, the area has seen little to no flooding events. This leads to some parties believing there are no issues with the current infrastructure, but without intervention, it is certain assets will fail and flooding events will occur, including loss of the A17, a critical highway artery.

Q3 - Why was the Dog in a Doublet Sluice built, what did it replace and why was it built in its current location?

There is no definitive answer, but the known information is that the Dog in a Doublet Sluice was constructed for navigation purposes around Peterborough. The location was selected due to the river profile in that section as it is a natural shoal. The Dog in a Doublet Sluice is a pre-war asset, which cost approx. £70k in 1937, done by economic imperative and economic value to the Government at the time.

Q4 - Without the Dog in a Doublet Sluice what would be a likely outcome?

Without the Dog in a Doublet Sluice the tide would travel further upstream to the next control device, increasing flood risk in Peterborough and increasing flood risk along the river. The Nene Washes would also become ineffective for flood alleviation.

Q5 - Can you summarise the current condition of the Dog in a Doublet Sluice?

Structurally the asset is weakening, it cannot be upgraded any further. Minor maintenance works can be carried out to ensure the structure can reach 2040, post that date the structure will fail.

At this point the Board's Area Manager provided an update to the Board on the condition of Sutton Bridge Sluice, following a recent structural inspection:

Sutton Bridge Sluice was built within a year of the Dog in a Doublet Sluice. A structural survey completed this summer highlighted that Sutton Bridge Sluice could be kept going for approx. another 10 years by undertaking continued maintenance works, but beyond that date large investment would be required including door and concrete repairs, at which time it may be beneficial to completely replace the structure. Latent damage of chloride content in the concrete is extremely high and this will result in further damage to the structure as time goes on. Repair works are extremely expensive and due to the age of the structures the decline is accelerating. At the moment, the project and stakeholders have time to make the correct decisions for the future but the work window and programme will be lengthy and so decisions need to be made now and not delayed. The status of Sutton Bridge Sluice therefore ties in with the timescales of the Dog in a Doublet replacement and Fens 2100+ Nene tidal limit project.

The outcome of the positioning of the new Nene tidal limit structure will fundamentally affect the Board's options around replacing Sutton Bridge Sluice, as this will determine whether gravitational discharge is still possible, in which case a sluice/pumping station combination would be required, or whether 100% pump discharge would be needed, in which case a pumping station would be required to replace Sutton Bridge Sluice.

Q6 - Has any consideration been made to the condition of the coast line sea defences? If these are not suitably maintained, or improved in line with climate change, the Fens 2100+ Nene project will eventually fail.

There has been limited progress up to now in relation to the shore line management plan. A new representative is now on board. Their role is to manage the shore line management plan including the implementation of a management strategy. Funding will also be required to support the plans progress. When the Fens 2100 project was first raised, the coast line was lower on the priority list, this has now been heightened. Natural England and the Environmental Agency will need to be engaged and aligned to ensure works around the Wash coast line can progress without difficulty.

Q7 - Around 10 years ago, there was a project to increase the level of the Wrangle sea bank, this was completed at a reasonable cost and has been effective. Are there any projects similar to this within the Fens 2100+ project? Also, as part of the Fens 2100+ project, it is crucial the tidal banks are well maintained. The EA need to manage this and consider damaging aspects such as badger setts, with the correct action being taken to ensure the tidal banks do not fall into a state of disrepair, leading to failure.

Once a decision on the new limit has been determined a more in-depth plan will be implemented, that may include projects of a similar type in the Nene area.

Q8 - If the tidal limit is moved closer to Wash, has there been any discussions with the Dutch as to how they have completed works in the Netherlands and how that has affected freshwater quality?

All rivers vary, at the moment the benefits and negatives are not fully understood. Freshwater retention time would increase with a tidal limit move to further downstream, but if managed correctly, there can be key benefits without impacting water quality. A key benefit to the limit move includes the opportunity for an additional abstraction point for water retention and supply. Anglian Water are encouraged by this opportunity, and are open to improvements to their own assets to support this benefit.

Q9 - In relation to an earlier point, sea banks in the South Holland IDB district were well constructed, but during a modelling exercise around a decade ago, there was concern of overtopping of the banks.

The likelihood of this will have increased in the last 10 years. Has any thought been given to this? Also, has any thought been given to desalination plants to overcome potential water quality issues?

By 2070 the lower reaches of the Nene would effectively have zero effective tidal defence due to rising sea levels. This would result in around 80km of sea defence requiring improvement works and increased levels. This would be a huge project at huge cost and so supports moving the tidal limit further downstream. Anglian Water, haven't looked at desalination points in the Nene area at the moment, but there are background conversations ongoing.

Q10 - With potential changes coming to the structure of local government, do you foresee this causing delays and impacting the project timeline ?

Due to the time sensitivity of the project, it is important the proposed changes do not impact the project timeline. The project must adapt. There could be delays involved at the statutory process stage of the project, but there are different options to how this type of project could be passed and this is not known at this point.

Q11 - What is the most suitable scenario, and what is the most efficient option to be constructed?

All scenarios have pros and cons. The easy option would be to construct the new tidal limit in its current position at the Dog in a Doublet Sluice (option 1). However, this option does not improve any other assets on the Nene or improve future flood defence. Option 4 raises issues on the coast line performance. It is believed that option 2 or 3 offer the most effective solution to protect the Nene area for the next 140 years, but at this stage all scenario's must be considered in full. All parties have different views and objectives, resulting in different ideas of the best scenario. This must be aligned between all parties before a final decision is made. The current scenarios are baseline ideas, and moving forward supporting assets may need to evolve and alter to support their most effective performance.

Q12 - How will the option selection process consider the rapid rate of climate change impacts, and also consider economic factors such as Wisbech port?

Consideration has been given to locating the limit upstream of Wisbech but downstream of the Nene Washes, this would allow Wisbech Port to continue as normal. However, due to the geology of the river in this area, it is highly likely it would be discounted on the grounds that the geology does not support a structure of this size, nor does this location improve future flood risk due to large residential areas in the close proximity. Further investigation is to be considered.

Q13 - With regards to the project working to avoid overlooking future issues and maximising benefits. Has there been any discussion about replacing the A17 swing bridge at Sutton Bridge as part of the project. This could incorporate a sluice and road crossing in the same structure.

Meetings have been held with LCC, and this idea has been discussed. It is believed that the bridge is also entering the final period of its working life. Several options were discussed. At this stage, to avoid losing sight of the Fens 2100+ project objectives, it is agreed that the best option for the tidal Nene is selected as the main priority. If, at a later date, the new tidal limit has the potential to be part of a larger project to incorporate a new bridge over the river, the project is open to discussions at that point.

Q14 - If the Dog in a Doublet Sluice is in such a poor condition and unrepairable then is option 1 viable?

Structurally the Dog in a Doublet Sluice will not last for many more years, as shared earlier in the meeting. If option 1 was selected this would result in a completely new structure being constructed close to the current structure, before the current structure is removed.

Q15 - Will the new structure be similar to the current design?

The structure will be similar to the current Dog in a Doublet Sluice design. The structure would largely be the same in any of the 4 option locations, but any downstream of Wisbech would include a lock of sufficient capacity to allow shipping traffic to pass. The design will be similar but with modern design and construction methods used.

Q16 - Is the town of Wisbech a key concern and is it vulnerable to flooding?

Yes, this means that a new tidal limit downstream of Wisbech would be more effective in the flood defence of the town. There are large scale tidal defence works required in Wisbech over the coming years that will result in high costs, if a downstream scenario is selected, these works and costs would be drastically reduced or not required at all.

Q17 - To confirm, the varying projected costs of the project are due to the supporting asset improvements or replacements and not the new tidal limit structure, that will be similar cost at any of the 4 scenarios?

As the options move downstream, the size of the tidal limit structure will increase with the size of the river, which will have an impact on cost. The further downstream the new structure is located, the more supporting asset improvements will be required, but less tidal defence improvements. As part of the project, all aspects and supporting

works will be considered and costs reviewed before decisions are taken forward.

Q18 - Could there be issues around Central Government taking a short term fix approach?

Yes, there is always that chance. This is why the project needs to consider all options and evidence the best solution.

Q19 - What can SHIDB do in the immediate months ahead to support the project and decision making process?

Engagement has been great so far. We recently had a stakeholder tour around key assets including presentations from SHIDB and NLIDB. A draft strategy is to be completed by next March (2027). An updated report is due to be completed by September 2026 for the steering group to review. The Board's Area Manager, who is on the steering group, will share this back to the Board. Support in September and March with feedback would be beneficial, and the continued sharing of technical and asset information.

Another key support from the Board would be to support with evidence for the financial case and ensure it has the Boards full backing before submission. It is planned that an option location decision will be made by the end of December 2026. Following this, further technical detail will be required, and so there may be some amendments to the scenario but a narrowed down location will be selected, but this may be subject to amendments.

The Boards Chairman informed the Fens 2100+ team of the standard quarterly Board meeting programme. The Chairman confirmed that to support the project and deadlines, special Chairmans meetings can be arranged. The Chairman reiterated that the project has the Boards support, but raised that support from local government is important to ensure their internal changes do not delay progress. Local Government representation would be recommended on the steering committee.

The Area Manager drew the Fens2100+ team's attention to the more in-depth questions included within the South Holland IDB report. It was acknowledged that answers to these questions would not be available until more detailed investigation had taken place, but at this stage they should be used as a steer from the Board in terms of the thought processes during the option selection process. The Fens2100+ team confirmed that more detailed questions will be considered later into the project, and that some of the questions are being considered at the steering group already.

It was recommended by the Board that the project consult Kings Lynn IDB as they have several outfalls into the Tidal Nene that could potentially be affected. The Fens 2100+ team confirmed that communication will be made.

ID	South Holland IDB, Minute	Action
	The Board's Chairman, thanked Louise & Steven for their time and great insight into the project. LW and ST left the meeting.	
64/26	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
64/26/01	The Boards Area Manager provided an update on the current Capital Works on Exeter Drain, Spalding.	
64/26/02	The project has recently encountered issues with ground conditions. These challenging conditions have lead to construction delays, re-design and material substitution in some cases. As a result of this and additional compensation to garden occupiers between Halmer Gate and Albert Street, the contingency fund for the project has been impacted. There is a healthy amount remaining in the contingency fund but in light of the current costs and with the majority of the project left to complete, it is predicted this remaining amount may also be used. To avoid works being paused or cancelled entirely, it was recommended any requirement for contingency funds over the remaining amount be taken from the Boards reserve.	
64/26/03	This was unanimously agreed by all Board Members with the following rational –	
64/26/04	The cost to cease works and re-deploy would be substantially more than continuing the works. Costs may not exceed the current funds. This discussion is around a worst case situation. An application for Grant in Aid will be submitted to recoup any additional costs. Current weather conditions mean the current ground conditions, although challenging, are as good as they can be. Delays may lead to works being completed in wetter periods causing more issues. The residents have given the Board a high amount of good will considering the disruption associated with these works, and so it is important to fulfil the project and provide the area with a future proof drainage system.	
64/26/05	A definite figure of overspend is not possible to predict, but with the assurance of reserve money available, the project can continue as planned. It was agreed that works commence in preparation of a potential Grant in Aid application.	
	The Board's Chairman closed the meeting at 12.15pm.	

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

For the period 18 April to 17 July 2026

1. ACCIDENTS / DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES

1.1 ACCIDENTS

There has been one accident reported during this reporting period.

1. On 29 June 2026, two operatives were carrying out hand maintenance around gates and posts along the Little Holland Drain. As one operative was strimming the other was approx. 4m away continuing with their work. The vegetation was over 'boot' height, as the operative strimmed the area, a nail was collected up by the strimmer and projected into the air at low height, striking the second operatives lower leg. The contact resulted in a minor cut to the leg, that was cleaned on site and works continued. The Operative has recently had jabs to protect from infection and no further issues were found. The operative was wearing full length trousers, with guards in place on the strimmer and pre-use checks completed. Following the incident the risk assessment has been reviewed, including detail on working with a safe distance between operatives, but without presenting other hazards such as lone working. The RA has been briefed to employees.

1.2 DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES

There have been no dangerous occurrences reported during this reporting period.

2 NEAR MISSES

Four Near Misses have been reported during this reporting period:

1. Operative was re-profiling drain using a 360 excavator, as the operative was concentrating on the works, they were not aware of the close proximity to their parked vehicle and as they slewed, the bucket struck the rear tailgate of the truck causing minor damage. Damage to the truck tailgate has been repaired. The operative was spoken to by management to be aware of their surroundings and the Plant and Machinery risk assessment briefed.
2. Operative was not wearing goggles while using the airline. Operatives briefed and disciplinary action taken.
3. Operative not wearing a seatbelt whilst operating a 360 excavator. Operatives briefed on seatbelt policy.
4. Fire exit blocked with flip chart board from training session. Board removed and sign installed.
5. Dishwasher in Kitchen fell towards employee as the door was opened, due to the fittings loosening over time. Dishwasher refitted into place.
6. Blind in upstairs office fell from wall bracket. Blind repaired and refitted.

3 TRAINING

- 3.1 The following courses have been undertaken during the reporting period:

TRAINING COURSE	DATE ATTENDED	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDED
180 Excavator	20-21/04/2026	2
Tactical Command Group	22/04/2026	1

MEWP	22/04/2026	6
360 Excavator	23/04/2026	3
Suspended Loads	27-28/04/2026	6
Suspended Loads	18/05/2026	3
CSCS Card Tests	Various	8
All Mapping Activities	14/07/2026	2

3.2 The following Toolbox Talks have been delivered to the team during this reporting period:

REFERENCE NUMBER	TOOL BOX TALK SUBJECT	DATE
RAMS27	Piping/Culverting of a Watercourse – Postland NGED Culvert.	April 2026
G-0001R	For Operation of Plant and Equipment	April 2026
G-0007	Stacking of Materials.	April 2026
G-0011	For trench excavations (including excavating, heaping & loading soil)	April 2026
G-0012	Carting and Tipping Soil.	April 2026
G-0013	Lifting and Placing Pipes.	April 2026
G-0020	Lifting Operations.	April 2026
G-0028	Working in the vicinity of Overhead Power Lines.	April 2026
G-0029	Road Works or Work near Roads.	April 2026
G-0030	Working near Water.	April 2026
G-0033	Working in the Vicinity of Plant.	April 2026
G-0034	Construction of Headwalls using Concrete Blocks.	April 2026
G-0035	Work Sites Open to Public.	April 2026
G-0038	For excavations and the locating of underground services	April 2026
G-0043R	Loading & Unloading Including Internal & External Vehicles	April 2026
G-0045	Use of Hand Tools.	April 2026
G-0048	Driving on and Operating from Public Roads.	April 2026
G-0079	Zoonosis & Other Diseases	April 2026
G-0080	Piping of Watercourse	April 2026
G-0077	Reprofiling	April 2026
N/a	Specific Reprofiling RAMS for Bulb Company, Seagate, Wisbech Road, Station	April 2026

