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PROJECT

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Appendix 9.2:
IDB Consultation**

June 2024



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@pfapl.com
Cc: [Shire Group Planning](#)
Subject: RE: Selby IDB Information (E216), Helios Renewable Energy Project – Surface Water Drainage Strategy Principles
Date: 26 April 2024 09:54:04
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Good Morning Ben,

Firstly apologies for the (very large) delay in coming back to you on this. The principles set out in your Surface Water Drainage report are sound and generally acceptable to the board, in terms of SW runoff and flood mitigation measures. I would like to just reiterate the previous points made by my colleague in a previous email that any impermeable areas that are proposed to positively drain to a watercourse will be subject to IDB approval with discharge restricted to greenfield runoff rates i.e. 1.4 l/s/ha. If the impermeable areas are proposed to drain to ground the IDB would not object in principal and would suggest that percolation tests are undertaken to establish if ground conditions are suitable.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

For and on behalf of the Shiregroup of Internal Drainage Board,

Adam Branston
Consents Officer

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To: Paul Jones <[REDACTED]@shiregroup-idbs.gov.uk>; Adam Branston <[REDACTED]@jba-bentley.co.uk>
Subject: FW: Selby IDB Information (E216), Helios Renewable Energy Project – Surface Water Drainage Strategy Principles

Afternoon Adam,

Further to the emails last week I have now responded to Stantec with some 'standard comments' as discussed. Please see attached.

Paul & I also discussed this email from PFA last week - it appears to relate to the same project. They previously requested we release some GIS files to assist them. We were agreeable to do so

but only after they signed a non-disclosure agreement.

They have now asked for a response to agree the principles and methodologies set out in the attached pdf. Is this something you would be able to review?

Thanks

Mark Joynes

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From: Ben Fox <[REDACTED]@pfaplc.com>
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Cc: Shire Group Planning <[REDACTED]@shiregroup-idbs.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Selby IDB Information (E216)

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You can contact me on [REDACTED] [@pfapl.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@pfapl.com) and my mobile number is 07511 084888 if you wish to discuss this request.

Kind regards

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Sent: 24 July 2023 11:59

To: Ben Fox [REDACTED]@pfapl.com>

Cc: Shire Group Planning [REDACTED]@shiregroup-idbs.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Selby IDB Information (E216)

Ben,

Thank you for your recent email including the signed agreement.

Please find attached the relevant watercourse shapefile.

Regards,

Janette Parker
Rating Officer
Shire Group of Internal Drainage Boards
Telephone: [REDACTED]
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From: Ben Fox [REDACTED]@fpapl.com>
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:30 AM
To: Janette Parker <[REDACTED]@shiregroup-idbs.gov.uk>
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Good morning Janette

Thank you for getting back to us.

Please find attached the signed Data Sharing Agreement.

Kind regards

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Cc: Shire Group Planning [REDACTED]@shiregroup-idbs.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Selby IDB Information (E216)

Ben,

Further to your email below we can advise that the Engineer for Selby Area IDB has confirmed that the watercourse shapefile can be shared with you as per your request.

However, before this can be sent can you please arrange to sign and return the attached Data Sharing Agreement.

Should you have any queries regarding the above then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

Janette Parker

Rating Officer

Shire Group of Internal Drainage Boards

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From: Ben Fox [REDACTED]@pfaplc.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 5:07 PM

To: Shire Group Planning <[REDACTED]@shiregroup-idbs.gov.uk>

Cc: 'Susie Concannon' [REDACTED]@pfaplc.com>; info@selbyareaidb.org.uk

Subject: RE: Selby IDB Information (E216)

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Good afternoon

We have yet to have a response to emails from my colleague Susie Concannon on 31st Jan and 20th Feb sent to info@selbyareaidb.org.uk. A copy of the emails are below.

Your website maps the IDB watercourses. Can the watercourse data including locations and watercourse names be provided to us in either GIS (.shp) or CAD format? This information would be used to inform the site design and help inform future consent / byelaw applications (an ensure we are referencing the correct watercourse).

In addition do you have any more detailed information on your water management activities in the vicinity of the site (see attached location plan) including details of structures/pumps etc that would also be of use? We are working with the developer to assess flood risk to the site and a deeper understanding of the water management activities in the area would be useful for our works.

I would be grateful if you could review this email and provide a written response (or set up a meeting accordingly). If you wish to discuss this request give me a call on my mobile or drop me an email.

