

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION NOT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT under Regulation 5 (1) of The Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999 (Amendment) 2017

Notice is hereby given that Selby Area Internal Drainage Board (IDB) intends to reduce flooding in the developed reach of Town Dyke at Thorpe Willoughby in Selby.

The proposed improvement works are located 1.4km west of Thorpe Willoughby, Selby (Ordnance Survey Grid Reference: SE 56806 31134), adjacent to Whinny Hagg Lane. The proposed scheme constitutes the diversion of storm flows away from Thorpe Willoughby via Town Dyke to Whinny Hagg. Whinny Hagg crosses the Selby Line and discharges to Selby Dam, bypassing Thorpe Willoughby. A 450mm culvert would be installed at the A63 Drain confluence to divert storm flows into the existing Town Dyke channel toward the west. Town Dyke would be regraded so that flows drain toward Whinny Hagg in the north. The culvert at the railway embankment on Whinny Hagg would be upsized to 600mm. Flows would discharge to Selby Dam downstream of this culvert. A new channel would be cut to connect Town Dyke and Whinny Hagg. Routine maintenance activities carried out by the IDB would continue throughout the appraisal period.

Selby Area IDB has undertaken initial environmental assessments in the form of a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) and Environmental Screening Report of the proposals and considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment. Therefore Selby IDB does not intend to prepare an Environmental Statement in respect of Schedule 2 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999 (as amended).

The assessment of potential environmental effects, the significance and any suggested mitigation / controls to make certain that there are no adverse effects on the environment are presented in the initial environmental assessments and summarised in the Environmental Action Plan which is available from the Project Manager via the contact details below.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to the likely environmental effects of the proposed improvement works should do so, in writing, to the address specified below, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

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