N/a	Waste Battery Storage Memorandum	April 2026
N/a	Lifting Gear Memorandum	April 2026
G-0006	Cleaning Mud Off Sluice Apron	April 2026
SSOW	Cleaning Mud Off Sluice Apron	April 2026
RAMS32	Slip Repairs to a Watercourse – Ashwood Homes	April 2026
G-0001	For Operation of Plant and Equipment	April 2026
G-0007	Stacking of Materials.	April 2026
G-0011	For trench excavations (including excavating, heaping & loading soil)	April 2026
G-0012	Carting and Tipping Soil.	April 2026
G-0020	Lifting Operations.	April 2026
G-0028	Working in the vicinity of Overhead Power Lines.	April 2026
G-0030	Working near Water.	April 2026
G-0033	Working in the Vicinity of Plant.	April 2026
G-0035	Work Sites Open to Public.	April 2026
G-0038	For excavations and the locating of underground services	April 2026
G-0043R	Loading & Unloading Including Internal & External Vehicles	April 2026
G-0045	Use of Hand Tools.	April 2026
G-0048	Driving on and Operating from Public Roads.	April 2026
G-0054	Repairing Slips.	April 2026
G-0077	Reprofiling Watercourses	April 2026
G-0079	Zoonosis & Other Diseases	April 2026
G-0088	Underground and Ground Level Services & Obstacles	April 2026
RAMS25	Piping/Culverting of a Watercourse – Holbeach New River NGED Culvert	April 2026
G-0001R	For Operation of Plant and Equipment	April 2026
G-0007	Stacking of Materials.	April 2026
G-0011	For trench excavations (including excavating, heaping & loading soil)	April 2026
G-0012	Carting and Tipping Soil.	April 2026
G-0013	Lifting and Placing Pipes.	April 2026
G-0020	Lifting Operations.	April 2026
G-0028	Working in the vicinity of Overhead Power Lines.	April 2026

G-0029	Road Works or Work near Roads.	April 2026
G-0030	Working near Water.	April 2026
G-0033	Working in the Vicinity of Plant.	April 2026
G-0034	Construction of Headwalls using Concrete Blocks.	April 2026
G-0035	Work Sites Open to Public.	April 2026
G-0036	Use of Concrete in Construction.	April 2026
G-0038	For excavations and the locating of underground services	April 2026
G-0043R	Loading & Unloading Including Internal & External Vehicles	April 2026
G-0045	Use of Hand Tools.	April 2026
G-0048	Driving on and Operating from Public Roads.	April 2026
G-0079	Zoonosis & Other Diseases	April 2026
G-0080	Piping of Watercourse	April 2026
RAMS29	Piping of a Watercourse	May 2026
G-0001	For Operation of Plant and Equipment	May 2026
G-0007	Stacking of Materials.	May 2026
G-0011	For trench excavations (including excavating, heaping & loading soil)	May 2026
G-0012	Carting and Tipping Soil.	May 2026
G-0013	Lifting and Placing Pipes.	May 2026
G-0020	Lifting Operations.	May 2026
G-0028	Working in the vicinity of Overhead Power Lines.	May 2026
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G-0030	Working near Water.	May 2026
G-0033	Working in the Vicinity of Plant.	May 2026
G-0034	Construction of Headwalls using Concrete Blocks.	May 2026
G-0035	Work Sites Open to Public.	May 2026
G-0036	Use of Concrete in Construction.	May 2026
G-0038	For excavations and the locating of underground services	May 2026
G-0043R	Loading & Unloading Including Internal & External Vehicles	May 2026
G-0045	Use of Hand Tools.	May 2026
G-0048	Driving on and Operating from Public Roads.	May 2026

G-0079	Zoonosis & Other Diseases	May 2026
G-0080	Piping of Watercourse	May 2026
G-0085	Use of Battery Powered Nail Gun	May 2026
SSOW25	Carrying Out Maintenance Activities Around Underground & Ground Level Services	June 2026
SSOW11	Pedestrians Approaching Excavators & Tractors	June 2026
SSOW23	Operation of Plant & Machinery	June 2026
SSOW03	Working & Travelling Under Overhead Power Lines	June 2026
SSOW10	Tractor Mounted Flail	June 2026
SSOW27	Driving on & Operating from Public Roads	June 2026
G-0065	Operation of Heavy Plant Near to Deep Water	June 2026
G-0061	Removing Debris from Roding Baskets Blades	June 2026
G-0087	Lone Working	June 2026
G-0048	Driving On & Operation from Public Roads	June 2026
G-0028	Working in the Vicinity of Overhead Power Lines	June 2026
G-0004	Basket Cutting	June 2026
G-0005	Flailing	June 2026
N/a	SHIDB Standard Maintenance Operations Policy	June 2026
N/a	All Mapping Activities	June 2026
	SSOW 18 - Removal of Silt and Debris from Sluice Doors / G-0071 - Removing debris and silt off Sutton Bridge doors / H&S Memo - Smartfarmer, seatbelts, PPE, Fire Exits, Ladder Use, Cable Crossings / WMA TBT Seatbelt Talk	June 2026
SSOW 18	Removal of Silt and Debris from Sluice Doors	June 2026
G-0071	Removing debris and silt off Sutton Bridge doors	June 2026
N/a	H&S Memo - Smartfarmer, seatbelts, PPE, Fire Exits, Ladder Use, Cable Crossings	June 2026
N/a	WMA TBT Seatbelt Talk	June 2026
N/a	Badger License and Mapping	July 2026
N/a	Machinery Fire Risk Memo	July 2026

4 HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS

The following Health and Safety Inspections/Procedures have been carried out / are in the process of being done in the reporting period:

INSPECTION	REGULARITY
Local Exhaust Ventilation	Monthly
Emergency Lighting	Monthly
Smoke Detectors	Monthly
De-Fib Check	Monthly
Racking Inspection	Monthly
Legionella Testing	Monthly
Roller Door Inspection	Monthly
Workshop Inspection	Quarterly
Lifting Gear Insurance Inspections	6 Monthly
Alarm Service	6 Monthly
First Aid Checks	6 Monthly
Air Con Service	Annually
LEV Inspection	Annually
Height Limiter & Wire Watcher Services	Annually
Calibrations – Suparules, C&G, PAT Equipment, Electrical Testing Equipment etc.	Annually
Trailer Inspections	Annually

5 HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSULTANT VISIT

The Board's Health and Safety consultant, AW Safety Management carried out a Site Safety Inspection visit on Wednesday 17th June 2026. The visit was carried out by a new Officer with some new viewpoints raised. The Officer was positive but raised 10 actions.

Actions Raised –

Action	Comment
Observed that an employee was cleaning equipment using compressed air without wearing suitable eye protection.	Operative has received a verbal warning and all employees briefed.
It was observed that safety signage within the yard has become faded and is no longer clearly visible.	New signage ordered and fitted across the yard.
Two flammable products not stored correctly.	One removed and one placed into flammable storage unit.
Observed that a wooden workbench located close to an electrical panel is being used to store combustible materials.	Bench and items removed completely from the area.
Observed that a mobile step ladder has been marked with a "Do Not Use" tag but remains present within the work area.	Ladder tag was lost from bracket, ladder in full working order. Inspected by Allianz. Ladder tag review completed to ensure all in place.
Observed that "Fire Exit – Keep Clear" signage is missing from an internal door.	New signage ordered and fitted.
Observed that a first aid kit is provided; however, no signage is displayed to indicate its location.	New signage ordered and fitted.
Observed that one emergency light fitting is showing red indicator light.	Emergency light is an older unit, with a red LED. Light works on manual test and is in

	full working order under full test procedures when power fails.
Observed that the operator of a 360° excavator was not wearing the fitted seat belt whilst working on the reinforcement of a water drainage bank.	Operative spoken to by management and all employees briefed.
It was observed that the fire exit door within the conference room was obstructed by a roller blind and a flipchart.	Fire exit blockage cleared and signage installed.

Appendix A – Appendix A - Site Safety Inspection South Holland IDB 17.06.26

The next AW Safety Inspection is scheduled for 13th October 2026.

Lewis Taylor
Operations Engineer

14 July 2026



Site Safety Inspection

WMA South Holland Holbeach

carried out on
Wednesday, 17 June 2026

by

AW Safety Management

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Inspection date:	17/06/2026
Inspected by:	Elena Spataru
Introduction:	This health and safety Inspection Report is part of the annual support programme from AW Safety Management and is designed to review the practical implementation of health and safety arrangements within the Company. The purpose of the inspection was to assess systems, management controls, working practices and identification of hazards and the controls in place. The aim was to conduct an examination to ensure that best practice is used and there has been compliance within set standards and any relevant legislation. We plan our work to ensure that we have a reasonable expectation of detecting any significant control weaknesses, however, our processes alone are not a guarantee that all operational conditions / activities will be witnessed, this is particularly relevant for any off-site activities. The responsibility for maintaining suitable controls for the safety of employees and anyone else who may be affected and safe operation of the business rests with the management of the Company. Subject areas that require action are detailed in the 'Action Plan' section of the report. Each subject is given a brief outline and the suggested remedial action required, a target completion date (based on the priority rating) and the person responsible for ensuring that the action is addressed. The person responsible listed against the action is based on our visit to site and understanding of the Company structure. Each subject area is given a priority rating, which is based on the auditor/s knowledge, understanding & judgement and is selected to highlight areas of non-compliance and provide general guidance on safe working. Where applicable, a number of key photographs are included in the report, these are referenced to the relevant subject area reference number. These can be used as a reminder of conditions at the time of inspection and provide additional guidance on the action required.

Priority Rating		
Priority Rating	Effectiveness of Controls	Target Completion
High	Serious 'material breach' of legislation and / or serious and imminent danger to persons	Immediate Action Required
Medium	Significant control weakness exposing persons to moderate degree of risk	Planned Action Required
Low	General guidance or areas where there are opportunities to implement better practice and reduce exposure to risk	Actionable Comment

Purpose of Inspection / Executive Summary

Today's Site Safety Inspection commenced with a walkaround of the office, kitchen, yard, and workshop areas, followed by a discussion with Lewis and further locations visited with Dave.

Recent accidents were reviewed, and it was very positive to see that all incidents are thoroughly investigated, with relevant risk assessments reviewed and additional control measures implemented where required. It was evident that accident investigations are taken seriously, with actions extending as far as consulting machinery manufacturers where necessary. Furthermore, any improvements identified are applied across all relevant equipment and operations where appropriate.

Plans relating to recent works were presented and discussed. It was understood that multiple individuals contribute to the planning process, with risks being identified and mitigated as far as reasonably practicable. It was also pleasing to observe that toolbox talks are conducted prior to the commencement of work and are delivered to all personnel involved.

Several completed project sites were visited, including Wheatmere and Swindles Drove, as well as locations where works were ongoing, including Holbeach New River and Long Sutton Sea Gate.

All findings arising from this visit are detailed below.

All actions and observations were discussed with the site contact prior to departure from the site.

Thank you for your time.

If you have any questions in relation to actions raised on this report, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Action Plan					
High Priority		Immediate Action Required			
Medium Priority		Planned Action Required			
Low Priority		Actionable Comment			
Reference Number	Additional Controls / Actions / Comments	Supporting Photographs / Pictures	Person(s) Responsible	Risk Rating	Action Complete When / Who
01	It was observed that an employee was cleaning equipment using compressed air without wearing suitable eye protection. This may result in dust, debris, or particles being projected into the eyes, causing injury. It is recommended that suitable safety glasses are worn when using compressed air for cleaning activities and that employees are reminded of the relevant PPE requirements, in line with the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 (as amended) and the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER).	No supporting photograph	Dave Sporton	High	
02	It was observed that safety signage within the area has become faded and is no longer clearly visible. This may reduce the effectiveness of the signage and result in employees, visitors, or contractors being unaware of important hazards, mandatory requirements, or emergency information. It is recommended that faded signs are replaced and that signage is periodically inspected to ensure it remains legible, durable, and clearly visible, in line with the Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996.		Dave Sporton	Low	

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Medium Priority			Planned Action Required		
Low Priority			Actionable Comment		
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03	Flammable solutions were identified on-site, presenting a fire risk; It is recommended that they be stored in a suitable, clearly labeled flammable storage cabinet, away from sources of ignition, and that all personnel handling it are trained in safe handling procedures, in line with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005		Dave Sporton	Medium	
04	It was observed that a wooden workbench located close to an electrical panel is being used to store combustible materials, including cardboard boxes. This may increase the fire load in the vicinity of electrical equipment and could contribute to the spread of fire in the event of an electrical fault. It is recommended that combustible materials are removed from the area surrounding the electrical panel and that adequate clearance is maintained to reduce fire risk and allow safe access for inspection and maintenance, in line with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.		Dave Sporton	Medium	

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05	It was observed that a mobile step ladder has been marked with a "Do Not Use" tag but remains present within the work area. This may result in the ladder being used inadvertently, increasing the risk of falls from height if the defect has not been rectified. It is recommended that defective access equipment is removed from service and stored in a designated quarantine area until repaired or disposed of, in line with the Work at Height Regulations 2005.		Dave Sporton	Medium	
06	It was observed that "Fire Exit – Keep Clear" signage is missing from an internal door. This may increase the risk of the exit becoming obstructed and delay evacuation in an emergency. It is recommended that appropriate signage is installed to ensure the exit is kept clear at all times.		Dave Sporton	Low	

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07	It was observed that a first aid kit is provided; however, no signage is displayed to indicate its location. This may delay access to first aid equipment during an emergency and may result in the kit being moved from its designated location, making it more difficult to locate when required. It is recommended that suitable first aid signage is installed to clearly identify the location of the first aid kit and help ensure it remains in its designated position, in line with the Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981 and the Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996.		Dave Sporton	Low	
08	It was observed that one emergency light fitting is showing red indicator light. On many systems, a red indicator may suggest a fault such as a lamp or battery issue, which could affect operation during an emergency. It is recommended that all affected emergency lighting units are inspected and tested by a competent person in accordance with BS 5266, and that any defective batteries, lamps, or fittings are repaired or replaced without delay.		Dave Sporton	Low	

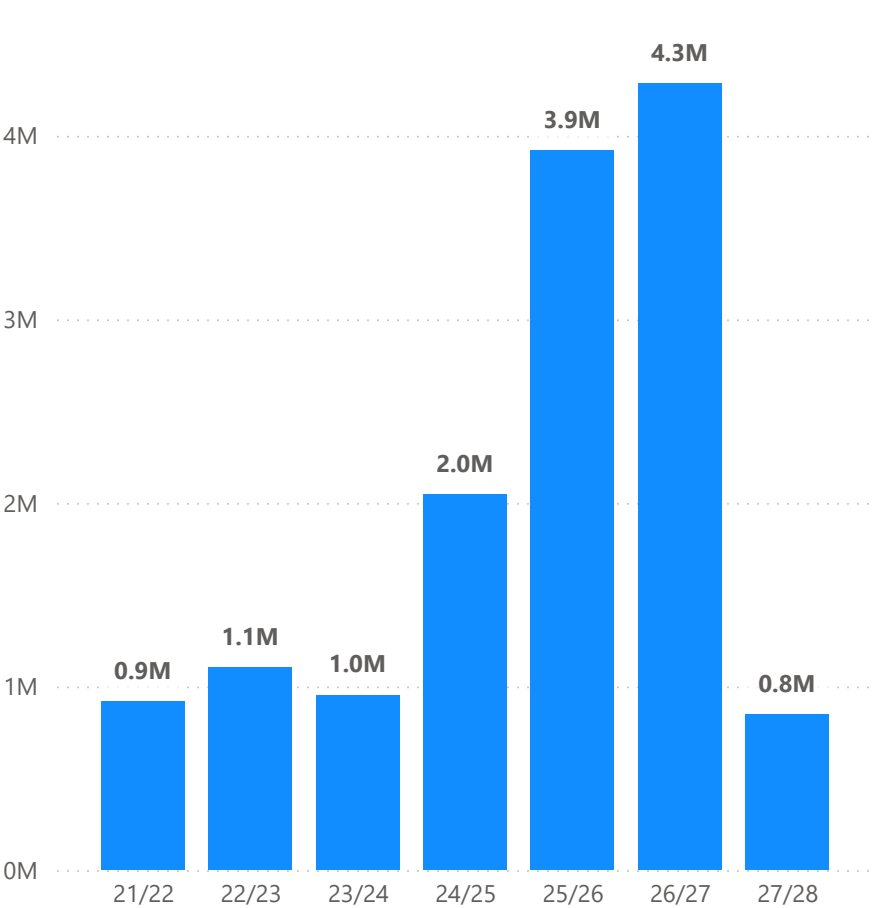
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09	It was observed that the operator of a 360° excavator was not wearing the fitted seat belt whilst working on the reinforcement of a water drainage bank. This may increase the risk of serious injury if the bank collapses or the machine overturns, as the operator could be thrown from the cab or trapped beneath the machine. It is recommended that relevant risk assessments are reviewed to consider the risk of bank failure and that operators wear seat belts at all times. The machine is fitted with a seat belt cutter for emergency use should the seat belt become inoperable following an accident, in line with the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER).		Dave Sporton	High	
10	It was observed that the fire exit door within the conference room was obstructed by a roller blind and a flipchart. This may have delayed evacuation and restricted immediate access to the escape route in the event of an emergency. The obstruction was brought to the attention of management and was rectified during the site visit. It is recommended that escape routes and fire exits are routinely monitored to ensure they remain clear and readily accessible at all times, in line with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.		Dave Sporton	Low	

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Note:	It is important to note that this Inspection highlights conditions at the time of the visit at the premises detailed on the front cover of the report. It remains the responsibility of the management and staff within the business to make known to the inspector any potentially unsafe conditions or practices which were not apparent during the Inspection, or that may take place at any off-site location. It is the ongoing responsibility of management to ensure that the business and its employees operate safely at all times and that any day-to-day health and safety issues are addressed immediately. Any queries or inaccuracies with this report should be raised immediately with the auditor.
	AW Safety is a core division of the AW Group, designed to deliver end-to-end health, safety, and compliance solutions as part of our fully integrated service model. The AW Group also includes AW Human Resources, AW Training, and AW Facilities Management. Each division specialising in a critical area of organisational support. Together, we provide a holistic 360° service offering that helps you manage risk, improve performance, and maintain operational resilience across all aspects of your business.

