

Environmental Policy Statement

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The Vale of Pickering Internal Drainage Board are conscious that through our own activities and operations, there could be the potential to cause environmental harm as identified in the Boards Biodiversity Action Plan. As a public body we are committed to protecting and, where possible, enhancing the environment through our Environmental Management System.

The Board ensure that through the continual improvement and monitoring of its environmental systems, we are committed to the prevention of pollution to land, air and water through the stringent management of our operations, working with our clients to improve the environmental quality of the locations in which we work, and ensure that we make efficient use of natural resources wherever possible. To do this Board will aim to:

- Reduce waste and to manage any waste correctly, in adherence with current legislation and to adhere to the "reduce, reuse and recycle" ethos across all sites and offices.
- Select and utilise vehicles, plant, equipment, and materials in consideration with environmental requirements.
- Have the necessary emergency arrangements in place in the possible event of an environmental emergency.
- Consider environmental aspects at all stages of works.
- Comply with all applicable legislation as determined by the environmental aspects and impacts register.
- These objectives and targets are communicated to all staff and are monitored to ensure the continual improvement of the systems.
- This policy is communicated to all Board employees along with environmental training to encourage a positive culture of compliance.