

LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991

NOMINATION PAPER

..... **Internal Drainage Board**

Election of members of * Internal Drainage Board in the Year 2026

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, being an Elector of the said (Electoral) District, or otherwise qualified to nominate Candidates for Election, do hereby nominate the undermentioned person as a Candidate at the said Election.

NAME OF CANDIDATE		3 ADDRESS	4 OCCUPATION	5 QUALIFICATION CRITERIA (PLEASE SPECIFY - SEE REVERSE)
1 SURNAME	2 OTHER NAMES IN FULL			

Particulars of Land(s) in respect of which qualification of the Candidate is claimed.

PARISH	REF NO (AS STATED ON RATE DEMAND)	DESCRIPTION – TOTAL HECTARES (AS STATED ON RATE DEMAND)

Name of Proposer in full

Postal Address

Signature of Proposer

Particulars of Land(s) in respect of which qualification of the Proposer is claimed.

PARISH	REF NO (AS STATED ON RATE DEMAND)	DESCRIPTION – TOTAL HECTARES (AS STATED ON RATE DEMAND)

Name of Witness (One)Signature.....

Postal Address

Name of Witness (Two)Signature.....

Postal Address

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF)

To be returned to Middle Level Offices, March PE15 0AH

FOR OFFICIAL USE: Date received by Returning Officer

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete and return the nomination form, no later than 29th September 2026 to:

Business Support, Middle Level Offices, 85 Whittlesey Road, March, PE15 0AH

The Land Drainage Act 1991, Schedule 1, paragraph 4, provides that the qualification for membership of an Internal Drainage Board shall be as follows: -

- “(1) A person shall not be qualified for election as a member of an internal drainage board unless he/she meets the requirements of one of the categories below
- (a) both the owner and the occupier of not less than four hectares of land in respect of which a drainage rate may be levied by the Board and which is situated in the electoral district for which he is a candidate for election; or
 - (b) the occupier, whether under tenancies of year to year or otherwise, of not less than eight hectares of such land as aforesaid; or
 - (c) the occupier of land which is of an assessable value of £30 or upwards and is situated in the electoral district for which he/she is a candidate for election; or
 - (d) a person nominated as a candidate for election by the person (whether an individual or a body of persons) who is both the owner and occupier, of land which is situated in the electoral district in question and is either of not less than four hectares in extent or of an assessable value of £30 or upwards.
- (2) A person shall not be qualified for the purpose of sub-paragraph (1) above as being an occupier of any land or as being the owner or occupier of any land or a person nominated by the owner and occupier of any land if at the date of the election any amount demanded in respect of any drainage rate levied on that land has remained unpaid for more than one month.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (1) above, the reference to the assessable value of any land is a reference to the amount which for the purpose of any drainage rate levied at the relevant date would be the annual value of the land.
- (4) In this paragraph “the relevant date” means the date as at which, the qualifications of candidates for the election in question are determined in accordance with rules made under paragraph 1 (of the Act).

Under the Land Drainage (Election of Drainage Boards) Regulations 1938 as amended by the Land Drainage (Election of Internal Drainage Boards) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 the value of land for the purpose of determining whether a candidate at an election is or is not duly qualified is the value thereof on the first date of the month of April preceding the election as entered in the register of electors as approved by the Internal Drainage Board.”

If the candidate is registered as an elector in the Register of Electors insert in column 5 “occupation of land”. If the candidate is a person nominated as a candidate for election by the owner and occupier of land which is situate in the electoral district in question and is either of not less than four hectares in extent or the value of thirty pounds or upwards, then insert in column 5 “nominated by owner/occupier”.

The paper must be signed by the proposer in the presence of two witnesses. The place of abode of the proposer and the witnesses and the qualification of the proposer must also be inserted. Instead of signing the proposer may affix his or her mark if it is witnessed by the witnesses.

An elector must not sign more nomination papers than there are members to be elected for the (electoral districts of the) Drainage Board and he must not sign a nomination paper for (any electoral district of) the Drainage Board unless he is registered as an elector therein. An elector registered as an elector in two or more electoral districts in the above Drainage Board may sign nomination papers for candidates in each of such electoral districts.

NB – If at the date of the election any amount demanded in respect of any drainage rate levied on any land in respect of the occupation of which the qualification of the candidate or of the proposer is claimed, has remained unpaid for more than one month, the nomination will be void.