

## **Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board**

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## Water Management Consortium

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Rushcliffe Borough Council - planningandgrowth@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Dear Sirs,

Reference: 22/02241/FUL

**Location:** Land East of Hawksworth and Northwest of Thoroton, Shelton Road

Proposal: Installation of renewable energy generating solar farm comprising ground-mounted

photovoltaic solar arrays, together with substation, inverter stations, security measures, site access, internal access tracks and other ancillary infrastructure,

including landscaping and biodiversity enhancements

Applicant: Mrs C Chamberlain - Renewable Energy Systems (RES) Ltd

**NGR:** 476436 - 343427

We refer to the above application and make the following observations:

The site is within the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board district.

The Board maintained Longhedge Dyke, an open watercourse, exists through the site and to which BYELAWS and the LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991 applies.

The Board's consent is required to erect any building or structure (including walls and fences), whether temporary or permanent, or plant any tree, shrub, willow or other similar growth within 9 metres of the top edge of any Board maintained watercourse or the edge of any Board maintained culvert.

The Board's consent is required for any works, whether temporary or permanent, in, over or under, any Board maintained watercourse or culvert.

The erection or alteration of any mill dam, weir or other like obstruction to the flow, or erection or alteration of any culvert, whether temporary or permanent, within the channel of a riparian watercourse will require the Board's prior written consent. The Board's Planning and Byelaw Policy, Advice Notes and Application form is available on the website - www.wmc-idbs.org.uk/TVIDB

The Board's consent is required for any works that increase the flow or volume of water to any watercourse or culvert within the Board's district (other than directly to a main river for which the consent of the Environment Agency will be required).

The Board's consent is required irrespective of any permission gained under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Board's consent will only be granted where proposals are not detrimental to the flow or stability of the watercourse/culvert or the Board's machinery access to the watercourse/culvert which is required for annual maintenance, periodic improvement and emergency works. The applicant should therefore note that the proposals described within this planning application may need to be altered to comply with the Board's requirements if the Board's consent is refused.

The applicant is advised that they are likely to have a riparian responsibility to maintain the proper flow of water in any riparian watercourse which borders or flows through land owned or occupied by them.

Under the Land Drainage Act the Board are permitted to deposit arisings from the watercourse on adjoining land. Any occupier of adjacent land wishing to remove the spoil should note that an exemption under the Waste Management Regulations may be required from the Environment Agency.

The suitability of soakaways, as a means of surface water disposal, should be ascertained prior to planning permission being granted. Soakaways should be designed to an appropriate standard and to the satisfaction of the Approving Authority in conjunction with the Local Planning Authority. If the suitability is not proven the Applicant should be requested to re-submit amended proposals showing how the Site is to be drained. Should this be necessary this Board would wish to be re-consulted.

The design, operation and future maintenance of site drainage systems must be agreed with the Lead Local Flood Authority and Local Planning Authority.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Planning and Development Control Officer, Darren Cowling.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Brown, Senior Engineer.