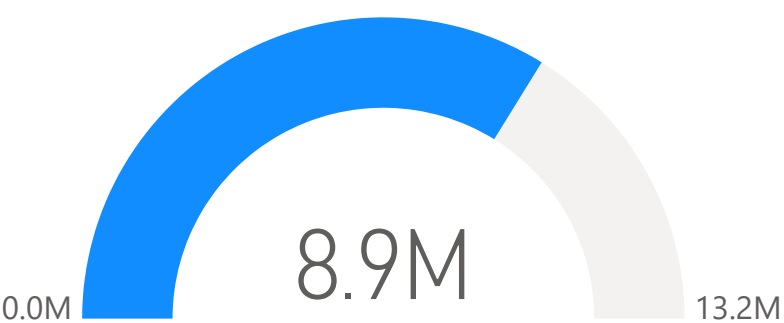
SOUTH HOLLAND IDB - CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME OVERVIEW & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 16 APRIL 2026 TO 13 JULY 2026

Spend since April 2021	2026/27 Forecast	Variance	2027/28 Forecast	Future Forecast
8.9M	4.3M	-	0.8M	46.0M

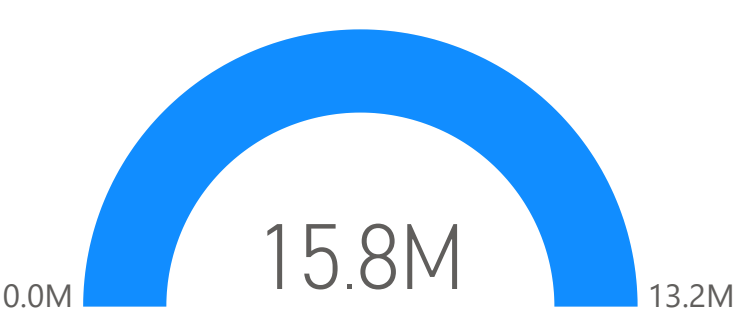
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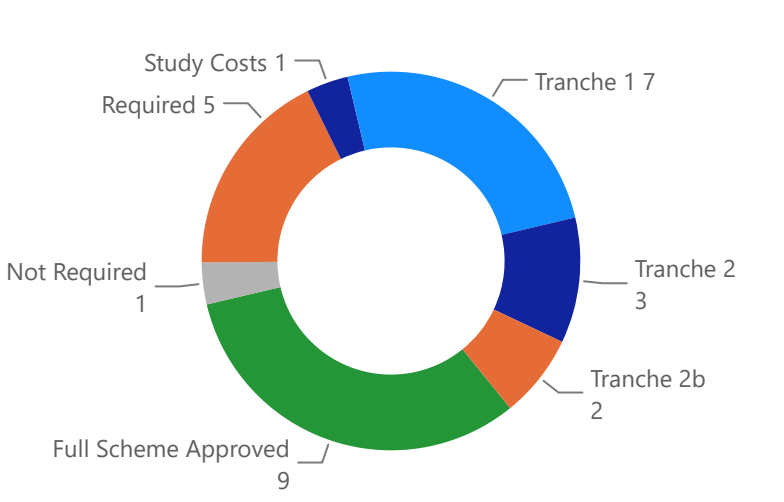
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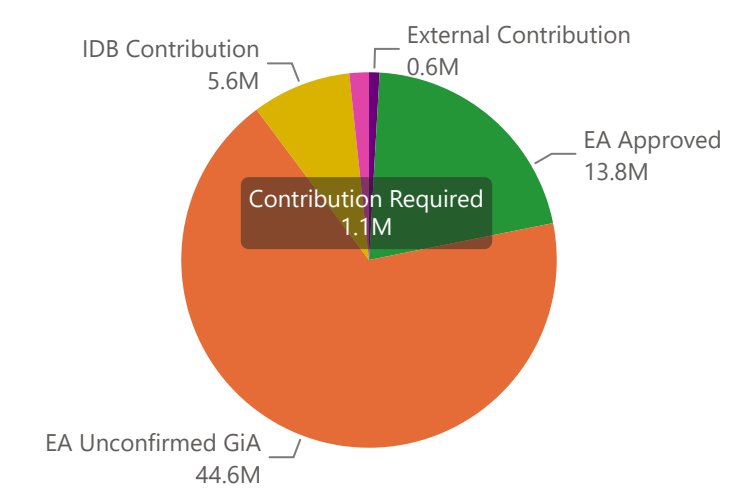
6 Year Forecast & Approvals



EA Approval Level Received (No)



Funding Sources



Ongoing Projects

SCH No	Project Name	Description	Project Stage	OBC Approval	Start Construction	Complete Construction
tbc	Allenbys Chase Drainage System		Study	01/04/2027	01/04/2028	31/03/2029
83	South Holland Main Drain catchment strategy	Modelling study to inform flood risk and provide benefits information for Sutton Bridge Sluice refurbishment	Study	01/09/2022	N/A	N/A
	Sutton Bridge Sluice replacement	Refurbishment of pumping station	Study	01/04/2028	01/11/2029	01/03/2033
91	Exeter Drain pipeline and channel rehabilitation, Spalding	First phase IDB channel culvert re-lining, second Lincolnshire County Council highways drainage works	In Construction	01/06/2025	01/01/2026	01/02/2027
tbc	Minor Capital Works Programme	Annual minor capital works	In Construction	N/A	ongoing	01/03/2029
	Bridge/Culvert Replacement/Relining	Refurbishment of culverts	Future Pipeline	tbc	01/09/2026	tbc
tbc	Holbeach Drainage Improvement Works		Future Pipeline	01/12/2028	01/03/2029	01/03/2032
tbc	Lawyers Pumping Station Refurbishment	Refurbishment of pumping station	Future Pipeline	01/04/2028	01/06/2029	01/09/1932

GEORGINA NICHOLS - FCERM CAPITAL PROGRAMME MANAGER

PROJECT DELIVERY REPORT

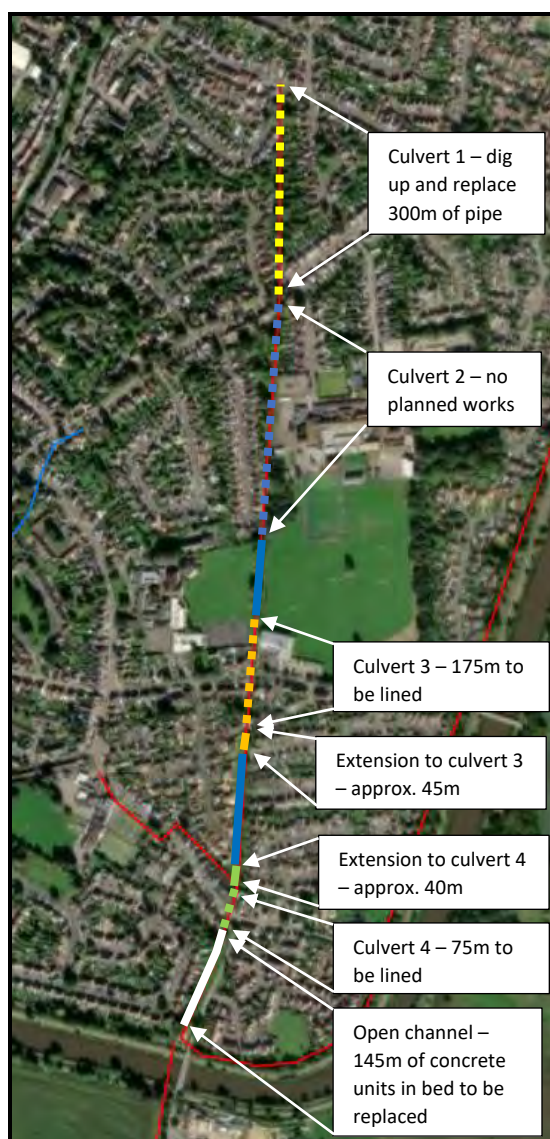
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1. EXETER DRAIN NORTH PIPELINE AND OPEN CHANNEL REFURBISHMENT - CLAY LAKE PUMPING STATION TO ALBERT STREET, SPALDING (100% GRANT AID FUNDED)

The working corridor on Pipeline 1, between Halmergate and Albert Street, has been established, see photos overleaf, and piping work on this section is due to start mid-July. Now that the garden clearance has been completed, the post work reinstatement costs can be better understood, and it is anticipated these will amount to a figure in the region of £350,000 above the original tender price.

The installation of new pipes on the extension to Pipeline 3, at the rear of Mulberry Way, commenced on 6 July. It quickly became apparent that additional stone and ground reinforcement will be required to support the pipes, and additional temporary works needed to install them, the ground conditions being more challenging than anticipated. The additional cost of this is awaited from the contractor.

The July newsletter to residence/businesses/schools in the vicinity of the works can be seen in Appendix A.



Agreed budget to completion (100% Grant Aid): £3,888,639 plus £1,048,696 contingencies
Grant Claimed to Date: £1,200,000
Expenditure to Date: £919,568



Views showing establishment of working corridor along route of Pipeline 1 – Jun 2026

2. SOUTH HOLLAND MAIN DRAIN CATCHMENT STUDY (100% GRANT AID FUNDED)

Modelling options continue for the future of Sutton Bridge Sluice in terms of refurbishment or replacement, and the long term viability of gravity discharge and whether this will need to be replaced with a pumping station or a pump/sluice combination. Integrating the separate catchment models into a single model continues to be an issue which the consultant is still working on resolving. This continues to cause a delay in receiving the required outputs from this study.

Agreed budget to completion of modelling (100% Grant Aid): £270,000
Grant claimed to date: £270,000
Expenditure to date: £215,799

3. SOUTH HOLLAND MAIN DRAIN WORKS (100% GRANT AID FUNDED)

The first stage of any works to the sluice, or possible future replacement, is to ascertain the remaining lifespan of the existing structure. Stantec have been employed through the Scape framework to undertake a condition survey of Sutton Bridge Sluice. This condition survey was undertaken in June / July 2026. Specialist contactors have undertaken concrete sampling for testing, thickness tests have been carried out on steelwork, and divers have been used to assess the submerged parts of the structure. At the time of writing, the report detailing the findings of this survey is still awaited.

Agreed budget (100% Grant Aid): £50,000

Grant claimed to date: £50,000

Expenditure to date: £8,138

KARL VINES
AREA MANAGER

GEORGINA NICHOLS
CAPITAL PROGRAMME MANAGER

17 July 2026

Exeter Drain Improvement Project

July 2026

Background

The South Holland IDB's Exeter Drain helps protect local homes, farmland, roads, and community spaces from flooding. It manages water levels and supports the wider drainage system, especially in wet weather.

Over time, parts of the drain and its structures have worn out and now need repair. By refurbishing them, we will keep the system working properly, reduce future flood risk, and support the long-term resilience of the local community.

We are investing in this work now to keep the system reliable in the future.

Jackson Civils Engineering Ltd will carry out refurbishment works to the Exeter Drain between Albert Street and Clay Lake in Spalding. This work includes replacing sections of culvert and pipeline, lining existing assets, and improving open channel areas to maintain performance and reduce flood risk.

What are we doing?

The works are being delivered in phases, including site investigations, vegetation clearance, culvert construction, and drainage improvements.

Work is being carried out along the Exeter Drain corridor between Albert Street, Clay Lake, Halmer Gate, Cley Hall Drive, Maple Grove and surrounding residential areas.

Construction activities started on site in May 2026 and will continue through to January 2027, with different sections completed in phases.

Key activity areas include:

May 2026 – September 2026 Clay Lake and Mulberry Way

Work in this area focuses on improving and upgrading existing drainage assets to help reduce flood risk. This includes lining existing culverts, constructing extensions, and improving sections of open channel.

At Clay Lake, we will carry out works to the pipe section. This will involve installing temporary over-pumping equipment to divert water and lower water levels so work can be carried out safely. Temporary fencing will be installed around work areas, including near residential driveways, to protect the public and workforce.



At Mulberry Way, we will carry out culvert lining and extension works. Access to the work areas will be taken via Mulberry Way and surrounding roads, with temporary traffic management and parking restrictions in place to allow construction vehicles and equipment to operate safely.

Activities will include excavation, installation of new or upgraded drainage structures, and use of specialist construction equipment. Some equipment, such as pumps, may operate continuously to maintain water flow during construction.

May 2026 – August 2026

Maple Grove and Cley Hall Drive

Work in this area focuses on replacing and upgrading sections of the existing culvert to improve the performance of the Exeter Drain and reduce flood risk.

A 300-metre section of culvert between Halmer Gate and Albert Street will be excavated and replaced. The culvert will be accessed through residential gardens to enable safe construction and ensure the existing pipe can be fully removed and upgraded.

To allow this work to take place, a temporary working corridor has been created between the properties of Cley Hall Drive and Maple Grove, with site access arranged from Halmer Gate and Albert Street. This will involve vegetation clearance, temporary fencing, and the use of construction plant and machinery.



September 2026 – January 2027

Open channel works

Work in this phase focuses on upgrading sections of the open channel to improve water flow and long-term performance of the Exeter Drain.

Approximately 145 metres of existing concrete channel will be removed and replaced with new concrete-encased sheet piling. This will strengthen the channel structure, improve resilience, and reduce the risk of future deterioration.

Working hours

Typical working hours are 7.30am to 5pm, with some equipment, such as pumps, operating continuously where needed to maintain water flow.



