

**Our ref:** 25\_33369\_P

14/10/2025

**Your ref:** H13-0875-25

**Site Location:** Seas End Hall Hall Lane Moulton  
Seas End Spalding PE12 6LB

**Summary of Proposal:** Refurbishment of existing coach house and conversion into entertaining area including extension to include swimming pool

Dear Greg Watkinson,

Thank you for your consultation on the above application.

The site is within the Internal Drainage District (IDD) of the South Holland Internal Drainage Board (IDB) and therefore the Board's Byelaws apply. Whilst the Board's regulatory process (as set out under the Land Drainage Act 1991 and the Board's Byelaws) is separate from planning, the ability to implement a planning permission may be dependent on the granting of any required Land Drainage Consents.

The Board's Officers have reviewed the documents submitted in support of the above planning application. Although no consent is currently required from the Board, officers have noted a potential for conflict between the planning process and the Board's regulatory regime. The potential conflict is detailed below and overleaf.

If consents are in fact required, the Board strongly recommends that these are sought from the Board prior to determination of this planning application. The annex at the end of this letter outlines the Board's regulatory function and how to apply for Land Drainage Consent.

<b>Byelaw / Section of Act</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
Byelaw 3	Discharge of water to a watercourse (treated foul or surface water)	Consent not currently required
Section 23, Land Drainage Act 1991	Alteration of a watercourse	Consent not currently required
Byelaw 10	Works within 9 metres of a Board maintained watercourse	Consent not currently required

Duncan Worth (Chairman)

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### **Byelaw 3 (Surface Water)**

The applicant has indicated that they intend to dispose of surface water via infiltration, however I cannot see that the viability of this proposal has been evidenced. We recommend that ground investigation is carried out to determine infiltration potential, followed by testing in line with BRE Digest 365 if onsite material is considered favourable for infiltration.

If infiltration is not feasible at this site, following the drainage hierarchy we would expect the applicant to propose to discharge surface water to a watercourse. In this case, consent would be required under Byelaw 3. The Board recommend that any discharge is in line with the [National standards for sustainable drainage systems \(SuDS\)](#) published in June 2025. Further to the National Standards for SuDS, the Board's policy is to restrict discharges to 2/l/s/ha or annual average flood flow rate (QBar or QMed), whichever is higher.

Please note that any consent granted for the discharge of surface water is likely to be subject to a Surface Water Development Contribution fee (SWDC) as outlined within our [Development Control Charges and Fees](#).

### **Byelaw 3 (Treated Foul Water)**

I note that the applicant intends to dispose of foul water to a main sewer. Should the applicants proposals change to include the discharge of treated foul water to a watercourse, consent would be required under Byelaw 3.

### **Section 23, Land Drainage Act 1991**

While not directly adjacent to the development site boundary, I note the presence of a Board Owned and Maintained watercourse (DRN208P1001 - R10 Moulton River (MSE to main A151)) adjacent to the south eastern side of the ownership boundary. Additionally, I note the presence of multiple watercourses which are not maintained by the Board (riparian watercourses) adjacent and within the ownership boundary. Whilst not currently proposed, should the applicant's proposals change to include works to alter the watercourses, or if works are proposed to alter the watercourses at any time in the future, consent would be required under the Land Drainage Act 1991 (and byelaw 4).

### **Byelaw 10**

Whilst not currently proposed, should the applicant's proposals change to include works within 9 metres of the aforementioned Board Owned and Maintained watercourse, or if works within 9 metres of the watercourse are proposed at any time in the future, consent would be required under Byelaw 10.

**Please see the supplementary information overleaf for further detail on the Board's policy and consenting process.**

If, following review of our comments and supporting policy documents linked below, you wish to discuss any of the requirements I have raised, please contact the Board using the details at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Phillipa Nanson  
Sustainable Development Officer  
Water Management Alliance

## How to Apply for Land Drainage Consent

To apply for Land Drainage Consent please complete an application form.

Application forms, application fees and 'Frequently Asked Questions' can be found on the 'Development' section of the Board's website, here:

<https://www.wlma.org.uk/south-holland-idb/home/#Development>

For any additional help please call us on 01553 819600 or email [planning@wlma.org.uk](mailto:planning@wlma.org.uk).

## Byelaws

South Holland IDB Byelaws can be found via the following link:

[https://www.wlma.org.uk/uploads/SHIDB\\_Byelaws.pdf](https://www.wlma.org.uk/uploads/SHIDB_Byelaws.pdf)

## Mapping

Mapping of the district can be viewed via the following link (choose 'dynamic map' for interactive maps):

<https://www.wlma.org.uk/south-holland-idb/boards-area/>

## Planning and Byelaw Strategy

The Board's Planning and Byelaw Strategy seeks to provide:

- Guidance on how (and why) the Board will review and comment on planning applications.
- Information on the policies against which the Board will assess and determine applications.
- Guidance to riparian (waterside) landowners regarding watercourse maintenance.

The Planning and Byelaw Strategy can be found via the following link:

[https://www.wlma.org.uk/uploads/WMA\\_Planning\\_and\\_Byelaw\\_Policy.pdf](https://www.wlma.org.uk/uploads/WMA_Planning_and_Byelaw_Policy.pdf)

## Arterial Watercourses

Maps on the Board's website show which watercourses are designated as Arterial Watercourses by the Board. You may also have heard these watercourses referred to as 'Main Drains' or 'Maintained Watercourses'. The designation is an acknowledgement by the Board that the watercourse is of arterial importance to the Internal Drainage District and as such will normally receive maintenance from the IDB using the Board's Permissive Powers. Although the Board opts to proactively maintain this arterial network, there is no change in the ownership or liability associated with the watercourse resulting from this designation.

## Why we have commented on this application:

By engaging with the planning process the Board is seeking to:

- Reduce flood risk to communities within the Internal Drainage District
- Promote sustainable development in sustainable locations by supporting sound planning decisions in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (especially [Paragraph 167](#)) and the [National standards for sustainable drainage systems \(SuDS\)](#)
- Reduce the potential for conflict between the planning process and the Board's regulatory process.

For further information please refer to the Board's Planning and Byelaw Strategy.