

**THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE - PLEASE READ**

**To the Occupier - Land Drainage Act 1991 (the Act) – Section 64 - Notice of Entry - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

The Black Drain Drainage Board, Cowick & Snaith Internal Drainage Board, Danvm Drainage Commissioners, Dempster Internal Drainage Board, Ouse & Humber Drainage Board, Rawcliffe Internal Drainage Board, Reedness & Swinefleet Drainage Board, and Vale of Pickering Internal Drainage Board (for the purposes of this notice referred to within their district as "the Board") will be carrying out a programme of works over the next 12 months at various locations within their districts. During this time, Board staff, representatives, and contractors will need access to private land at all reasonable times.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board, including its employees, contractors, or other duly authorised persons, *may* enter land that you own and/or occupy to exercise its powers under Section 14 or other relevant provisions of the Act, for the purposes of maintenance, improvement, or construction of land drainage or flood defence works.

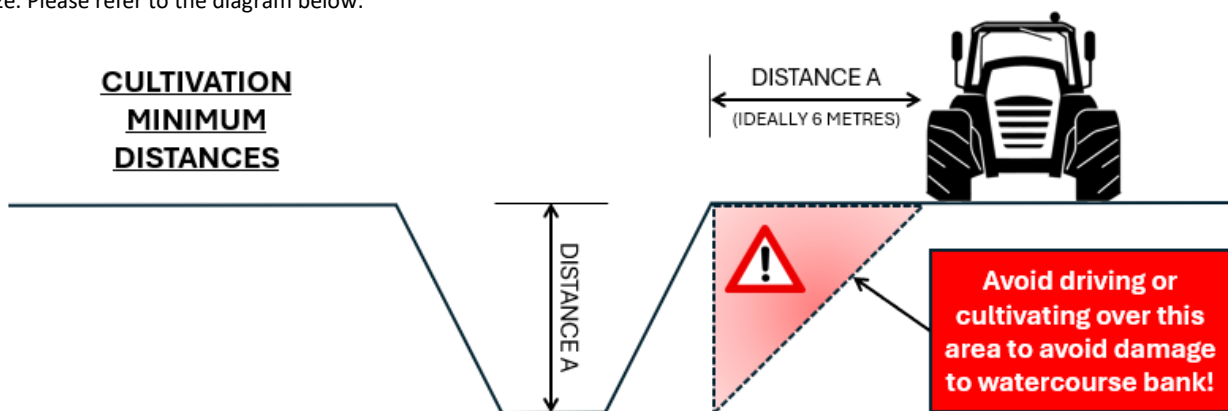
**FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN** that upon entry those acting on behalf of the Board will bring with them any necessary plant, machinery, and other equipment for the purpose of entry, which will continue until the work is completed.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN** that under Section 15 of the Act, the Board is empowered to appropriate and dispose of any spoil removed during the widening, deepening, or dredging of a watercourse without making payment for it. The Board may deposit such spoil on the banks of the watercourse or on adjacent land as needed to facilitate removal and deposition by mechanical means in one operation, with no requirement to cart the spoil away. The Board is not required to compensate for losses resulting from such deposits unless any injury could have been avoided with reasonable care.

**BE AWARE:** It is an offence to intentionally obstruct or impede any person exercising a power conferred by Section 64.

**OFFENCES UNDER LOCAL LAND DRAINAGE BYLAWS - FIELD MARGINS**

Except for cutting grass margins or watercourse maintenance, please avoid driving or cultivating closer to the bank top at a distance equal to or less than the depth of the watercourse, as this could damage the banks and may contravene Local Land Drainage Bylaws, which may result in liability on summary conviction and a fine for each offence. To avoid damage to banks and allow for proper maintenance of watercourses, we advise maintaining a 6-metre margin between Board-maintained watercourses and temporary crops. This is especially important when planting late-harvested root crops or maize. Please refer to the diagram below.