Traffic management

To carry out the works safely, we will use a range of traffic management measures at different stages of the project. These include:

Temporary traffic lights at locations such as Cley Hall Drive, Halmer Gate and Halmer Gardens

Temporary parking restrictions on streets including Mulberry Way, Morus Close and Matmore Gate, introduced from 26 May 2026 for approximately 13 weeks

We have placed site access arrangements and traffic signage to allow construction vehicles and equipment to operate safely.

At times, we may also need to introduce short road closures, contraflow systems or restricted access to keep both the public and our workforce safe.

Access to homes and businesses will be maintained at all times, although there may be short delays in some locations while works are in progress.

Public Access

We will keep public access open wherever it is safe to do so. Please follow the signs and any instructions from site staff while these measures are in place.

Environment

Before we started the construction works, the site was assessed by a qualified ecologist to identify any sensitive habitats or protected species. Works have been carefully planned to avoid unnecessary disturbance wherever possible with ongoing checks and assessments. Trees that were identified as potential bat roosts have been surveyed in line with legal requirements and can now be removed. Any active fox dens within the working area are being continuously managed safely and humanely, encouraging animals to move away before work to that area begins.

Local community

We will keep residents and businesses updated throughout the project using newsletters, letters, and regular updates on the project webpage. We will also speak directly with people through door-to-door visits and one-to-one conversations where works affect them.

We are planning a range of activities to help the community understand the project, including:

Leaflet drops and targeted communications in areas such as Mulberry Way and nearby streets ahead of key activities

We are also working with local organisations and community groups to build awareness of flood risk and the importance of maintaining drainage systems. This includes visiting local schools to talk about flood risk, the environment, and the work we are carrying out, supporting education and careers events to give people an insight into construction and environmental projects

How to find out more?

The South Holland IDB webpages will be updated with information about the scheme as works progress. Scan the QR code to link to the website or use the weblink below.

<https://wlma.org.uk/projects/exeter-drain/>



If you have any questions or comments about the scheme, please contact our Public Liaison Officer, Casey Archer.

Email: caseyarcher@ryrltd.com

Telephone: 07947 906623

OPERATIONS REPORT

For the period 18 April to 17 July 2026

1. RODING OPERATIONS

1.1 MECHANICAL RODING

Flailing of high priority watercourses started week commencing 13 July 2026. Basket Cutting has a proposed staggered start from week commencing 20 July 2026.

1.2 HAND RODING

No hand roding has been undertaken during the reporting period.

2 CLEANSING / INSPECTING PIPELINES AND CULVERTS

The following culvert have been jetted and surveyed during this period –

LOCATION/DRAIN	LENGTH (M)
P41 Peartree Roman Bank Culvert	45
Total	45

3 WATERCOURSE DE-SILTING

3.1 WATERCOURSE DE-SILTING 2026/27

There have been no watercourses de-silted during this reporting period.

The below culverts have been cleaned as part of the De-silting programme during this period –

LOCATION/DRAIN	REMARKS
F63 Station Drain Track Culvert	Cleaned out by SHIDB
P64 Field Meadows Pipeline	Jetted by Contractor
P01 Battlefields Piped Section	Jetted by Contractor
P17 Gas House Drain	Jetted by Contractor

3.2 PROPOSED WATERCOURSE DE-SILTING 2027/28

The below watercourses are proposed for de-silting next financial year –

LOCATION/DRAIN	LENGTH (M)
F03 Bungate Drain	1,167
F04 Barrington Gate Drain	422
F05 Brick Pits Drain (part)	330
F06 Brick Pits Drain Branch	267
F08 Boardmans Dyke	161
F10 Church Drain and Branch	1,998
F13 Crown Drain	1,325
F21 Fleet Coast Drain	960
F22 Fox Heading Drain	1,912
F23 Fritz Drain	1,575
F25 Garage Dyke	315
F26 Garners Dyke	1,847
F27 Garners Dyke Branch	296
F30 Green Dyke	1,071
F34 Hines Drain	870
F41 Kings Drain	858
F43 Lowland Drain	2,098
F49 Moulton River	4,928
F52 Oxcroft Drain - North	370
F57 Saunders Dyke	677
F58 Sawfords Drain - North	1,956
F59 Sawfords Drain - South	1,832
F64 Stonegate Drain	509
Total	27,744

4 BATTER / CHANNEL RE-PROFILING

4.1 BATTER / CHANNEL RE-PROFILING 2026/27

The below watercourses have been re-profiled during this reporting period –

LOCATION/DRAIN	LENGTH (M)
H35 Sea Gate Dyke Drain	550
F63 Station Drain (part)	1960
H53 Wisbech Road Drain (part)	1044
Total	3,554



Reprofiling works on Wisbech Road Drain, Long Sutton.

4.2 PROPOSED BATTER / CHANNEL RE-PROFILING 2027/28

The below watercourses are proposed for re-profiling next financial year –

LOCATION/DRAIN	LENGTH (M)
B25 Old Exeter Drain (part)	1100
F01 Austendyke Drain (part)	840
F05 Brick Pits Drain (part)	415
F35 Hither Old Farm Drain (part)	870
F38 Holbeach Old River (part)	500
F63 Station Drain (part)	110
Total	3,835

5 BUSHING / TREE TRIMMING

There have been no bushing or tree trimming works undertaken during the reporting period.

6 RUBBISH CLEARANCE

The following list shows rubbish removed from the Board's drains during this reporting period.

LOCATION	REMARKS
B35 Wheatmere Drain	Sofa Bed
E46 Whale Drove Drain	Caravan Interior

It is important to note that fly-tipping reports have decreased during this period, although this is likely due to vegetation growth covering the waste rather than a significant decrease in fly-tipped waste. As cutting works begin, further waste may be found.

7 VERMIN CONTROL

Vermin activity is high throughout the Board's area. Reported activity is being dealt with by the Board's vermin control contractor.

8 CHEMICAL WEED CONTROL

All of the hand rodded drains have been sprayed with Roundup Biactive to control weed growth.

The pumping station compounds and fence lines in the Board's area have also been sprayed with Glyphosate where necessary.

Additional spraying has been carried out to help with the control of all non-native invasive plant/weeds.

9 NEW ACCESS WORKS / PIPELINES

The following sections of watercourse have been piped during this reporting period.

Drain Name	Diameter (mm)	Material	Length (M)
D10 Postland Drain (NGED cable crossing)	900	HDPE	12
P20 Holbeach New River (NGED cable crossing)	1200	HDPE	18
F04 Barrington Gate Drain (Replacement)	600	HDPE	12
K22 Seagate Drain (Pipeline) (Capital)	900	HDPE	60
F63 Station Drain (Replacement)	1200	HDPE	12
F63 Station Drain (Replacement)	1200	HDPE	12
B35 Wheatmere (Replacement)	450	HDPE	12
K22 Seagate Drain (Replacement)	450	HDPE	12
R10 Moulton River	1200	HDPE	12



Pipeline works on Seagate Drain, Long Sutton.

10 SLIP REPAIRS

The following slip repairs/bank repairs have been carried out during this reporting period using soil and over 3400t of pitching stone.

Drain/Location	Length (M)
South Holland Main Drain x13	549
Holbeach Old River x1	27
Dawsmere Village x5	166
Dawsmere Soke Dyke West x9	108
Total	850

11 MARKER POSTS

100no. service marker posts for overhead cable crossings have been installed over this reporting period.

12 PUMPING STATIONS

12.1 PUMP REFURBISHMENTS

The following pumps have been refurbished/repared and re-installed by Axflow and Perry Pumps.

Pumping Station	Pump	Work carried out
Peartree	Pump 2	Pump was re-installed in July 2026.
Lawyers	Pump 3	Pump 3 was removed for emergency repair works – reinstalled July 2026.

13 SLUICES

Sutton Bridge Sluice is currently being operated to maintain the water level in the South Holland Main Drain at the summer retention level of 0.3 to 0.5m ODN.

14 EMPLOYEES

14.1 EMPLOYEES

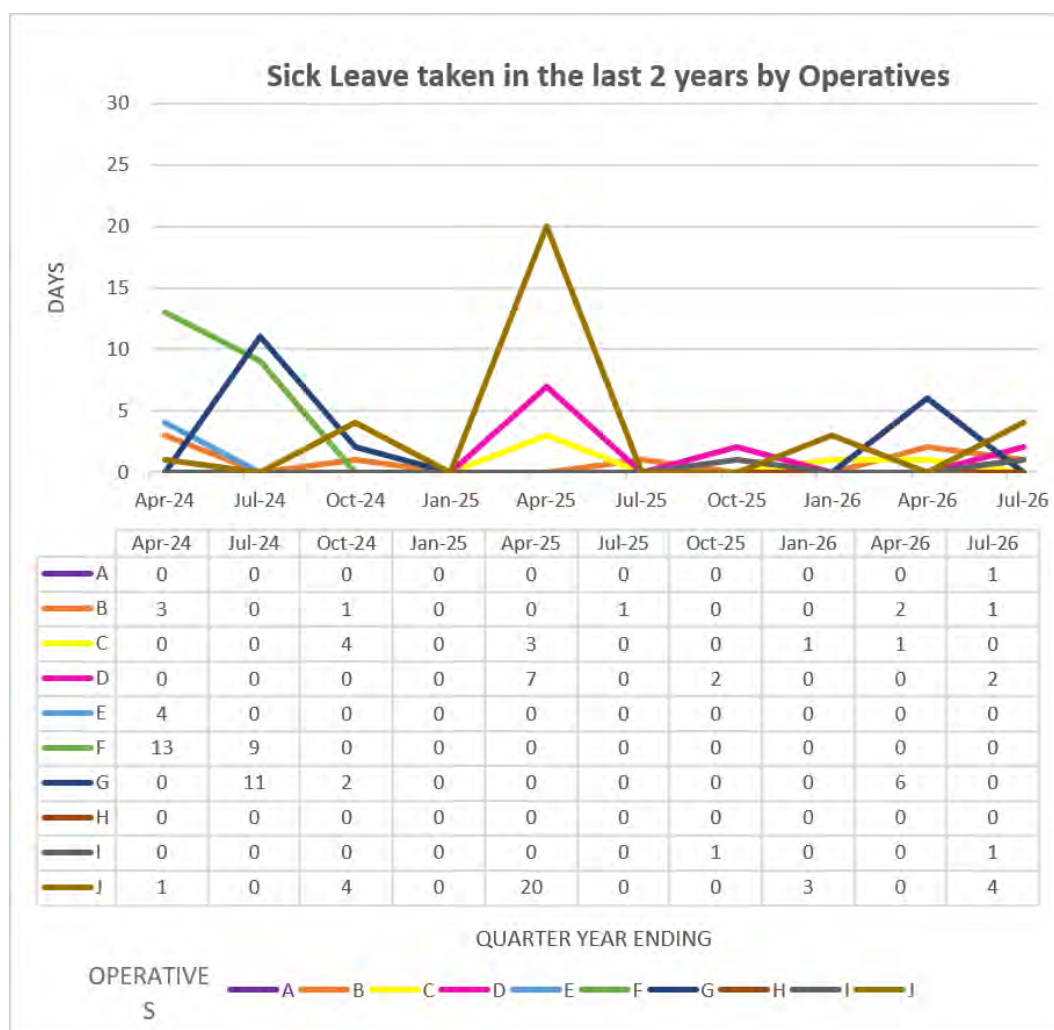
A new replacement Drainage Operative has joined the team during this reporting period.

The Works Supervisor left the Board in July with a new replacement joining the team.

14.2 SICKNESS

A total of 9 working days have been lost during this reporting period due to illness, up to the 13th July 2026.

Please see the chart below showing sick leave taken by each operative currently employed by South Holland IDB, each quarter, over the last 2 year period, up to the middle of July 2026.



15 PLANT

The new Volvo Long Reach machine has arrived in the UK and is being prepared for delivery. The machine is expected to be with the Board by the middle of August.

16 RECHARGEABLE WORKS

16.1 SEA BANK CUTTING ON BEHALF OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY VIA A PSCA 2026/27

Three full cuts have been completed in April, May and June. The July health and safety cut is currently in progress.

The Sea Bank cutting works for the 2026/27 programme covers the area from Spalding, where the Coronation Channel meets the River Welland, through to Fosdyke Bridge, ending at Gedney Drove End on the RAF camp, and an additional section at Whitehouse Farm to West Lighthouse at Sutton Bridge. The total sea bank cutting length for 2026/27 is 31.76km.

In addition, the three berm cuts have been completed along the River Welland berm from Marsh Road Sluice, Spalding to the rear of Crowtree Farm, opposite the outfall of the River Glen. These cuts were completed between April and June 2026. The length of the berm cut is approx. 5.75km.

16.2 NGED HOLBEACH NEW RIVER DRAIN CULVERT

Operatives have installed a new 18m x 1200mm diameter culvert on Holbeach New River as part of an upgrade by NGED to overhead & underground cables. The culvert has been installed in line with a new overhead cable pole, that is positioned close to the drain brink. The install has removed the need for operatives to work around overhead and underground cables, removed future access issues and hand maintenance. The culvert install was completed in partnership with NGED.

17 GENERAL

17.1 FUEL SUPPLY CONCERNS

Due to the recent fuel supply issues across the world, fuel security was discussed at the last Board meeting, and consideration given for the provision of a new, larger fuel tank for the site.

The current tank holds approx. 12,000 litres, this tank was moved from the old Spalding site in 1985 to its current location. The tank is well weathered and is open bunded currently. The proposal is to replace the old tank with a new tank as detailed below (options for 30,000 or 40,000 litre tanks shown). The current tank location could accommodate either of these new tank once old bunding and tanks are removed and some rearrangements made. The location has also been approved by AW Safety as the most suitable location on site.

Benefits of a larger tank:

- Increased resilience for Board's Operations in the event of a fuel shortage
- More competitive quotes for larger volume fuel purchases
- Reduction in admin time in repeated small fuel orders



Current fuel tank



Proposed new type of tank

Tank Features:

- 240 volt pump (56 lpm)
- 4 metres delivery Hose
- Automatic Shut Off Nozzle
- K33 Mechanical Flow Meter
- Water and Particulate Filter
- Low Level Fill Point
- Lockable Roller Shutter Door
- Galvanised Mesh Flooring inside Cabinet
- Hydrostatic Contents Gauge

- Bunded Tank (outer tank holds a minimum of 110% of inner holding tank)
- Full Width Channel Runners to keep the tank off of the ground
- Quality Primer and Top Coat of Paint (Standard Colour Hollybush Green-14C39)
- 7 Year Manufacturers Warranty (T&C's apply)
- 1 Year Warranty on Pumping Equipment
- 5mm Thick Quality Steel

Tank Volume (litres)	Tank Dimensions	Cost
40,000	Length: 5.8m Width: 3.0m Height: 3.0m Weight: 6500kg	Tank £31,000 + VAT. Delivery £2,000 + VAT. Civils Work £7,000 Total £40,000
30,000	Length: 4.6m Width: 2.9m Height: 3.0m Weight: 5500kg	Tank £29,000 + VAT. Delivery £2,000 + VAT. Civils Work £5,000 Total £36,000

17.2 PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF 80M OF E27 INLEY DRAIN – WEST. W3W: depended.operation.sounding

It is proposed that the Board officially abandon maintenance activities on the 80m of watercourse shown green on the plan below. This is in effect a “tidying up of the books” exercise, as this length of watercourse has not been maintained by the Board for decades.



80m of watercourse for proposed abandonment shown in green

17.3 FITTING OF TURBINES ON PUMP OUTFALLS TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY

The Board have been approached by a company in the process of developing an electricity generating solution consisting of the installation of turbines at pump or sluice outfalls, whereby electricity is produced by the flow of water at these sites.

