

Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

Policy No: 28

Policy on Land Drains discharging into Board Maintained Watercourses

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Due for Review	Within 5 years

INTRODUCTION

All new land drain outfalls should be consented and approved by the Board.

The Conditions for land drains, specified on the application form, are as follows:

1. Where a land drain outfall enters a Board maintained watercourse it shall consist of a single three metre length of pitch fibre or rigid plastic pipe; the end of the pipe shall be laid flush with the existing batter with no protrusion, in order to facilitate mechanical flailing or mowing.
2. The land drain outfall should be fitted with a suitably approved Kwik Fit Type GRC outfall tray, manufactured by J.K.H Drainage Units Ltd of Mildenhall, Suffolk or similar approved, in order to protect the watercourse bank against scour or slips.
3. The Board to be absolved from any liability for any interruption to drainage by means of the land drains or any damage resulting there from.
4. The applicant and his successors in title to make good any damage or slips in the Board's maintained banks which may result from the operation or presence of the land drains.
5. The Board to be absolved from any suits, costs or claims arising out of the laying or operation or presence of the land drains into the Board's maintained watercourse.

If the Board carry out improvement works which involve the cutting back of the side of a watercourse which displaces the land drains and/or outfall trays, then the Board will, following the completion of the works, replace the outfall trays/land drains, or if the outfall trays have been damaged during the work, replace these with new outfall trays.

However, if there are no outfall trays fitted to the land drains, the landowner will be required to pay for the cost of the outfall trays that are required to be fitted to the land drains, and the Board will fit these free of charge.