Kind regards

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Sent: 20 February 2023 12:24
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Cc: Ben Fox [REDACTED]@pfaconsulting.uk>
Subject: FW: Selby IDB Information

Good Morning,

I am chasing up the request below sent on 31st January 2023, requesting the data sets used on your website showing the watercourses within the IDB catchment. If its possible could we have them in GIS format (SHP).

if you have any more detailed information on your water management activities including details of structures/pumps etc that would also be of use, if you could share this with us it would be greatly appreciated.

Would it be possible to get an update on this,

Kind Regards,

Susie Concannon
Assistant Engineer



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Sent: 31 January 2023 10:54
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Cc: 'Ben Fox' <[REDACTED]@pfapl.com>
Subject: Selby IDB Information

Good Morning,

I was hoping you would be able to help,

I am writing on behalf of my client Enso Engery Ltd, to request some information in regards to the proposed development for a solar farm on land at Selby, North Yorkshire.

Please find attached a location map showing the area we are interested in and shape file for the location. I have also inserted a screenshot of the map from your website in reference to the information we need.

We would really appreciate it if we could obtain the data sets used on your website showing the watercourses within the IDB catchment. It would be helpful if these were in GIS format (SHP). In addition if you have any more detailed information on your water management activities including details of structures/pumps etc that would also be of use and would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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From: Green, Jordan

Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 4:49 PM

To: Mark Joynes [REDACTED]@shiregroup-idbs.gov.uk>

Cc: info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk

Subject: RE: Helios Renewable Energy Project - Formal Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Hi Mark,

Thank you for your response, on behalf of the Selby IDB, to the Helios Renewable Energy Project statutory consultation.

I wanted to confirm if you had had sight of the attached plan which addresses landscape and watercourse buffers, including in drainage channels, and justification for planting within said buffers.

This was Appendix 16 to the Flood Risk Assessment (which itself was Appendix 9.1 to the Preliminary Environmental Information Report). For ease I have provided the link to the consultation documents online: [Documents/FAQs » Helios Renewable Energy Project \(helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk\)](https://www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk/Documents/FAQs%20»%20Helios%20Renewable%20Energy%20Project)

Please let me know if you have any queries or would like to discuss further.

Many thanks,

Jordan

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Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 3:06 PM

To: info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk

Subject: RE: Helios Renewable Energy Project - Formal Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Good afternoon,

Thanks for contacting Selby Area IDB. Please accept our apologies for the late response. Having reviewed the content of your email please note the following information.

To provide some background, the Selby Area IDB is an **independent public authority** and **drainage authority** constituted under the Land Drainage Act; operating under the Land Drainage Act 1991 (as amended) and is a **Risk Management Authority** under the Flood & Water Management Act 2010.

All **developers planning work in, on, under or near ordinary watercourses** (including piped ordinary watercourses), or **discharging surface water** into a watercourse **within the defined Drainage District** require **CONSENT** from the Board under the Land Drainage Act 1991 (as amended) in addition to, or as part of, any Planning Permission.

The **Key Constraints for any Development near any Watercourse** within the Drainage District can be summarised as follows:

- **No obstructions above ground within 7 metres** of the edge of a watercourse bank top
- **No increase in surface water discharge** rate or volume (or restricted to 1.4 litres per second per hectare)
- **No obstruction to flow** within a watercourse (caused by structures etc.)

Similar Constraints apply to Main River within the Drainage District but as defined by the Environment Agency under Applications for Permits

If you propose to **work in, on, under or near ordinary watercourses** (including piped ordinary watercourses), or create or alter **surface water discharge** into a watercourse then the following Consents would be required from the IDB:

Section 23 Consent

Section 23 LDA prohibits obstructions etc. in watercourses and states *“no person shall erect any mill dam, weir or other like obstruction [or] erect any culvert that would be likely to affect the flow of any watercourse ... without the consent in writing of the drainage board concerned.”*

Section 66 (Byelaw) Consent

Section 66 LDA provides the power to make byelaws which state that *“no person shall ... introduce any water into any watercourse in the District so as to directly or indirectly increase the flow or volume of water ... without the previous consent of the Board [and] no person ... shall*

erect any building or structure whether temporary or permanent, or plant any tree, shrub, willow ... without the previous consent of the Board, amongst other byelaws specific to Selby Area IDB.

Every person who acts in contravention of, or fails to comply with, any notice served under Section 24 LDA or Byelaws under Section 66 LDA shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction to such fines as prescribed within Section 24(3) and/or Section 66(6) LDA.

