

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION NOT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT (Regulation 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999 as amended by SI 2005/1399 and SI 2006/618

OUSE WASHES SECTION 10 WORKS

The Environment Agency gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to the flood defences, as required under Section 10 of the Reservoirs Act 1975, on the Middle Level Barrier Bank (MLBB) of the Ouse Washes in Cambridgeshire between Earith Sluice (NGR TL3886774847) and Welmore Lake Sluice (NGR TL5720098751), a distance of 30 kilometres, and on the South Level Barrier Bank (SLBB) of the Ouse Washes in Cambridgeshire between Chain Corner (NGR TL4160677732) and the Anchor Pub (NGR TL4284279631), a distance of 2.3 kilometres. The proposed improvement works will involve the following: Raising the crest of the MLBB; constructing a wall at Welney Road; raising an existing wall at Welches Dam; improvements to the haul road width; providing stabilisation to the Counter Drain bank; and raising a low spot on the SLBB. Work will take place annually between 15th July and the 31st October; any proposed change to this working window would only be implemented with the agreement of Natural England.

The Environment Agency considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and does not intend to prepare an environmental statement in respect of them. The Environment Agency will make available the Environmental Action Plan and design drawings for the scheme. These documents can be viewed between 10:00 – 15:00 Monday to Friday at the Ely Environment Agency Office (Prickwillow Rd, Ely, CB7 4TX).

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 28 days of the date of publication of this notice.

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