

CONSENT No. 25-ST-04

The River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board

**NOTIFICATION OF CONSENT
FOR WORKS**

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THE RIVER STOUR (KENT) INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

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THE RIVER STOUR (KENT) INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD, so far as their respective rights and interests are concerned, DO HEREBY pursuant to the powers vested in them by virtue of the Land Drainage Act, 1991, CONSENT to the under-mentioned works, subject to the Conditions set forth below:-

Name and Address of Applicant:

Dr. Gabriel Connor-Striech
52 Southcroft Road
London
SW17 9TR

Location:

- Bliby Wood DD2 (grid ref. 602022E, 137657N) - IDB 026 Bliby Wood
- Hinxhill DD2 (grid ref. 603934E, 144748N) – IDB 020 Bourne Dyke
- Wye DD1 (grid ref. 605422E, 145576N) – IDB 022 Withersdane Dyke

Works:

Creation of two-stage channels to replace existing, straightened, agricultural drainage ditches, incorporating inset floodplain benches, meandering low-flow channels, porous log jam structures, and 10 metre vegetated buffer strips.

CONDITIONS:

1. The works are to be undertaken strictly in accordance with the submitted and approved documentation:

- 2150779 Stodmarsh - Bliby 2 - DESIGN Rev1 v1 DRAFT - 27082025 cbec
- 2150779 Stodmarsh - Hinxhill DD2 - DESIGN Rev2_cbec
- 2150779 Stodmarsh - Wye - DESIGN Rev1 v1 - DRAFT - cbec
- 2150779 Stodmarsh SES Bliby Method Statement_01.10.25_LC
- 2150779 Stodmarsh SES_MethodStatement_BlibyShort_17.11.25
- 2150779 Stodmarsh SES_MethodStatement_HinxhillDD2_17.11.25
- 2150779 Stodmarsh SES_MethodStatement_WyeDD1_17.11.25
- 2150779_Bliby_Wood_DD2_Qualitative_FRA_09.09.25
- 2150779_Hinxhill_DD2_Qualitative_FRA_18.09
- 2150779_Wye_DD1_Qualitative_FRA_09.09.25
- Bliby_wood_DD2_outline_report
- Further information to support IDB consents_Stodmarsh Stream Enhancement Scheme
- Greenshank_ODG_Stodmarsh Stream Enhancement Scheme_main report
- Greenshank_ODG_Stodmarsh Stream Enhancement Scheme_Tech Appendices
- Hinxhill_block_DD2_outline_report
- RE_Acknowledgement of changes to ditch and drain management
- RSIDB-Land-Drainage-Consent-Application_Bliby_wood_DD2_v2.0
- RSIDB-Land-Drainage-Consent-Application_Wye_v1.0
- RSIDB-Land-Drainage-Consent-Application-Form-2022
- Stodmarsh_PLJ_Indicative Schematics
- Wye_block_DD1_outline_report

2. Written confirmation is to be provided from all affected landowners confirming that they acknowledge the scheme may affect land drainage, accept responsibility for maintenance to prevent drainage impacts, and acknowledge that the River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board will not be held responsible for any negative impacts on land drainage. These agreements must be submitted before works commence.
3. A detailed Method Statement shall be submitted to and approved by the RSIDB a minimum of four weeks before works commence, including confirmed access routes and timing, silt management measures, sediment control during construction, pre-works site meeting arrangements, and site contact details.
4. Porous log jam structures are to be constructed as per the approved drawings with maximum crest heights not to exceed: Bliby Wood DD2 (0.6 metres), Hinxhill DD2 (0.3 to 0.4 metres) and Wye DD1 (0.4 to 0.5 metres). Structures are to be constructed using decay-resistant species (oak, ash or Scots pine preferred) as per Table 3.3 of the Method Statement. Structures are to span the low-flow channel only, maintaining clear flow paths on floodplain benches, with porosity maintained to prevent flow impounding.
5. Maintenance and monitoring are to be undertaken in accordance with the approved Management and Monitoring Plan, including quarterly inspections during Year 1, then bi-annual inspections thereafter (April to June and September to October). Post-flood inspections are to be conducted within seven days following any flow event exceeding the one-in-two-year return period. Log jam clearance shall be undertaken within 14 days when accumulated debris causes low-flow inundation of floodplain benches. Damaged structures shall be repaired or replaced within one month of identification. Monitoring records shall be submitted to RSIDB annually for the first five years, then every two years thereafter.
6. Vegetation management shall include annual cutting of grasses on 10 metre buffer strips and floodplain benches when sward height reaches 0.25 metres with arisings removed, tree coppicing at five-year intervals, and invasive non-native species control and eradication if identified during monitoring.
7. Two-stage channel cross-sections are to be maintained to design specifications. Erosion damage is to be stabilised within one growing season of identification. Sediment removal shall be undertaken if accumulation impacts conveyance capacity. Channel conveyance capacity is to be maintained above the existing baseline at each site.
8. If, in the opinion of the Board, land drainage function is compromised or flood risk unexpectedly increases, a remediation plan shall be submitted to RSIDB within four weeks of identification. Remediation works (likely channel widening) shall be implemented within three months unless an alternative timeframe is agreed with RSIDB. If remediation fails, structures are to be removed within three months of RSIDB notification, unless otherwise agreed in writing.
9. Conservation Covenant legal security shall be in place before works commence, with maintenance obligations running with the land title and evidence of ring-fenced maintenance funding provided to RSIDB.
10. All ecological risks shall be assessed by an appropriately qualified ecologist and managed and mitigated prior to and throughout works. Himalayan Balsam mitigation measures as per the Method Statement Section 4 shall be implemented. Environment Agency pollution prevention guidance shall be followed, and works shall be timed to minimise ecological sensitivity (avoiding nesting bird season March to August unless ecological clearance is obtained).

