

Provided by the Middle Level Commissioners		Item No:	6
Meeting:	HUNDRED OF WISBECH IDB (Hereafter referred to as the Board)	Subject:	CONSULTING ENGINEERS REPORT: CHIEF ENGINEER'S SUMMARY & CAPITAL PROGRAMME
Date:	Thursday 13 th November 2025	Officer Responsible:	Nicola Oldfield

1. **Flood Alleviation Investigation (Project Ref 346/25): Hundred of Wisbech IDB & Waldersey IDB**

Combined Catchment Flood Risk Study

The joint Catchment Study is continuing with close collaboration between the Engineer, the Board's Works Committee (User Group) and Haskoning.

There was a delay to surveys being completed due to availability of surveyors and issues with the information provided (especially with regards to the CCTV survey of culverts). However, the data supplied was sufficient for Haskoning to build the model. As a result, a substantial reduction of the surveyor's fee was negotiated to allow money if the Board wishes to carry out further work separately in the future.

A number of additional items have been added to the scope of the study to cover specific conditions in events (such as debris screen blockages) and changes to the Board's system (such as the Attenuation Area and Incinerator works) that are ongoing, as they are advantageous to add to the model at this stage. This will reflect a more accurate situation for a model which will stand up better to Environment Agency scrutiny when FCERM GiA is applied for in the future.

These aspects have set back delivery of the study until at least the end of the year and completion of the project with the business case to spring/summer 2026. Once the full details of the additional items are known, an accurate finish will be known.

Meetings have been held with both Boards' involvement to discuss the options to take forward to the business case, including consideration of control structures, attenuation area(s) or improvements to existing or a new pumping station.

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Appendix 1: List of planning applications since last report

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The following planning applications have been responded to since the last meeting:

<i>MLC Ref.</i>	<i>Council Ref.</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Type of Development</i>	<i>Location</i>
1778	F/YR25/0444/FDC	Fenland District Council	Conversion (1 x dwelling to 7 x sheltered accommodation)	Main Road, Elm
1779	F/YR25/0435/F	Mr A Mason	Residence (Extension)	The Stitch, Friday Bridge
1780	F/YR25/0459/F	Dawbarns & Sons Ltd	Industrial	Enterprise Way, Wisbech
1781	F/YR25/0565/F	Mr A Rolfe	Residence (New dwelling)	Bar Drove, Friday Bridge
1782	25/01235/F	Motor Fuel Group	Commercial	Elm High Road, Emneth
1783	F/YR25/0653/F	Mrs C Butcher	Residence (New dwelling)	Gosmoor Lane, Elm

The following application for Byelaw Consent (to undertake works in and around watercourses) has been granted since the last meeting:

<i>MLC Ref</i>	<i>Council Ref</i>	<i>Consent No</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Description of Works</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date consent granted</i>
1746		HW/BC/160	Medworth CHP Ltd	Encroachment, to carry out a groundwater pumping test to provide hydrogeological information	Algores Way, Wisbech	29/05/2025
1768	F/YR25/0025/CERTP	HW/BC/161	Tudor Dumitru	Replacement of septic tank with treatment plant	Begdale Road, Elm	01/07/2025
183, 1313, 1456 & 1654		HW/BC/162	Mr A Harris	Encroachment – Installation of piled foundations, ring beam, ground slab, single bay garage, raised patio, driveway & footpaths	Fridaybridge Road, Elm	20/08/2025

The following applications for Byelaw Consent (to discharge to a watercourse) have been granted since the last meeting:

<i>MLC Ref</i>	<i>Council Ref</i>	<i>Consent No</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date consent granted</i>
1746		HW/DC/28	Medworth CHP Ltd	Algores Way, Wisbech	29/05/2025
1768	F/YR25/0025/CERTP	HW/DC/29	Tudor Dumitru	Begdale Road, Elm	01/07/2025

There have been no infiltration device applications processed since the last meeting.