Consent applications forms can be found on the website <https://www.shiregroup-idbs.gov.uk/planning-consents/> and sent to consents@shiregroup-idbs.gov.uk

The IDB standard planning advice to developers is as follows:

- **If the surface water were to be disposed of via a soakaway system**, the IDB would have no objection in principle but would advise that the ground conditions in this area may not be suitable for soakaway drainage. It is therefore essential that percolation tests are undertaken to establish if the ground conditions are suitable for soakaway drainage throughout the year.
- **If surface water is to be directed to a mains sewer system** the IDB would again have no objection in principle, providing that the Water Authority are satisfied that the existing system will accept this additional flow.
- **If the surface water is to be discharged to any ordinary watercourse** within the Drainage District, Consent from the IDB would be required in addition to Planning Permission, and would be restricted to 1.4 litres per second per hectare or greenfield runoff and no increase in volume.
- **No obstructions within 7 metres** of the edge of an ordinary watercourse are permitted without Consent from the IDB.

I hope this helps.

Many thanks

Mark Joynes

Financial Officer

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From: Green, Jordan [REDACTED]@stantec.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 8:47 PM

Subject: RE: Helios Renewable Energy Project - Formal Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Good evening,

Further to my original email below, we are now in the last two weeks of the statutory consultation period for the Helios Renewable Energy Project. I wanted to take the opportunity to thank those of you who have either already responded or were able to attend one of the consultation events which took place earlier this month.

The events, which were held at Camblesforth Hall and Carlton Village Hall, were well attended and the team had a number of useful discussions.

If you have not yet submitted your feedback, but would like to do so, the deadline for consultation responses is 11.59pm on Thursday 7 December.

You can provide your response by:

- Emailing info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk
- Using the online form on the project website www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk/get-in-touch/
- Or by writing to FREEPOST TC CONSULATON (no further stamp or address needed)

Once the consultation has closed, we will review all of the feedback and we will prepare a consultation report which will be included as part of the application which we are aiming to submit in 2024.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions relating to the proposals or consultation process and we will be happy to answer your questions before the consultation closes.

Kind regards

Jordan

From: Green, Jordan

Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 5:35 PM

Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@stantec.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@stantec.com)>

Subject: Helios Renewable Energy Project - Formal Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Good evening,

Please find attached a letter formally consulting you/your organisation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended). This notification concerns Enso Green Holdings D Limited's proposals for the Helios Renewable Energy Project. This proposal concerns land located to the west of the village of Camblesforth and to the north of the village of Hirst Courtney in North Yorkshire, within the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council.

This email and digital copy of the letter formally consulting you/your organisation is accompanied by a hard copy letter, to be sent via Royal Mail. This email is intended as an addition to this and to ensure timely delivery of the formal consultation notification.

Should you have any queries on the consultation documents or any other element of the Helios Renewable Energy Project, please feel free to contact me. You can also contact the project team in the following ways:

- Visit the project website
- Call 0800 699 0081
- Email info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk
- Write to FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required)

Many thanks,

Jordan

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: E216: Helios Renewable Energy Project - IDB Consultation (Surface Water Management/Watercourse Maintenance)
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Good afternoon Ben,

Thanks for your email. I can confirm the byelaw in question refers to *any* ordinary watercourse in the drainage district, not just those included in the maintenance plan. Here 'ordinary watercourse' should be interpreted as any watercourse in the district that is not main river (Environment Agency) or an adopted sewer.

Accordingly, consent from the Selby Area IDB *would* be required for any works within 7m of the bank.

You mentioned the possibility of the IDB relaxing the 7m buffer. It would be best if you discussed this matter in the first instance with the Board's Engineer Paul Jones. Paul returns from Annual Leave next week but I have copied him into this email for ease of reference.

I hope this helps but please get back to me if you require anything more.

Many thanks

Mark Joynes

Financial Officer

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Subject: E216: Helios Renewable Energy Project - IDB Consultation (Surface Water Management/Watercourse Maintenance)

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Good morning Janette

Further to my email last week which covered the approach to surface water management on the Helios Renewable Energy Project near Camblesforth, Yorkshire we have a specific question regarding your byelaws and the onsite watercourses.

The site is crossed by a network of IDB maintained watercourses (see attached extract) in addition to drainage ditches which are classified as ordinary watercourses.

Byelaw 10 states:

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 7 metres of the landward toe of the bank where there is an embankment or wall or within 7 metres of the top of the batter where there is no embankment or wall, or where the watercourse is enclosed within 7 metres of the enclosing structure.

Please can you confirm if Byelaw 10 applies to all watercourses (ordinary watercourses and IDB maintained watercourses) or just the IDB maintained watercourses on the attached extract within your area?

We are developing the layout and the landscape architect is proposing planting around sensitive sections of the perimeter of the site to screen the development proposals. We understand the purpose of the 7m buffer is to ensure the function of the watercourses can be maintained and access for routine maintenance is not impeded. Do you have any further guidance regarding maintenance access for watercourses and local relaxation of the 7m maintenance buffer?