They have expressed an interest in using one of the Board's pumping stations as a trial site, and have asked if the Board would consider the principle of this. As these turbines are new to the market, they are eager to find a site that could be used to prove the technology to other potential purchasers, and are looking for a trial site where they would install the turbine free of charge, but would then receive 25% of the electricity savings made.

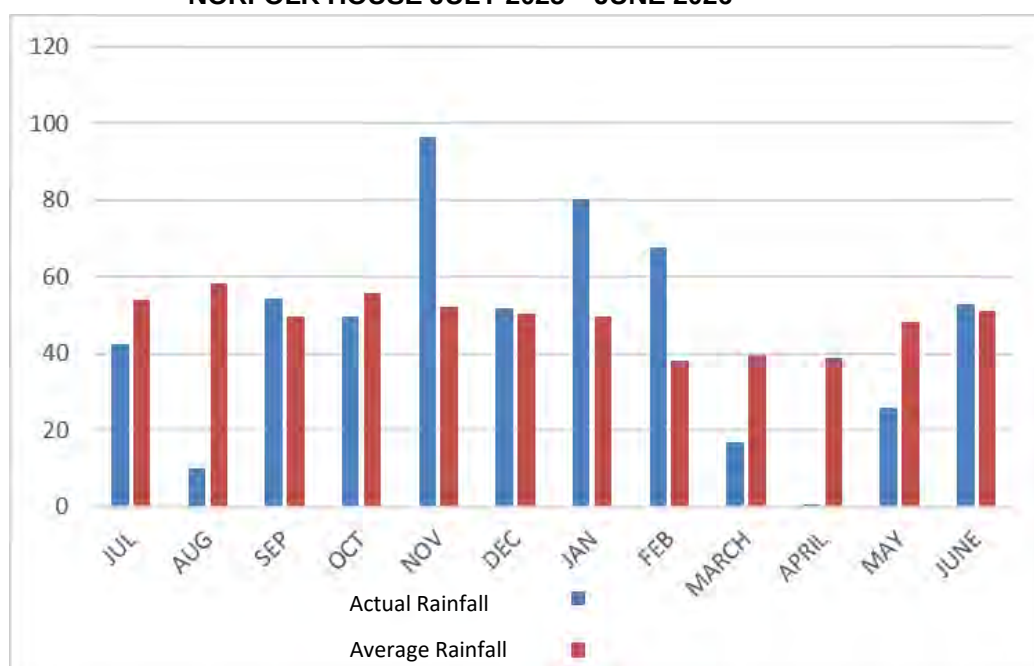
If the Board are interested in this proposal, it is suggested that further discussions be held with the company to discuss the technicalities, and to ensure there will be no detrimental affect on the operation of the pumping station and the rate of discharge that can be achieved.

18 RAINFALL

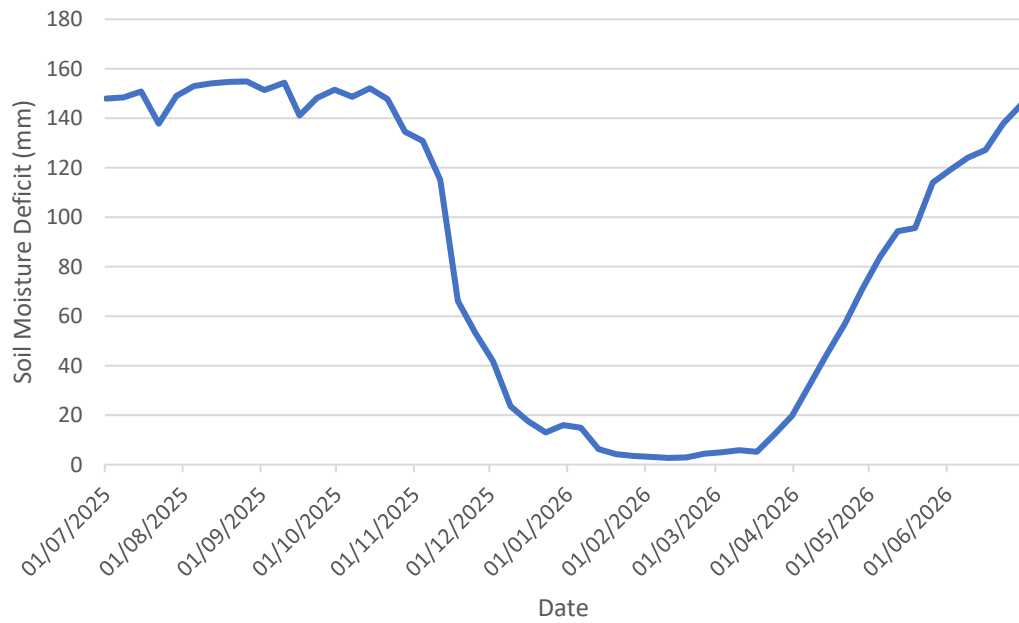
Rainfall statistics relating to stations in the Board's area for the months of April, May, and June are as follows: (recordings in mm)

LOCATION	APRIL		MAY		JUNE		NO OF YEARS RECORDS KEPT
	REC.	AV.	REC.	AV.	REC.	AV.	
Gedney Marsh – Norfolk House	0.5	38.8	25.7	48.0	52.7	51.0	66
Holbeach – Marsh Reeves	0.2	36.7	21.2	47.0	42.3	47.6	40

**ACTUAL AND AVERAGE MONTHLY RAINFALL READINGS (MM)
NORFOLK HOUSE JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026**



**SOIL MOISTURE DEFICIT (MM)
SOUTH HOLLAND IDB DISTRICT JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026**



KARL VINES
AREA MANAGER
17 July 2026

LEWIS TAYLOR
OPERATIONS ENGINEER

Catchment Services Report

1. REPORTING PERIOD AND PURPOSE

This report covers the reporting period 17 April to 15 July 2026. The report outlines core officer activity in the following workstreams, for the Board's information:

- Sustainable Development Team (Working with planning authorities, landowners, developers and National Infrastructure Projects to ensure new works do not increase flood risk or impact on the Board's operations)
- Environment Team (Ensuring the Board's works do not cause environmental harm, and enhancing biodiversity wherever possible).

The report also presents 3 items for the Board's consideration in accordance with the Board's Scheme of Delegation at sections 2.1, 2.2 and 7.1.

2. OPEN LAND DRAINAGE CONSENT APPLICATIONS

There are currently 47 consent applications being processed. The most common types of consent that the Board receive and determine in its regulatory capacity are set out in the table below alongside the current breakdown of cases.

<i>Application Type</i>	<i>Number</i>
Byelaw 3 (B3) – Discharge of Treated Foul Water (TFW):	6
Byelaw 3 (B3) – Discharge of Surface Water (SW):	6
Byelaw 4 (B4) / Section 23 (S23), LDA 1991 – Alteration of watercourse:	5
Byelaw 10 (B10)– Works within 9 m of a Board's maintained watercourse:	30
Total:	47

There are 2 applications requiring consideration by the Board in this report, listed below and detailed in section 2.1 and 2.2 of this report:

2.1. 26_35877_C: Section 23, LDA 1991 application at Main Road, Gedney Drove End
What3Words: Situation.Realm.Basin

An application has been received to infill approximately 270 metres of the Board owned arterial watercourse known as L01 Dawsmere (DRN202P0104).

The section of watercourse proposed to be infilled (shown in red in Figure 1) has substantial bank slippage. The applicant proposes to divert flows from the upstream private watercourse (shown in green in Figure 1) into an existing private watercourse (shown in yellow in Figure 1) located along the western field boundary. Two existing culverts within the riparian watercourse (marked by red crosses in Figure 1) will require upgrading as part of the proposed works. Flows have effectively been using this alternative route for the past two years due to the existing blockage within part of the Board's arterial watercourse caused by the bank failures.

As environmental mitigation and habitat enhancement, the applicant proposes the creation of a new wildlife pond approximately 600 metres downstream of L01 Dawsmere. The proposed pond created will be approximately 150m x 42m and provide a greater volumetric capacity than the section of watercourse proposed to be infilled. Before any works are carried out, the applicants will undertake appropriate environmental surveys and carry out any necessary mitigation measures identified.

Officer Recommendation: Officers recommend that this application is approved, subject to the Board's standard conditions and specifications.

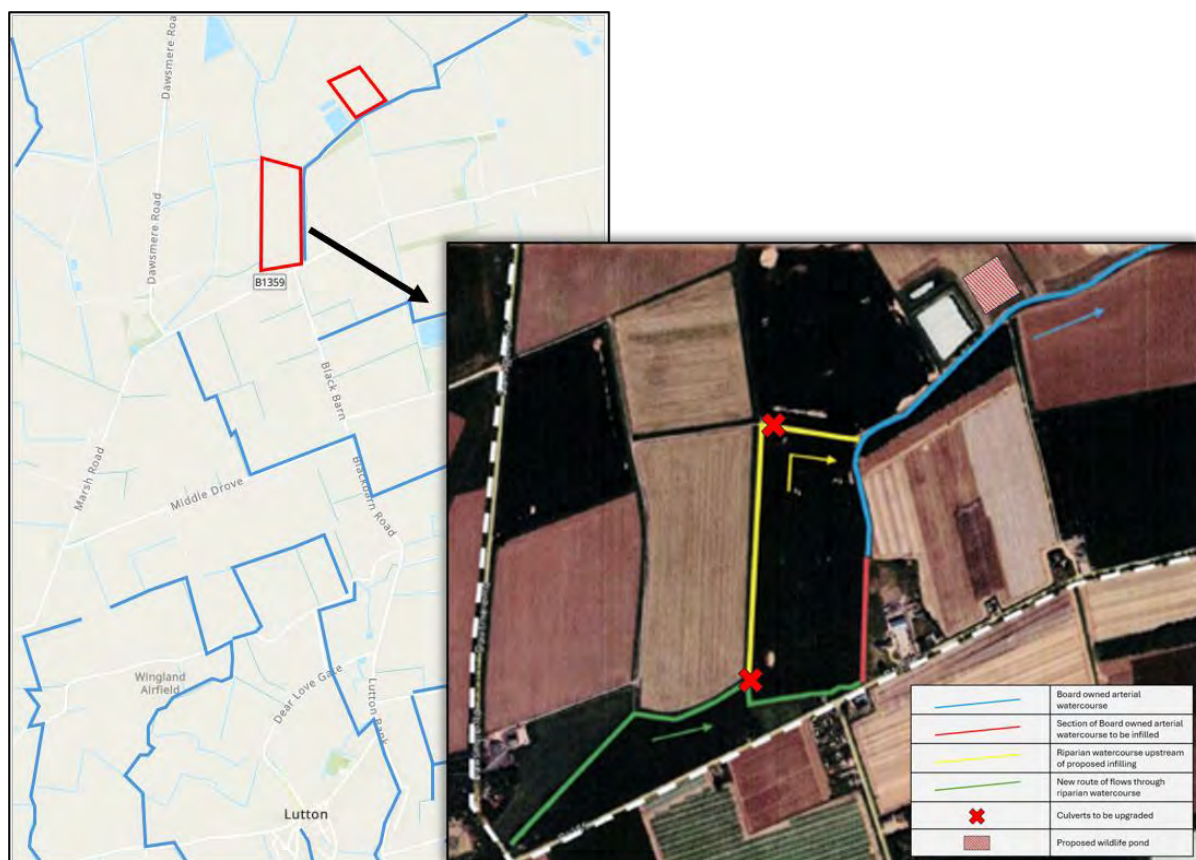


Figure 1: Site location along Main Road, Gedney Drove End

2.2. 26_36098_C / 26_36099_C: Byelaw 3 / 10 application at Delgate Bank, Weston
What3Words: hasten.irony.animate

An application has been received to discharge surface water (and associated outfall infrastructure) from an egg production unit into the Board owned arterial watercourse known as F47 Moulton Mere Drain - South (DRN197P4701) at a rate of 3.5 litres per second. The outline works proposed are shown in figure 2 and 3 below.

The application is required to be determined by the Board in accordance with the scheme of delegation due to the applicant being a current Board Member. The application was submitted to the Board the day the papers were due to be submitted for inclusion in the Board meeting pack, resultantly at the time of writing the application has not been considered in detail.

Officer Recommendation: Officers recommend that the Board delegates authority to consider and determine the applications at Delgate Bank, Weston (26_36098_C and 25_36099_C) to the Chief Executive's Management Committee.



Figure 2: Site location outlined in red.

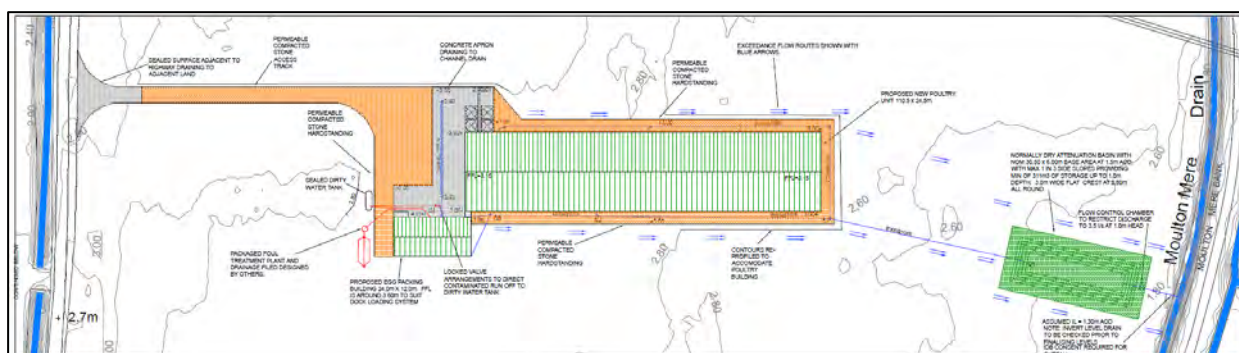


Figure 3: Site layout showing outfall into Board owned watercourse. Drawing provided by applicant: 881-002, May 26. NB: Board arterial watercourse labelled as 'Moulton Mere Drain' on drawing in error.

3. DETERMINED LAND DRAINAGE CONSENT APPLICATIONS

During this reporting period, the following 28 consents under the Land Drainage Act 1991 and Board's Byelaws have been determined by Officers in accordance with their delegated authority.

