

WATER MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

CULVERT REPLACEMENT FUNDING POLICY

FINANCE

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Reviewed by: WMA Consortium Management Committee

Adopted by:

WMA Member Boards:

Broads Internal Drainage Board
East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board
King's Lynn Internal Drainage Board
Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board
South Holland Internal Drainage Board
Waveney, Lower Yare and Lothingland Internal Drainage Board
Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board

WMA Associated Boards:

Bluntisham Internal Drainage Board
Haddenham Level Drainage Commissioners
Hundred of Wisbech Internal Drainage Board
Over and Willingham Internal Drainage Board
Swavesey Internal Drainage Board
Waldersey Internal Drainage Board

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The Board has adopted a hierarchical approach in its funding policy for replacing or repairing culverts on its drains and those required for access to the main drains, which should be considered in conjunction with the Board's Planning & Byelaw Strategy:

- a) Where the crossing is solely for the benefit of the Board's activities, the Board may fund the full costs of its replacement/repair and would always look for grant funding to pay for this work in the first instance (note this could be on IDB adopted watercourses or non-adopted watercourses). This pledge is always subject to the Board being able to access sufficient funding to carryout the work to the required standard.
- b) When the landowner has evidence of an agreement reached by the Board or its predecessors accepting a proportion of operational responsibility for a culvert/access, then the Board may fund the agreed share of the costs of its replacement/repair, as detailed in the agreement, subject always to the Board being able to access sufficient funding.
- c) Where there are potential wider flood risk management and environmental benefits, and it is cost beneficial to do so, the Board may fund the full costs of its replacement/repair, subject always to additional funding being available.
- d) Where a culvert could potentially benefit the Board once replaced/repared, the costs of repairing/replacing the crossing may be shared between the landowner and the Board, subject always to the cost of the works being deemed reasonable by the Board and the Board being able to access sufficient funding to meet its share of the costs.
- e) Where a culvert is on an IDB main drain and solely benefits the landowner, then the landowner shall be responsible for obtaining consent and for funding the full costs of its repair/replacement.