11. A pre-commencement site meeting shall be held with RSIDB representatives a minimum of two weeks before works commence.
 12. Pre-works, during construction and post-completion photographs shall be submitted to RSIDB, with fixed-point photography locations agreed at the pre-commencement meeting.
 13. An RSIDB site visit to review the completed works shall be arranged within four weeks of completion. As-built drawings shall be submitted within eight weeks of completion, together with a completion report including any variations from the approved design.
 14. The completed works shall be regularly inspected and maintained by the applicant, landowner and successors in title in perpetuity, in accordance with the approved Management and Monitoring Plan.
 15. This approval does not convey any rights regarding other permissions which may be necessary (including Environment Agency consents, ecological licences or planning permissions), which remain the applicant's responsibility to establish and obtain.
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(b) GENERAL

- a. That all work is carried out to the satisfaction of the Board's Engineer.
- b. The works which are the subject of this Consent (hereinafter referred to as "the works") shall be carried out in accordance with application and supporting documents and to the satisfaction of the Board or its representatives.
- c. The person(s) to whom this Consent is given (hereinafter referred to as to the applicant") shall indemnify the Board from and against all actions, costs, claims and demands whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly from the giving of this Consent.
- d. The conditions set forth herein shall be binding upon the successors in title of the applicant, owners or occupiers of the land on which the works are constructed, or owners of the undertaking of which the works are part or with which the works are associated.
- e. The setting out of the works shall be approved by the Board or their representative prior to the commencement thereof.
- f. The applicant shall give the Board's representative seven days' notice of his intention to begin the works. The Board's Engineer is Mr P Dowling, 34 Gordon Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 3PW Tel: (01227) 462377.
- g. No alterations or modifications shall be made in the works as shown on the drawings attached hereto and described in the application submitted by the applicant, without the prior consent of the Board, and, in applying for such consent, the applicant shall submit to the Board details of the proposed alterations or modifications.
- h. The applicant shall reinstate and make good to the satisfaction of the Board or their representative, all damage occasioned as a direct or indirect consequence of the making or construction of the works, to any watercourse (including the banks thereof) or works vested in or under the control of the Board, and in default of such reinstatement and making good by the applicant, the Board reserve the right to do the same at the expense of the applicant.
- i. The applicant shall not suffer or permit the works to be in such a condition as to damage or obstruct, or be capable of leading to damage or obstruction to any watercourse or work vested in, or under the control of the Board, and if the works shall fall into such a condition the applicant shall upon notice in writing by the Board, forthwith remedy the same and in default thereof the Board reserve the right to remove the works, or remedy their condition, in either case, at the expense of the applicant.
- j. The Board accept no responsibility for any damage to the works authorised by this Consent occasioned as a direct or indirect consequence of their works of channel maintenance or improvement.
- k. If the Board find the presence of the works is preventing or substantially impeding the exercise by them of any of their functions as a land drainage authority, they may give notice in writing requiring the applicant at his own expense to remove or alter the works or some part thereof so that the Board may be enabled to exercise their said functions and if the applicant fails to comply with such requirements, or fails to do so within a reasonable time, the Board shall have the right to carry out the works specified in the notice (or as much thereof as the applicant has not carried out) and to charge the cost thereof to the applicant.

Date of Issue

16th December 2025

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P Dowling
Clerk & Engineer to the Board
34 Gordon Road
Canterbury

Note: The foregoing Consent is confined to the powers conferred under the provisions of the Land Drainage Act 1991 or any Byelaw, Rule, Order or Regulation made by the Board thereunder, and does not obviate the necessity of compliance by the Applicant with any other Enactment Scheme, Byelaw, Rule, Order, Regulation or other provision whatsoever or of obtaining from the appropriate Authority or Authorities any consent approval or authorisation which may be requisite.