Case. Ref.	Case File Sub-type	Location / Site Name	Description of Application or Proposal	Outcome
24_27373_C	Section 23, LDA1991	Fen Road, PE12 8FE	Access culvert	Granted 14/05/2026
24_30003_C	Byelaw 10	Fen Road, PE12 8QA	Fencing and hard surfacing within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 02/07/2026
25_32211_C	Byelaw 10	Cob Gate, Whaplode, PE12 6TD	Gate within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 10/07/2026
25_33150_C	Byelaw 3 Surface Water	Barrier Bank, Cowbit, PE12 6AQ	Discharge of surface water from an impermeable area of 5770m ²	Granted 03/06/2026
26_34256_C	Byelaw 3 Surface Water	Fulney Lane North, Spalding, PE12 6EZ	Discharge of surface water from a commercial development	Granted 05/06/2026
26_34257_C	Byelaw 10		SW outfall within 9m of arterial watercourse	
26_34508_C	Byelaw 3 Treated Foul Water	Ravens Bank, Whaplode St Catherine, PE12 8RW	Discharge of treated foul water from a private dwelling	Granted 13/07/2026
	Byelaw 10			
26_34656_C	Byelaw 3 Surface Water	Old Main Road, Fleet Hargate, Spalding, PE12 8L	Discharge of surface water and treated foul water from a commercial development	Granted 06/05/2026
26_34657_C	Byelaw 3 Surface Water		Outfalls within 9m of arterial watercourse	
26_34658_C	Byelaw 3 Treated Foul Water			
26_34714_C	Byelaw 3 Treated Foul Water	Hallgate, Gedney, PE12 0AH	Discharge of treated foul water from a private dwelling	Granted 12/05/2026
26_35095_C	Byelaw 10	Whaplode Drove, Spalding, PE12 0SP	Land tiles within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 21/04/2026

Case. Ref.	Case File Sub-type	Location / Site Name	Description of Application or Proposal	Outcome
26_35266_C	Byelaw 10	Whaplode, PE12 6TF	Fencing, temporary structures and hard surfacing within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 05/06/2026
26_35280_C 26_35285_C 26_35286_C 26_35287_C 26_35288_C 26_35289_C 26_35290_C 26_35291_C 26_35292_C 26_35293_C 26_35294_C 26_35295_C 26_35296_C 26_35297_C	Byelaw 10	North Road, Gedney Hill, PE12 0NL	Water Mains Renewal Scheme within 9m of arterial watercourses	Granted 19/06/2026
26_35434_C	Byelaw 10	Woad Lane, Long Sutton, PE12 9EW	Fencing and hedging within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 09/07/2026

4. LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY (LPA) ENGAGEMENT

Officers have provided responses to 63 applications that are either in or could impact on the Board's Internal Drainage District. 5 of these applications are for major development and are summarised below;

Planning App. Ref.	Location / Site Name	Description
H16-0692-25	Holbeach Road, Spalding	Commercial Development
H09-0243-26	Damgate, Holbeach	Residential Development (188 Dwellings)
H16-0364-26	Barrier Bank, Spalding,	Commercial Development
H22-0466-26	Moulton Seas End, Spalding	Infrastructure
H23-0536-26	Stockwell Gate, Whaplode	Residential Development (42 Dwellings)

5. DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

There have been 6 development contribution fees invoiced or paid during the reporting period. These fees are detailed below;

Case ref(s)	Date invoiced	Amount (no VAT)	Date Paid
26_34451_C (SW)	21.04.2026	£ 1,421.00	05.06.2026
26_34658_C (SW)	07.05.2026	£ 960.00	11.05.2026
25_33150_C (SW)	08.06.2026	£ 18,694.80	12.06.2026
26_34256_C (SW)	08.06.2026	£ 9,339.13	03.07.2026
26_34657_C (TFW)	07.05.2026	£ 220.05	11.05.2026
26_34714_C (TFW)	13.05.2026	£ 192.00	27.05.2026

6. NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Officers continue to engage with the following Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, most of which are at the pre-application stage of applying to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order (DCO):

Project	Planning Status	Board Update
National Grid Eastern Green Link 3 & 4 (Electricity Transmission)	Pre-application	Very significant project for SHIDB: 155 watercourse crossings planned for underground cables and temporary haul road, including 50 over/under Board-maintained drains. Ongoing liaison on technical aspects (drainage, flood risk, watercourse crossing methodology / locations), cost recovery (agreement in progress) and estates matters (land ownership, survey access, pending separate cost recovery agreement). Legal aspects currently under discussion (disapplication of Land Drainage Act, and replacement with Protective Provisions for drainage authorities). DCO application expected September 2026.
National Grid Grimsby to Walpole (Electricity Transmission)	Pre-application	Another significant project for SHIDB: 64 temporary watercourse crossings for access road for installation of new 400kV power lines, and two new substations at Weston Marsh. Objection submitted to local planning authority for initial substation plans (clarification sought re. potential conflict between gas pipeline and realigned drain, and re. surface water drainage). Officers liaising closely with

developer in relation to technical aspects (drainage, flood risk, watercourse crossing methodology / locations), environmental mitigation, legal aspects (consenting process), cost recovery and estates matters (land ownership, survey access).
DCO application expected June 2027.

Ossian Offshore Wind
(Windfarm / Electricity
Transmission)

Pre-application

Project's Lincolnshire works have been paused until further notice. Project engaging with regards to cost recovery for time spent to date. DCO application date is uncertain. If approved, project will require small number of land drainage consents within SHIDB.

Meridian Solar
(Solar Farm / Electricity
Transmission)

Pre-examination

Significant project for SHIDD: Solar panels, connecting cable infrastructure (overhead and underground), battery energy storage system and substation planned for SHIDD. Approx. 100 watercourse crossings will require Board consent. Concerns highlighted to Planning Inspectorate re. lack of engagement by developer to discuss matters raised by SHIDB. Issues to resolve include estates matters (survey access over Board land, heads of terms for works affecting Board-owned drains), cable safety clearances and quantity / location / type of watercourse crossings. External agent appointed to progress Heads of Terms for easements on Board owned watercourses. Legal agent appointed to negotiate Protective Provisions. Cost recovery discussion ongoing. DCO application accepted by Planning Inspectorate in April 2026.

Outer Dowsing
Offshore Wind
(Windfarm / Electricity
Transmission)

Post-decision

Development Consent was awarded in February 2026. Protective provisions and cost recovery agreements in place. Development boundary affects small part of Internal Drainage District. Small number of land drainage consents will be required to enable construction.

Weston Marsh to East
Leicestershire
(Electricity
Transmission)

Pre-application

Small part of proposal within SHIDD; <1km overhead 400kV cables / pylons between Weston Marsh substation and River Welland. Cost recovery to be agreed and legal aspects to be considered as proposals are developed. DCO application expected Spring 2028.

7. SHIDB CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The South Holland IDB Conservation Committee meeting was held on 14 July 2026. The outcomes and minutes of this meeting will be considered earlier in the agenda.

7.1. BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN (BAP) REVIEW: 2026-2031

A review of the Boards current SHIDB Biodiversity Action Plan document has been undertaken in 2026 in order to produce an updated BAP document which outlines habitats and species actions to be delivered between 2026 - 2031. The document has been considered in light of the current draft Greater Lincolnshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), but updates will be required to the BAP document once the final LNRS has been approved and adopted for use in June/July 2026.

The SHIDB have implemented the current BAP successfully over the last 5 years and achieved many actions. The review has assessed any outstanding actions to ensure their feasibility, whilst highlighting and considering any new species or habitats within the district for inclusion within the document.

The **final BAP Document** can be viewed [here](#) which was presented to and recommended for adoption at this meeting by members of the South Holland IDB Conservation Committee meeting on 14th July 2026.

Officer Recommendation: Officers recommend that the Board adopts the new BAP document 2026-2031.

8. OPERATIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL INPUT

Scoping visits / surveys were undertaken on the following drains by the Environment Team and SHIDB operations team, ahead of maintenance:

Location / Works	Date(s):
Water vole monitoring surveys - Hurnfields, Moulton Chapel, Moulton River, Hundred Lane, Dairy House & Clay Lake	23/04/2026
Water vole monitoring surveys - Moulton Mere & Fleet Haven	30/04/2026
Moulton Mere water vole monitoring survey & pre-mudding surveys (P42 Penny Hill, P40 Oundle Vicarage & P61 Woodhouse)	14/05/2026
Middle Marsh drain survey & laying reptile mats at Lundy's Farm	21/05/2026
Pre-mudding surveys (P01 Battlefields Drain & F42 Little Holland Drain)	04/06/2026
Reptile mat checks at Lundy's Farm & Pre-mudding surveys (G05 Childers Gate Drain, G10 Ropers Lane Drain)	11/06/2026

Location / Works	Date(s):
South Holland main drain survey (Orchids, Otter holt, Sand martin wall, Spiney Mason Wasp)	16/06/2026
Annual Barn Owl box checks	18/06/2026
SHIDB Invasive Non-Native Species Survey	25/06/2026
Pre-mudding surveys (G01 Baulkins Drove Drain, G02 Baulkins Drove Drain Branch, G07 East Hog Drove Drain, G09 Horsemoor Drove Drain, G11 Sutton St James Drain, G12 Taylors Drain, G13 Taylors Drain Connection, G14 Wooden Bridge Drain)	09/07/2026
Reptile mat checks at Lundy's Farm & Pre-mudding surveys (G03 Chapelgate West Drain, G04 Chapelgate East Drain, G06 Childersgate Drain Branch, G08 Ellis Dyke, G11 Sutton St James Drain)	15/07/2026

The following assessments, assents or licences have been undertaken, granted or applied for within the reporting period:

Description	Location / Works	Date:	Outcome:
D1 Waste Exemption	SHIDB Operational Area	08/06/2026	Registered for the next 3 years
D7 Waste Exemption	Sutton Bridge Sluice	26/06/2026	Registered for the next 3 years

8.1. ENVIRONMENTAL NON-COMPLIANCE

Nothing to report within this period.

9. BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

9.1. WATERLIFE RECOVERY TRUST (WRT)

The aim of the WRT charity is to eradicate mink throughout Great Britain via a partnership approach from many organisations. The WRT today sees partner organisations and volunteers trapping mink and seeing native wildlife rebound from Yorkshire through to Sussex, with more counties to likely sign up. The Environmental Manager continues to sit on this steering group to represent WMA interests.

The latest WRT steering group meeting was held and attended on the 24 April 2026. Edition 15 of the WRT newsletter produced for July 2026 provides some interesting information, updates on the project and its progress and can be found [here](#).

9.2. SHIDB MINK CONTROL PROGRAMME

No Mink were caught in the SHIDB catchment during this period. 18 traps continue to work in the SHIDB area which are attended to by a WRT Officer when required.

The WRT officer who oversees the South Holland IDB traps has reported that *'The south of Lincolnshire (below Grantham) now has relatively low numbers of mink, with only two mink captures recorded this year. However, it is very important that these traps remain well-lured and fully operational to ensure eradication is achieved. So far, we have not yet seen the juvenile dispersal period, which typically brings our highest catch rates of the year, so it will be interesting to see whether any captures occur during this time.'*

9.3. OWL / KESTREL BOXES

The 2026 owl / kestrel box survey was undertaken on the 18 June 2026 by the Wildlife Conservation Partnership and IDB officers. A total of 18 out of 22 Barn Owl boxes were surveyed, plus 1 Little Owl Box. The Wildlife Conservation Partnership had already surveyed the remaining three Barn Owl boxes prior.

The results of the survey showed a mixed picture for barn owls, with generally good occupancy but small broods. It was a successful day with over 20 individual birds of prey ringed. Unfortunately, the Little Owl box had only 3 x hollow eggs which could be due to possible infertility. The results of the survey were:

- Kestrel – 10 chicks + 2 eggs, 3 adults
- Barn Owl – 22 chicks + 1 failed egg, 8 adults
- Jackdaw – 3 adults
- Stock Dove – 3 eggs

The WCP have informed us that we are expecting quite a few second broods this year as prey availability has increased. The full report for the 2026 survey will be produced by the Wildlife Conservation Partnership.



Figure 4: Surveyed Barn Owl chicks ¹, Barn Owl ², Kestrel ³ and Kestrel Chicks ⁴.

9.4. SOUTH HOLLAND MAIN DRAIN HLS – BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The most recent walkover botanical survey was undertaken by Helen Scarborough on 07 July 2025 on the South Holland Main drain. Further botanical surveys along the South Holland Main drain are scheduled to be undertaken by Helen Scarborough and Environment Officers in July and August 2026. The survey outcomes will be reported at the 2027 Conservation Committee meeting.

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**CATHRYN BRADY
HEAD OF CATCHMENT SERVICES
JULY 2026**

SOUTH HOLLAND IDB

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Payment Date To : 30/06/2026

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AB0001	AbbeyPrint Ltd	Banner	207.60
AD0101	ADC (East Anglia) Ltd	Culvert Jetting Services	9,555.00
AR0141	Arco Ltd	PPE/Small Tools/Consumables	707.46
AY0101	Mr B Ayres	Building Supplies	558.00
BA0001	Barrett Steel Ltd T/A Newark Steel	Steel	11,297.88
BB0001	B&B Machinery	Trailer	4,092.00
BG0001	604233476 - British Gas PS01	PS Electricity	4,723.13
BG0002	604233475 - British Gas PS02	PS Electricity	2,361.16
BG0003	603967041 - British Gas PS03	PS Electricity	2,874.56
BG0004	604233477 - British Gas PS04	PS Electricity	2,779.62
BG0005	604233478 - British Gas PS05	PS Electricity	1,542.32
BG0006	604232653 - British Gas PS06	PS Electricity	7,573.82
BG0007	604233479 - British Gas PS07	PS Electricity	1,379.96
BG0009	604233089 - British Gas PS09	PS Electricity	5,652.93
BG0011	604233406 - British Gas PS11	PS Electricity	1,426.37
BG0012	604233404 - British Gas PS12	PS Electricity	381.20
BG0013	604233405 - British Gas PS13	PS Electricity	1,569.29
BG0014	604233403 - British Gas PS14	PS Electricity	440.75
BG0015	604233407 - British Gas PS15	PS Electricity	232.71
BG0016	604233090 - British Gas PS16	PS Electricity	7,689.77
BG0017	604233312 - British Gas PS17	PS Electricity	58.09
BG0018	604233313 - British Gas	PS Electricity	6,432.45
BG0020	604233314 - British Gas TS08	PS Electricity	104.43
BL0002	Black Sluice IDB	Capital Works	2,000.00
BO0003	Bosmans Water Management	Capital Works	119,096.28
BO0205	BOC Ltd	Oxygen/Acetylene	219.17
BO0210	Boston Borough Council	Fly Tipping Contribution	4,347.06
BR0200	Breedon Trading Ltd	Aggregates	4,634.98
BR0201	British Gas Electricity	PS Electricity	2,975.24
BR0203	Breheny Civil Engineering	Capital Works	559,395.97
BR0211	BT Payment Services Ltd	Telephone Bill	2,237.76
BU0205	B A Bush & Son Ltd	Tyres/Repairs	2,475.58
CA0302	Fred Campling & Sons	Excavator Transport	2,664.00
CA0306	The Canadian Fencing Company	Fencing	234.00
CH0301	Chisletts (Spalding) Ltd	Plant Hire/Parts	360.00
CH0303	Chandlers (Farm Equipment) Ltd	PPE/Service/Small Tools	1,258.06
CO0002	T Collin	Vermin Control	1,711.51
CR0001	Crowland Cranes Ltd	Crane Hire	11,400.00
DR0403	Drayton Welding & Tool	Welding Equipment	186.84
DV0001	DVLA	Vehicle Tax	1,602.00
EDF001	EDF Energy Customers Ltd - PS01	PS Electricity	4,134.68
EDF002	EDF Energy Customers Ltd - PS02	PS Electricity	2,125.00

