

**MARKET WEIGHTON DRAINAGE BOARD**

**LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991 AND DRAINAGE BOARD BYELAWS**

**NOTES FOR APPLICANT**

Consent under the above Act and Byelaws is required for the erection, construction or alteration of any of the following works;

- (a) A mill dam, weir or other like obstruction to the flow in **any** watercourse;
- (b) A culvert that would be likely to affect the flow in **any** watercourse;
- (c) Any pipe or other structure, in, over, or through the bank of a watercourse under the control of the Drainage Board.
- (d) Any structure or building in, over, across, or in or on the bank of a watercourse under the control of the Drainage Board.

In this leaflet “watercourse” includes any drainage channel and any culvert and watercourse.

**OTHER APPROVAL REQUIRED**

1. Any planning permission required for the works must be obtained by applicant.
2. Consent by the Board will not authorise any obstruction or interference with a right of way, whether public or private. Approval for doing so must be obtained by the applicant from the highway authority or from the private owner or occupier affected as the case may be.
3. Consent, if granted, will relate only to the land drainage aspects of the proposed works and will not absolve the applicant from any obligation he may have to maintain a watercourse which drains, or should drain, other land in the area.
4. The applicant must make his own arrangements with any owner or occupier of land which may be affected.

**PROCEDURES**

1. Applications, on the Board’s form MW/2, should be sent to the Clerk to the Market Weighton Drainage Board.
2. The work must not be started unless written consent has been received. It will be the applicant’s responsibility to obtain also any other necessary approvals.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. The width between the banks of a watercourse shall not be diminished unless approved by the Board and the level of the banks shall not be reduced.
2. Every part of the banks and channel of a watercourse affected by the works shall be reinstated by replacement of the topsoil and reseeding, or by turf or stone pitching.
3. The work must be carried out in accordance with the above conditions and to the satisfaction of the Drainage Board.