**OFFENCES UNDER LOCAL LAND DRAINAGE BYLAWS - OBSTRUCTIONS**

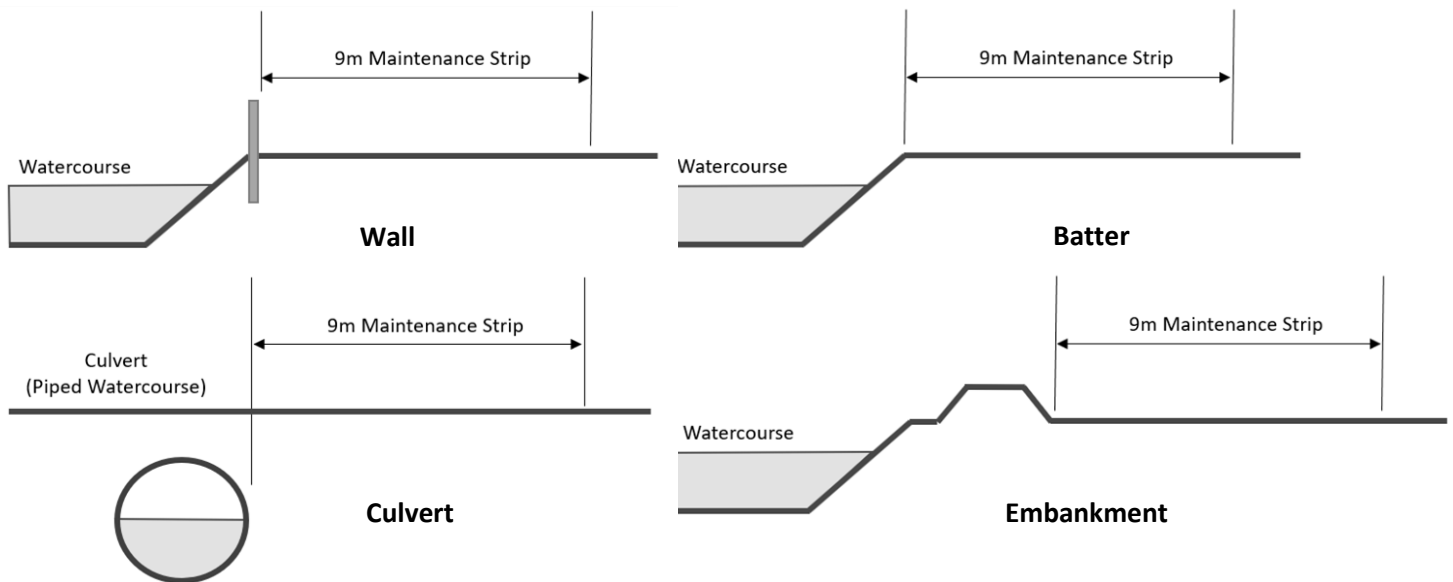
Permanent planting, erection of any structure within 9 meters of a watercourse, or storage of materials near the watercourse without the Board's consent may contravene Local Land Drainage Bylaws, which may result in liability on summary conviction and fine for each offence.

**VEHICLES, PLANT, MACHINERY & OTHER EQUIPMENT USED BY THE BOARD**

**4-Wheel Drive Vehicles:** Used for inspections and may tow a trailer. - **Tractor and Self-Propelled Flail Mowers:** Employed for mowing the banks of watercourses and flood banks, with occasional manual clearance. Tractors are also used for towing larger trailers. - **Mechanical Excavators:** Various excavators with attachments for weed cutting, de-sludging, bank re-grading, tree works, and repairs such as installing timber piles. - **Weed Boats:** Operated on larger watercourses, these boats may need to be launched from private land using a trailer and tow vehicle. They are equipped with mechanical apparatus for managing aquatic weeds. - **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs):** Used to capture information relevant to the Board's operations, which may be launched from and fly over private land. These UAVs are operated by qualified drone pilots via a Civil Aviation Authority accredited scheme.

**IDENTITY**

All our staff and regular contractors carry identity badges. If in doubt, please do not hesitate to ring the number below.



## NO OBSTRUCTIONS WITHIN 9 METRES OF A WATERCOURSE – IT IS THE LAW!

No person without the **previous consent** of the Board shall erect any building or structure, whether temporary or permanent, or plant any tree, shrub, willow, or other similar growth within 9 metres of the landward toe of the bank where there is an embankment or wall or within 9 metres of the top of the batter where there is no embankment or wall, or where the watercourse is enclosed within 9 metres of the enclosing structure.

**CONTRAVENTION OF A LOCAL LAND DRAINAGE BYLAW IS A SERIOUS MATTER AND MAY BE AN OFFENCE WHICH COULD LEAD TO PROSECUTION – IF IN DOUBT PLEASE SPEAK WITH OUR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL TEAM**

### PRIVACY NOTICE – INFORMATION THE BOARDS HOLD

#### What information do we hold and use?

The Boards hold the names of individuals and businesses in their districts. This may include address information, telephone numbers and email addresses. We hold information about property ownership and occupancy. We hold information about the value of property using our own data and data provided by other public authorities. We may hold information related to the recovery of debts owed to the Boards. We hold personal information about our staff and members.

#### How do we collect this information?

Most of the information is collected from the owners or occupiers of land under their legal obligation to inform us, when we do not know the owner or occupier of land, we will undertake research using any legal means at our disposal and where practicable contact individuals to verify this information. Some information is shared with us by other public authorities.

#### On what grounds do we use this information?

We use this information so that the Boards can exercise their functions and duties under the Land Drainage Act 1991 (the Act), principally in relation to the way we raise our revenues through a rate (tax) on occupiers of agricultural land. We may use the information to exercise other duties and functions related to the Act, other relevant Acts or Local Land Drainage Bylaws.

#### Who do we share information with?

We share information with a small number of companies that provide professional services to the Board. Typically, these are the Boards' Solicitors, Debt Enforcement Agents, Valuers & Surveyors, IT Support Services and Software Suppliers. We may share information with other public authorities. We may share information with any of the Court Services.

#### How long do we hold this information and is it secure?

We hold the information for as long as it is needed to exercise our duties and functions. We hold this information on secure computer servers that are restricted to named staff or professional services suppliers. Information is backed up to secure off-site servers that are managed by our professional services suppliers. We hold some paper records securely on premises owned by Ouse and Humber Drainage Board.

#### What rights do you have?

Individuals have certain rights about the way we store and process information. These rights may include the right of access, the right of rectification, the right of erasure/right to be forgotten, the right to restrict processing, the right to data portability, the right to object and the right to not be subject to automated decision-making including profiling.

[For more information, please contact the Data Controller for the Boards on 01430 430237](#)