We recognise the importance of retaining the watercourses and access to the watercourses for routine maintenance. Subject to achieving 7m unobstructed access on one side of the watercourse could there be relaxation of the 7m on the opposite side (reduced to 3-4m)? There is existing planting within the buffer and along the watercourses so we hope this principle can be achieved so the land 7m either side of a watercourse isn't sterilised. We note that any relaxation would need to be on a case by case basis and subject to byelaw approval but if we could agree this in principle that would be worthwhile. Any specific guidance you can provide on this point would be beneficial to inform the layout of the proposed development.

I would be grateful if you could comment on these two points so we can refine our layout before the submission of the PEIR. If you could comment on the watercourse matter first that would be appreciated and the approach to surface water management detailed below can follow.

Happy to discuss over a phone call or virtual meeting if that would be helpful. The best number to get me on is my mobile: [REDACTED]

Kind regards

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Associate



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Sent: 24 July 2023 11:59
To: Ben Fox [REDACTED]@pfapl.com>
Cc: Shire Group Planning [REDACTED]@shiregroup-idbs.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Selby IDB Information (E216)

Ben,

Thank you for your recent email including the signed agreement.

Please find attached the relevant watercourse shapefile.

Regards,

Janette Parker
Rating Officer
Shire Group of Internal Drainage Boards
Telephone: [REDACTED]
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From: Ben Fox [REDACTED]@pfapl.com>
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Good morning Janette

Thank you for getting back to us.

Please find attached the signed Data Sharing Agreement.

Kind regards

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Ben,

Further to your email below we can advise that the Engineer for Selby Area IDB has confirmed that the watercourse shapefile can be shared with you as per your request.

However, before this can be sent can you please arrange to sign and return the attached Data Sharing Agreement.

Should you have any queries regarding the above then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

Janette Parker
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Rebecca Smith

From: Ben Fox [REDACTED]@pfapl.com>
Sent: 12 April 2023 17:07
To: 'planning@shiregroup-idbs.gov.uk'
Cc: [REDACTED]; 'info@selbyareaidb.org.uk'
Subject: RE: Selby IDB Information (E216)
Attachments: site boundary 31.01.23.zip; E216-82 Site Location Plan.pdf; Screenshot 2023-01-31 101147.png

Good afternoon

We have yet to have a response to emails from my colleague Susie Concannon on 31st Jan and 20th Feb sent to info@selbyareaidb.org.uk. A copy of the emails are below.

Your website maps the IDB watercourses. Can the watercourse data including locations and watercourse names be provided to us in either GIS (.shp) or CAD format? This information would be used to inform the site design and help inform future consent / byelaw applications (an ensure we are referencing the correct watercourse).

In addition do you have any more detailed information on your water management activities in the vicinity of the site (see attached location plan) including details of structures/pumps etc that would also be of use? We are working with the developer to assess flood risk to the site and a deeper understanding of the water management activities in the area would be useful for our works.

I would be grateful if you could review this email and provide a written response (or set up a meeting accordingly). If you wish to discuss this request give me a call on my mobile or drop me an email.

Kind regards

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From: Susie Concannon [REDACTED]@pfapl.com>
Sent: 20 February 2023 12:24
To: info@selbyareaidb.org.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]@pfaconsulting.uk>
Subject: FW: Selby IDB Information

Good Morning,

I am chasing up the request below sent on 31st January 2023, requesting the data sets used on your website showing the watercourses within the IDB catchment. If its possible could we have them in GIS format (SHP).

if you have any more detailed information on your water management activities including details of structures/pumps etc that would also be of use, if you could share this with us it would be greatly appreciated.

Would it be possible to get an update on this,

Kind Regards,

Susie Concannon
Assistant Engineer



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Sent: 31 January 2023 10:54
To: 'info@selbyareaidb.org.uk' <info@selbyareaidb.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@pfapl.com>
Subject: Selby IDB Information

Good Morning,

I was hoping you would be able to help,

I am writing on behalf of my client Enso Engery Ltd, to request some information in regards to the proposed development for a solar farm on land at Selby, North Yorkshire.

Please find attached a location map showing the area we are interested in and shape file for the location. I have also inserted a screenshot of the map from your website in reference to the information we need.

We would really appreciate it if we could obtain the data sets used on your website showing the watercourses within the IDB catchment. It would be helpful if these were in GIS format (SHP). In addition if you have any more detailed information on your water management activities including details of structures/pumps etc that would also be of use and would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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