SOUTH HOLLAND IDB

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EDF006	EDF Energy Customers Ltd - PS06	PS Electricity	4,720.42
EDF009	EDF Energy Customers Ltd - PS09	PS Electricity	4,659.43
EDF011	EDF Energy Customers Ltd - PS11	PS Electricity	525.28
EDF012	EDF Energy Customers Ltd - PS12	PS Electricity	310.93
EDF015	EDF Energy Customers Ltd - PS15	PS Electricity	417.19
EDF016	EDF Energy Customers Ltd - PS16	PS Electricity	9,810.47
EDF017	EDF Energy Customers Ltd - PS17	PS Electricity	94.41
EDF018	EDF Energy Customers Ltd - O&W	PS Electricity	6,781.53
EDF019	EDF Energy Customers Ltd - TS08	PS Electricity	118.63
EE0001	EE	Sims	873.22
EN0528	Environment Agency	Precept	73,195.69
EO0502	EOC Services Ltd	Air Conditioning Maintenance	96.00
EV0001	Eversheds Sutherland	Garden Licence Agreements	3,000.00
FI0002	Finning (UK) Ltd	Parts/Service	492.59
FR0001	Frazer	Materials	25,151.13
GL0001	GlenFarrow	Parts	83.04
GM0101	GMB National Administration Unit	Union Subscriptions	227.70
HA0807	T C Harrison Ford	SERVICE & MOT	1,035.49
HA0826	Hargrave Agriculture Ltd	Assorted Components/PPE	1,762.02
HI0802	R J H Supplies Ltd	Assorted Components/PPE	701.66
HI0804	Hix & Son	Valuation of Land	1,014.00
HO0810	Hortech Cleaning LLP	Parts	571.90
HU0002	Hub Rural	Professional Advice	900.00
IN0901	Inland Revenue	PAYE/N.I	33,475.01
JA0003	Jackson	Capital Works	390,292.59
JE1001	Jewson	Parts	5.90
JI0002	Jim Wright Engineering Ltd	Parts	147.60
JK1001	JKH Drainage Units Ltd	Dyketectors	2,748.00
KI1103	Kirby & Wells Ltd	Parts	28.05
LA0004	Landmark Trading	Materials	142.19
LE1201	Lee Dickens	Capital Works	8,318.40
LI0001	Listers Toyota Boston	MOT/Services	3,184.56
LI0006	Lincoln College	Training Course Fees	1,286.50
LI1213	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Service Level Agreement	327.82
LW0001	LWOL Ltd	Waste Oil Collection	48.00
MA1309	Mastenbroek Ltd	Various Parts	53,385.41
MI0001	Millbeck Communications	Comms for Solar Panels	34.20
MI0003	Mill Tyres	Tyres	1,573.20
O20001	O2 UK Limited	Mobile Phones	591.13
ON0001	OnSite Central Ltd	Capital Works	178,947.26

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PE0001	Perfect Circle JV Ltd	Capital Works	38,999.23
PE1631	Pearson Hydraulics Ltd	Hydraulic Parts	638.27
PR1668	Prudential Local Government AVC	AVC	236.02
RE0002	Regency Power Generation Limited	Capital Works	11,880.00
RI0001	Rix Petroleum (Spalding) Ltd	Fuel	19,276.81
SH0003	Shay Murtagh	Capital Works	81,720.00
SH1901	SHOC Consultancy Ltd	Training	357.72
SM1930	Smiths Electrical Ltd	PS Standby/Call Out	1,872.00
SO0001	Hoben International Ltd T/A	Soluform/Pins	19,419.26
SO1906	South Holland District Council	Rates	10,160.53
SO1907	South Holland IDB	Drainage Rates	4.65
SO1940	South Lincs Plant Hire & Sales Ltd	Plant Hire	3,786.00
SR0001	S.R.P. Hire Solutions Ltd	Welfare Unit Hire	732.00
TB2001	TBC Ltd	Engineering Supplies	1,494.25
TH1001	P J Thory Ltd	Aggregates	40,264.44
TM2001	TMC Lifting & Engineering Supplies	Parts	119.33
TO2032	Tonwood Home Hardware	Parts	19.99
TR2003	The Training Association (WEST)	Training	3,846.00
UN0001	Universal Safety	Life Jacket Servicing	163.08
VE0101	Veolia ES (UK) plc	Rubbish Collection	955.66
VO2201	SMT GB Ltd	Services/Parts	10,810.30
WA2302	Walton Loo Hire	Loo Hire	2,112.00
WA2310	Watling JCB Ltd	Parts	552.00
WA2345	Water Management Alliance	Staff Recharges/Onebill	49,319.34
WC2301	WCF Chandlers	Fuel	14,460.34
WE2330	West End Garage	Fuel	79.30
WI0002	Witham Group	Oil	306.00
WI2306	T Wilkinson	Vermin Control	2,334.60
WO2310	D W Woods Landscaping Ltd	Vegetation Clearance/Recharge	71,206.18
WY0001	West Yorkshire Pension Fund	Superannuation/Pension Deficit	105,652.82
XY0001	Xylem Analytics UK Ltd	Parts	2,820.00

Please note that the amounts shown above include Vat **£2,107,186.18**

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Notes	Income and Expenditure	Y-T-D BUDGET £	Y-T-D ACTUAL £	Y-T-D VARIANCE £	ANNUAL BUDGET £	PROJECTED OUT-TURN £	PROJECTED VARIANCE £
	<u>Income</u>						
	Occupiers Drainage Rates	1,589,285	1,589,285	0	1,589,285	1,589,285	0
1.	Special Levies Issued by the Board	1,939,156	1,939,156	0	1,939,156	1,939,156	0
	Grants Applied	143,750	138,618	-5,132	1,815,000	1,815,000	0
	Tranche Funding Income Applied	0	-53,847	-53,847	0	0	0
	Rental Income	102	102	0	1,223	1,223	0
	Income from Rechargeable Works	750	8,999	8,249	3,000	3,000	0
	Investment Interest	11,500	10,574	-926	158,000	158,000	0
2i.	Other Income	57,100	60,050	2,950	303,439	303,439	0
	Total Income	£3,741,643	£3,692,936	-£48,706	£5,809,103	£5,809,103	£0
	<u>Less Expenditure</u>						
4.	Capital Works	189,328	186,589	2,739	2,317,312	2,317,312	0
	Tranche Funding Expenditure	0	-42,749	42,749	0	0	0
	Environment Agency Precept	150,210	145,835	4,375	150,210	150,210	0
5.	Maintenance Works	553,947	544,947	9,000	2,688,821	2,688,821	0
6.	Administration Charges	233,177	210,293	22,883	652,635	652,635	0
	Cost of Rechargeable Works	0	4,690	-4,690	0	0	0
3.	Net Deficit/(Surplus) on Operating Accounts	0	3,969	-3,969	0	0	0
	Total Expenditure	£1,126,662	£1,053,574	£73,087	£5,808,978	£5,808,978	£0
	Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
7.	Net Surplus/(Deficit)	£2,614,981	£2,639,362	£24,381	£125	£125	£0

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Notes	Balance Sheet as at 30-6-2026	Opening Balance £	Movement This Year £	Closing Balance £
8. Fixed Assets				
Land and Buildings		476,109	-419	475,691
Plant and Equipment		857,056	-32,055	825,002
Office and RT Equipment		0	0	0
Pumping Stations		0	0	0
		1,333,166	-32,474	1,300,692
Current Assets				
9. Bank Account		357,055	-8,929	348,126
Stock		13,261	-2,228	11,033
10. Trade Debtors		3,844	-1,113	2,731
11. Work in Progress		0	88,054	88,054
Staff Health Insurance		0	0	0
12. Term Deposits		6,250,000	250,000	6,500,000
13. Drainage Rates and Special Levies Due		2,638	1,278,892	1,281,530
Prepayments		0	0	0
Prepayments/(Due) to WMA		120,879	-120,972	-93
Accrued Interest		0	0	0
VAT Due		387,545	-257,142	130,403
14. Grants Due		225,349	-225,349	0
		7,360,572	1,001,212	8,361,784
Less Current Liabilities				
Trade Creditors		1,285,071	-1,137,663	147,408
Accruals		751,618	-191,261	560,357
Payroll Controls		0	0	0
Payments Received in Advance		15,429	-14,429	1,000
		2,052,118	-1,343,352	708,766
Net Current Assets		5,308,454	2,344,564	7,653,019
Less Long Term Liabilities				
22. Pension Liability		3,363,000	0	3,363,000
Net Assets		£3,278,620	£2,312,091	£5,590,711
Reserves				
Earmarked				
15. General Reserve		1,126,171	2,639,362	3,765,533
16. Development Reserve		1,199,666	0	1,199,666
17. Plant Reserve		1,742,911	0	1,742,911
18. Capital Works Reserve		1,544,936	0	1,544,936
20. Grants Reserve		340,091	-54,140	285,951
Grant Reserve Tranche 1 + 2		273,132	-273,132	0
		6,226,907	2,312,091	8,538,998
Non-Distributable				
19. Revaluation Reserve		414,713	0	414,713
21. Pension Reserve		-3,363,000	0	-3,363,000
		-2,948,287	0	-2,948,287
Total Reserves		£3,278,620	£2,312,091	£5,590,711

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Note Notes to the Accounts

1. Special Levies collected from constituent Billing Authorities were as follows:

	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Actual
South Holland District Council	1,937,808	1,937,808
Boston Borough Council	1,348	1,348
	1,939,156	1,939,156

- 2i. Other Income is made up as follows:

	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Actual
Shared Income from WMA	57,100	60,050
Sundry Income	0	0
Summons Costs	0	0
	57,100	60,050

3. The Net Operating Deficit/(Surplus) for this year is made up as follows:

	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Actual
Labour Operations Account	0	1,778
Mobile Plant Operations Account	0	2,191
	0	3,969

Detailed operating surpluses/(deficits) for the Labour Operations Account and each item of mobile plant are shown in the Labour Operations and Mobile Plant Operations Reports, which can be made available to members on request.

4. The gross cost of each capital scheme is approved by the Board annually and detailed on the schedule of capital works as managed by the Area Manager, which can be made available to members on request. The Grants Due/(Unapplied) also correspond with the figures shown on the Balance Sheet. The Plant and Development Committee scrutinise this Report every year.
5. The detailed maintenance operations in each sub catchment is approved by the Board annually and shown on the schedule of maintenance works as controlled by the Operations Manager, which can be made available to members on request. Expenditure is summarised as follows:

	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Actual
Labour Charges	133,538	133,120
Plant Charges	66,973	65,773
Out-sourced Work	36,391	36,080
Materials	28,645	26,772
Electricity	32,250	31,452
Telemetry	105	93
Insurance	0	0
Contingency	389	0
Compensation	145,500	145,485
Direct Works	443,788	438,774
Technical Support Staff Costs	94,038	93,198
Other Technical Support Costs	12,551	10,562
Biodiversity Action Plan Costs	3,569	2,412
Maintenance Works	553,947	544,947

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- 6(i). Administration charges reflect the Board's share of consortium expenditure (excluding the technical support costs, which are included in the maintenance works expenditure). Detailed expenditure is monitored by the Consortium Management Committee and the Board every three months:

	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Actual</u>
Administration Staff Costs	38,607	36,713
Other Administration Costs	95,093	90,549
Depreciation - Marsh Reeves Refurbishment	3,226	419
Drainage Rates AV (Increases)/Decreases	12,000	-90
Sundry Expenses	0	48
Pension Deficit Recovery Payments	65,750	65,747
Sundry Debtors Written Off	0	0
Settlement Discount Taken	18,500	16,907
	233,177	210,293

- 6(ii). **Consortium Charges**

	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Actual</u>
Expenses		
Technical Support Staff (note 5)	94,038	93,198
Other Technical Support (note 5)	12,551	10,562
Administration Staff Costs (note 6i)	38,607	36,713
Other Administration Costs (Note 6i)	95,093	90,549
Less: Shared Income from the WMA (note 2i)	-57,100	-60,050
Net Consortium Charge	183,190	170,972

7. At the time of preparing the Estimates for 2026/27, the Board planned to finance the estimated net deficit as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>
Transfer from the Capital Works Reserve	0
Transfer from the Development Reserve	0
Transfer from the Plant Reserve	0
Transfer from the Partnership Working Reserve	0
Reducing/(Inc.) the Balance of the General Reserve	125
(=) Original Estimated Net Deficit	125
(-) FDGiA Subsequently Awarded by EA	
(=) Estimated Net Deficit	125

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Pumping Stations	Land and Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Total
Cost				
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2026	156,750	931,257	2,463,361	3,551,368
(+) Additions	0	0	14,600	14,600
(-) Disposals	0	0	0	0
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2026	156,750	931,257	2,477,961	3,565,968
Depreciation				
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2026	156,750	455,147	1,606,305	2,218,202
(+) Depreciation Charge for Year	0	419	46,655	47,074
(-) Accumulated Depreciation Written Out on Disposal	0	0	0	0
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2026	156,750	455,566	1,652,959	2,265,275
Net Book Value at 1-4-2026	0	476,109	857,056	1,333,166
Net Book Value at 30-6-2026	0	475,691	825,002	1,300,692

Full details of all movements during this year are recorded in the Board's Fixed Asset Register, which is available on request.

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9. Additional sums are now being invested on the short term money market to maximise the return on the working balances, in accordance with the Board's Investment Policy. The Bank Current Account is reconciled as follows:

	2025/26	2026/27
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2026	255,699	357,055.38
Receipts	11,807,219	3,863,660
Payments	-11,705,862	-3,872,589
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2026	357,055	348,126
Balance on Statement as at 30-6-2026	355,865	348,120
Less: Unpresented Payments	0	0
Add: Unpresented Receipts	1,191	6
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2026	357,055	348,126

10. The Aged Debtor profile is currently as follows:

Debt period	Amount	Number of Debtors
<=30 days	1,510	3
>30 days and <=60 days	0	0
>60 days and <=90 days	0	0
>90 days	1,222	3
	2,731	6
>90 days	Amount	Inv. Date Originator
CL0001	34	04/03/2026 Works Manager
DA0006	1,138	25/03/2026 Works Manager - Voluntary Administration
EL0001	50	03/03/2026 Works Manager
	1,222	

11. Work in Progress (WIP) is currently made up of the following jobs:

Customer	Amount
RINS0001 - Insurance	7,453
REA0003 - EA Grass Cuts	80,600
	88,054

12. Term Deposits are currently as follows:

Financial Institution	Capital	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
Newbury Building Society	500,000	13/03/2026	30/07/2026	3.60%
Melton Mowbray Building Society	250,000	14/04/2026	13/08/2026	4.05%
Progressive Building Society	250,000	14/05/2026	13/08/2026	3.75%
Newcastle Building Society	250,000	18/12/2025	14/09/2026	4.00%
Nottingham Building Society	500,000	29/05/2026	29/09/2026	3.86%
Furness Building Society	500,000	26/02/2026	14/10/2026	3.85%
National Counties Building Society	500,000	14/05/2026	12/11/2026	4.01%
Vernon Building Society	500,000	18/12/2025	17/12/2026	3.72%
Melton Mowbray Building Society	500,000	14/01/2026	13/01/2027	3.75%
Progressive Building Society	500,000	14/01/2026	13/01/2027	3.90%
Furness Building Society	500,000	12/02/2026	12/02/2027	3.90%
West Bromwich Building Society	500,000	30/03/2026	30/03/2027	4.10%
Nottingham Building Society	500,000	30/03/2026	30/03/2027	4.10%
Newbury Building Society	500,000	12/06/2026	11/06/2027	4.15%
Melton Mowbray Building Society	250,000	12/06/2026	14/07/2026	3.75%
	6,500,000			

13. Special Levies are paid by Constituent Councils in two halves due on 1 May and 1 November every year. There are currently 297 Ratepayers that have not paid their Drainage Rates for 2026/27, as compared to 281 Ratepayers this time last year. Summarised transactions for Drainage Rates and Special Levies during the year are as follows:

	2025/26	2026/27
Arrears b/fwd	9,483	2,638
Drainage Rates for the Year	1,521,236	1,589,335
Special Levies for the Year	1,853,672	1,939,433
New Assessments	3,796	9,929
Value Decreases	-31,717	-30,384
Value Increases	28,093	20,749
Payments Received	-3,239,659	-2,177,242
Settlement Discount	-18,056	-19,013
Returned/(Represented) Amounts	6,142	82,127
Paid Refund	4,522	1,869
Summons Collection Costs	4,350	0
Irrecoverables and Write Offs	-2,445	-173
Sundry Adjustments	0	0
Compensation	-136,702	-139,486
Special Levy Adjustment	0	-270
Drainage Rate Adjustment	144	-88
Settlement Discount Written Off	-222	2,106
Arrears c/fwd	2,638	1,281,530

