

EAST HARLING INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Charges and Fees

This document sets out details of charges and fees associated with the regulatory function of East Harling Internal Drainage Board. The charges and fees detailed in this document relate to the following activities:

- Consent application fees (for works affecting the watercourse)
- Surface Water Development Contributions ("SWDC")
- Commuted sum maintenance fees

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Consent to undertake works affecting the Board maintained watercourse

Land Drainage Act 1991: Section 23 Consent

1. Application to the IDB must be made for any works (e.g. construction of headwalls, culverts, bridges, and other structures) that may impact on the flow of water in a watercourse.
2. An application must be made for each structure.
3. The cost for each application is £250 + VAT
4. Applications to be made using the relevant form available on the <https://ehidb.org.uk/> website.

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Surface Water Development Contribution

1. Prior written consent is required from the Board where a development will result in an increase in the rate or volume of flows in any watercourse and one of the conditions imposed as part of any such approval is the payment of a development contribution to the Board. The charge is made to help fund the cost of improvements to the drainage network that are required to cater for increases in the rate and/or volume of surface water flows.
2. Surface water development contributions are based on an unrestricted (free) discharge rate of £132600 per impermeable area.
3. A surface water discharge consent agreement will need to be entered into between Landowners/Developers and the IDB for all surface water discharges where these are directly or indirectly to the Board maintained watercourse.
4. For development sites of up to 250 dwellings, and commercial industrial development sites of up to 2ha where runoff rates are restricted to the natural (greenfield) runoff rate through the adoption of SuDS onsite drainage the unattenuated SWDC will be discounted to 20% of the free discharge amount based on the total drained impermeable area.
5. For development sites of greater than 250 dwellings, where multiple surface water outfalls are required, and commercial/industrial development in excess of 2ha, bespoke charges will apply. The basis for fees and charges will be agreed with developers in advance.
6. Where SuDS are not incorporated into the onsite drainage and/or other special conditions apply the Board will consider alternative consent arrangements and charges. It is however assumed the default position to be that all development drainage will conform to SuDs criteria.
7. The Landowner or Developer will be responsible for IDB costs (legal and engineering) for agreeing and preparing the surface water discharge consent.

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Commutated sum maintenance charges

5. A Commuted Sum Maintenance charge is a one-off sum payable where the Board agrees with a Landowner or Developer to maintain a length of watercourse within the Internal Drainage District where the watercourse is currently not maintained by the IDB, or where access conditions to a Board maintained watercourse change e.g. due to adjacent development.
6. The Board will assess the cost of undertaking maintenance of the relevant length of watercourse, and frequency of maintenance works, that are anticipated to be required. The maintenance cost will reflect the position and access available for maintenance equipment and removal of arisings from the watercourse.
7. The Commuted Sum maintenance charge will be calculated based on a 60 year default period using relevant Treasury Discount rates to calculate the net present value of each maintenance event and the sum of these being the Commuted Sum payment.
8. The relevant fee will be stipulated as part of a condition of consent. The fee is payable when formal consent is issued following the applicant's confirmed acceptance of the fee.
9. The maintenance will be undertaken using permissive powers, however there is no change in the ownership or liability associated with the watercourse.
10. The Landowner or Developer will be responsible for IDB costs (legal and engineering) for agreeing and preparing the Commuted Sum charge.