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Note	Notes to the Accounts			
14.	Grants Due on the following schemes			
		2025/26	2026/27	
	SCH91 - Exeter Drain North Pipeline & Open Channel Refurb WORKS	135,522	0	
	SCH104 - AT2B-007 Wheatmere Culvert Replacement	89,827	0	
		225,349	0	
15.	Movements on the General Reserve are made up as follows:			
		2025/26	2026/27	
	Opening Balance as at 1-4-2026	1,095,898	1,126,171	
	Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	850,160	2,639,362	
	Net Transfer (to)/from Capital Works Reserve	-613,704	0	
	Net Contributions Transferred (to)/from Development Reserve	-206,183	0	
	Transfer Balance(to)/from Plant Reserve	0	0	
	Closing Balance as at 30-6-2026	1,126,171	3,765,533	
16.	Movements on the Development Reserve are made up as follows:			
		2025/26	2026/27	
	Opening Balance as at 1-4-2026	993,483	1,199,666	
	Net Contributions Transferred from General Reserve	206,183	0	
	Closing Balance as at 30-6-2026	1,199,666	1,199,666	
17.	Movements on the Plant Reserve are made up as follows:			
		2025/26	2026/27	
	Opening Balance as at 1-4-2026	1,742,911	1,742,911	
	Net Contributions Transferred from General Reserve	0	0	
	Closing Balance as at 30-6-2026	1,742,911	1,742,911	
18.	The Capital Works Reserve is currently made up as follows:			
		2025/26	Tfr from/(to) Gen. Reserve	2026/27
N/A	Unallocated, available for partnership working	200,000	0	200,000
SCH18	Telemetry	71,557	0	71,557
ASSORT.	Catchment Modelling + Minor Capital Works	138,300	0	138,300
SCH80	Holbeach Drainage Study	30,916	0	30,916
SCH83	South Holland Main Drain Study	90,548	0	90,548
SCH91	Exeter Drain North Matmore Gate Pipeline Refurbishment	717,955	0	717,955
	Bridge/Culverts	175,660	0	175,660
	Low Fulney Drainage Works	50,000	0	50,000
	Allenbys Chase Drainage Scheme	70,000	0	70,000
		1,544,936	0	1,544,936
19.	Movements on the Revaluation Reserve are made up as follows:			
		2026/27		
	Opening Balance as at 1-4-2026	414,713		
	Less:			
	Pumping Station Depreciation	0		
	Closing Balance as at 30-6-2026	414,713		

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20. Movements on the Capital Works Grants Reserve are made up as follows:

	<u>2026/27</u>
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2026	204,569
Add: Grant Received	220,000
Less: Grant Applied	<u>-138,618</u>
	<u>285,951</u>
Add: Grant Due	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2026	<u>285,951</u>

	<u>2025/26</u>	<u>2026/27</u>
SCH69 Lords Pumping Station Refurbishment	16,383	16,383
SCH78 Lutton Leam Outfall Sluice Refurbishment Study	1,650	1,650
SCH80 Holbeach Drainage Study	41,297	41,297
SCH83 South Holland Main Drain Study	54,201	54,201
SCH84 Wragg Marsh Culvert Repair	8,279	8,279
SCH89 Lutton Leam Outfall Sluice Refurbishment Works	168,281	151,243
SCH91 Exeter Drain North Matmore Gate Pipeline Refurbishment	-135,522	-28,964
SCH95 Holbeach Bank PS Study/Refurb	0	0
SCH107 South Holland Main Drain Works	50,000	41,862
	<u>204,569</u>	<u>285,951</u>

Grant Due:

	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2026	<u>285,951</u>

21. **Pension Liability**

- (i) The Pension Liability is calculated by the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Fund Actuary at the end of every financial year. It is a notional liability that is shown as a Long Term Liability on the Balance Sheet. This figure is meant to show the extent of the Board's liability at the Balance Sheet date, based on a number of actuarial assumptions. However it is important to note that this sum does not represent an estimate of the exit cost of withdrawing from the LGPS at the Balance Sheet date.
- (ii) The Board is a member of the Water Management Alliance Consortium and as such also has a proportion of the pension liability for the shared staff that are employed by King's Lynn IDB, t/a the Water Management Alliance. The Fund Actuary for Norfolk County Council has prepared a separate Report for the Water Management Alliance, which identifies a notional net pension asset of £3,557,000 as at 31 March 2026 that is shared by all 7 Member Boards. The Board's share of this pension liability/(asset) is set out every year in the WMAs Basis of Apportionment, which was approved by the Board on 5 February 2026.

22. **Related Party Transactions**

- (ii) All elected members of the Board pay drainage rates either as individuals, Partners in Partnerships, or as Directors of limited companies; the exact nature of which can be found in the Rate Book as at 1 April 2026.
- (iii) The Board is a member of the Water Management Alliance Consortium, who provide administrative services to the Board. The Board has 2 representatives and a substitute member, who serve on the Consortium Management Committee, this includes the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman has received £2,042.00 Chairman's Allowance for the period of 01.04.26 to 31.10.26.

Recommended Actions:

1. To approve the Financial Report for the period ending 30-6-2026.

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APPROVAL OF THE PARTIAL RISK REGISTER

South Holland Internal Drainage Board

PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER

1. The purpose of this paper is to present the partial risk register, showing those risks with a risk assessment matrix score of ≥ 6 .

BACKGROUND

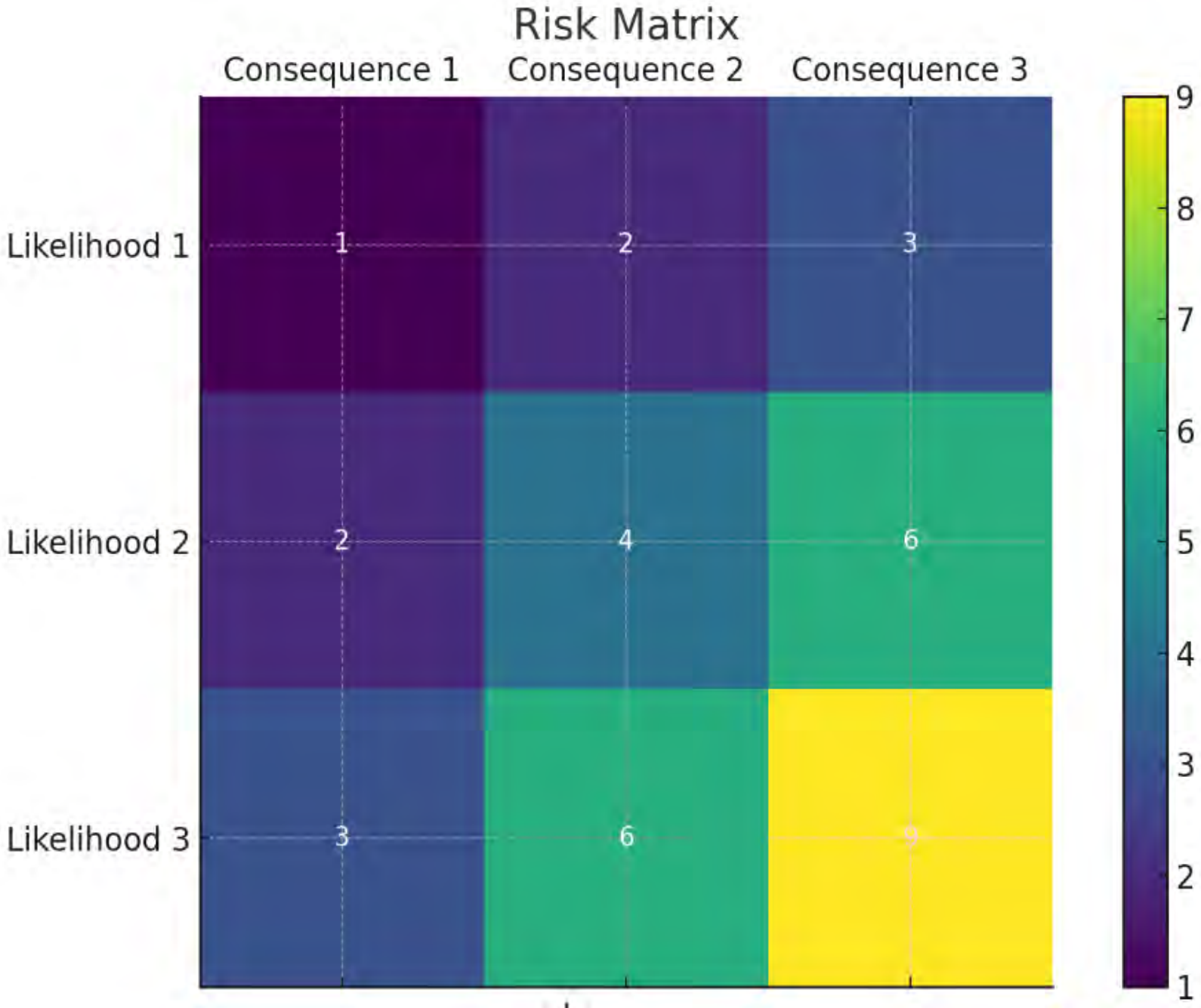
2. The Full Risk Register is brought to the Board in its final Board meeting of the calendar year. The purpose of the Risk Register is to proactively identify, assess, and manage potential threats to the SHIDB's statutory duties, such as flood risk management, environmental obligations, and financial stability. It acts as a central repository for monitoring risks ranging from infrastructure failure (e.g., pumping stations) to regulatory non-compliance, enabling informed decision-making and ensuring accountability to ratepayers.
3. The partial risk register was last presented to the Board at its meeting on 05 May 2026. There have been no changes to the risk register since it was last received by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Board Members approve the 6 + risk register.

Matthew Philpot, Deputy Chief Executive / Chief Operating Officer
July 2026

South Holland Internal Drainage Board Risk Register



Risk Register analyses the likelihood and consequences to determine the risk level.

Risks of 1-3 are considered tolerable, with active monitoring of the situation and some actions being required.

Risks of 4-6 are considered those we need to 'Treat', that is to take more proactive actions to minimize and control the risk.

Risks of 9 are considered too high and should be 'Transferred' that is passed to another, or stopped.

THIS IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE FULL RISK REGISTER SHOWING RISKS WITH A SCORE OF 6 OR MORE. THE FULL RISK REGISTER IS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD AT THE FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR

Objectives	Risk Identified	Impact	Risk Likelihood	Risk Consequence	Risk score	Action	Details of how risk will be managed	Review Date	Officer
To reduce the flood risk to people, property, public infrastructure and the natural environment by providing and maintaining technically, environmentally and economically sustainable flood defences within the Internal Drainage District (IDD): Old Hunstanton to Thornham; Thornham to Stiffkey; Bacton Walcott and Overstrand Ostend to Eccles and Eccles to Winterton Beach Road, Great Yarmouth.	(1b) EA is no longer willing or able to carry out work on sea defences that protects the Internal Drainage District, or the works are undertaken to a reduced specification.	Potential for overtopping into the IDD during severe weather events. Cost implication of managing the increase in water and potential damage to the Board's infrastructure.	2	3	6	Transfer	A request has been made to the local EA Asset Performance Team to share details on the monitoring of the former lines of reclamation. We received an update from the EA at the end of August 2022 – the former lines of reclamation are currently surveyed every 2 years and the majority have been found to be in a poor state. The EA do not intend to improve their condition, only prevent will-full/further degradation. We have also requested sight of the survey that was undertaken at the end of August 2022, but no further detail is available beyond what has already been received. The Board will insist that we also receive copies of all surveys in future. An update was requested from the EA with regard to the status of the inspections, and the following response was received in September 2025 - "As discussed we are currently prioritising front-line inspections of high risk assets. This means that the relic lines of defences inspections will be deferred until we have completed all remaining high risk inspections." Despite further requests for more a detailed response, nothing further has yet been received.	24.07.2026	KV
	(1q) Increasing operating costs are not funded by raising drainage rates and special levies	Operating costs would need funding from elsewhere or significant cuts made to the work programmes, which would increase flood risk.	2	3	6	Transfer	Only undertaking maintenance work that reduces flood risk. Implementing the Board's net cost reduction strategy, as set out in the group's Rate Levies and Collection Policy. Only undertaking <u>new</u> capital work that is fully grant funded. Requesting the Board to approve annual increases in drainage rates and special levies that will deliver a balanced budget. Implement detailed review of impact of higher fuel costs in line with proposals to May 2026 Board	24.07.2026	KV
	(1u) Applications to the Environment Agency to part-fund capital projects may be successful, but the Board would still be unable to deliver the improvement work because it could not fund its share of the project cost. The risk of this happening was considered to be high.		2	3	6	Transfer	Expertise is held within teams to maximise the amount of grant being obtained along with other sources of funding. Teams to remain vigilant of challenges and always work to minimize the costs of capital projects and find efficiencies wherever possible.	24.07.2026	KV
To enable and facilitate land use for residential, commercial, recreational and environmental purposes by guiding and regulating activities, which have the potential to increase flood risk.	(3b) SUDs managed by private companies who allow them to fall into disrepair by lack of long- term maintenance.	Inadequate or lack of maintenance of SUDs could have an adverse impact on the IDB infrastructure and subsequently increase the risk of flooding over the medium term.	2	3	6	Transfer	The Sustainable Development team proactively promotes best practice when considering on-site drainage design as part of planning submissions and consent applications. This includes advocating for SuDS adoptions wherever feasible and are ensuring that SuDS design facilitates effective maintenance	24.07.2026	CB

FEEDBACK & COMPLAINTS REVIEW

For the period 18th April 2026 – 17th July 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the paper is to receive an update regarding the official complaints and feedback received in the period 18th April to 17th July.

To meet the strategic aims, the vision, mission and values of the board, it is important to monitor feedback from the public, organisations and other relevant stakeholders. Whether it is positive or negative, all feedback can be used to improve our performance and services.

2. HOW WE COLLATE FEEDBACK

We collate feedback through our website, emails and telephone calls. Links to Feedback and Customer Complaint Forms are in email footers.

3. OFFICIAL COMPLAINTS

Date of complaint	Location	Nature of complaint	Allocated to	Status	Action taken
22/04/2026	Wheatmere	B1357 Road Closure	K. Vines	Closed	Reply sent via email after a discussion at the SHIDB Board Meeting 5/5/26

One complaint has been received during the reporting period; there are no outstanding complaints brought forward from previous reporting periods. The same reporting period last year contained one complaint.

4. OTHER FEEDBACK

Date of feedback	Location	Nature of feedback	Allocated to	Status	Action taken

No feedback has been received or dealt with during the reporting period and there is no outstanding feedback to monitor brought forward from previous reporting periods. The same reporting period last year contained no feedback.

5. RECOMMENDATION

To approve the official Feedback and Complaints Review.

FRANCES BLIGH
ICT MANAGER
17th July 2026

CONSORTIUM MATTERS

To receive the unconfirmed minutes and report extracts from the Consortium Management Committee (CMC) meeting held on 26 June 2026, to view [Click here](#)

- Unconfirmed minutes of the meeting
- WMA Schedule of Paid Accounts for the period 01 April 2026 to 31 May 2026
- WMA Financial Report for the period 01 April 2026 to 31 May 2026
- WMA Group's Portfolio of Capital Works as at 31 May 2026
- WMA Communications Report for the period as at 31 May 2026

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Joe Grundy	
Andrew Hay	YES
Sam Markillie	
Julian Perowne	
Paul Redgate	YES
Elizabeth Sneath	YES
Thomas Sneath	
Ian Stancer	
Sam Taylor	
Richard Thompson	
Jack Tyrrell	YES
Jan Whitbourn	
Duncan Worth	

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