



Ouse and Humber  
Drainage Board

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An independent public body delivering flood risk, water level and habitat management in Yorkshire and the Humber

## **CONSULTATION ON DEFINITIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN**

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### **THE OUSE AND HUMBER DRAINAGE BOARD**

The Ouse and Humber Drainage Board is the Land Drainage Authority in the Howdenshire area of the East Riding of Yorkshire. Our work benefits a larger catchment area including the Market Weighton and North Cave areas. The Board maintains around 260 miles of watercourse and main river on an annual basis, works that are largely funded by domestic, business and agricultural ratepayers.

### **OUR MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

The decision to undertake work on watercourses and the type and frequency of works is based on the availability of funds. Our work is important; if we did not undertake this work, over time much of the area would revert to its natural state of flood plain.

### **DEFINITIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN**

The Board has decided to adopt a definitive maintenance plan. This will inform future maintenance and resource needs. This is the first time a draft definitive plan has been published by the Board and its predecessor authorities.

The plan is hosted on our website and can be found at the following link:

[www.ohdb.org.uk/maps](http://www.ohdb.org.uk/maps)

The plan is interactive, allowing users to zoom in and out and move it to the location they are interested in.

### **CONSULTATION ON DEFINITIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN**

We would like to offer members of the public, partner and other stakeholders the opportunity to study this plan and comment on its accuracy. The plan contains watercourses shown in red that the Board has historically maintained. We are considering amending this plan; the reasons for amendments might be that we are unable to maintain certain watercourses, they are maintained by landowners or they are minor watercourses of the type that an internal drainage board would not normally maintain. We may add a watercourse where we think this would benefit the wider community.

We will consider requests to add watercourses to our maintenance plan but will only do this if the Board considers there are benefits to the wider community and there is an equal or net reduction in the cost of maintaining watercourses overall.

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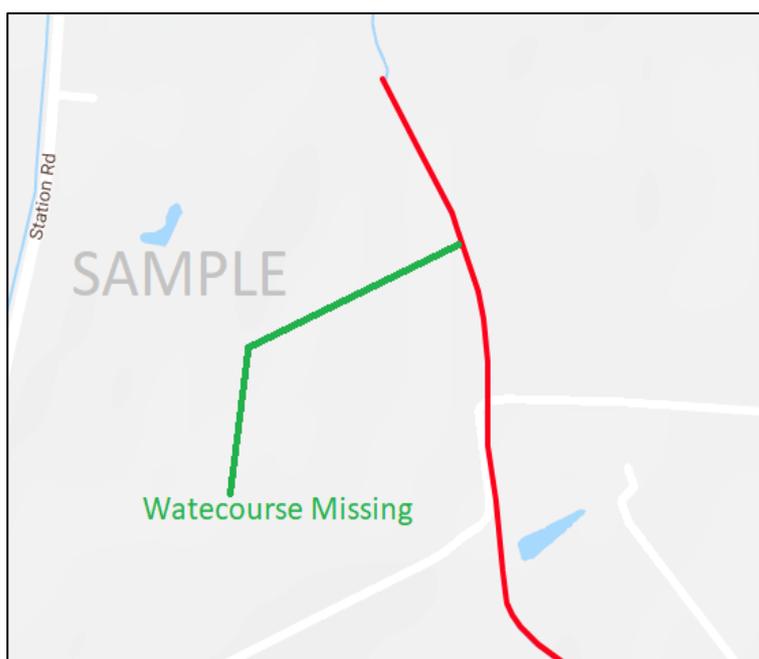
## HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS CONSULTATION

### **By Email**

Please email:

[enquiries@ohdb.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ohdb.org.uk)

In the header please type Definitive Maintenance Plan. Please give your contact details and state the nature of your enquiry or proposed amendment. You may wish to attach an extract of a proposed amendment (e.g. if you have Windows 10 or above you can do this by capturing the image of the screen using a free tool called “Snipping Tool” and then pasting into a free program called “Paint” where you can mark up the amendments. See example on the right. Any extract should be pasted or attached to the email.



### **In Writing**

Please mark your correspondence “Definitive Maintenance Plan” – Please give you contact details and state the nature of your enquiry or proposed amendment. If possible, please provide a printout of any proposed amendment marked up and annotated. You may print out the plan or use your own maps.

### **In Person**

You may make an appointment to visit the office to inspect plans and submit any comments in person.

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Based on the representations made and other information, officers will make a report and recommendations to the Board. The Board will then decide on any changes before adoption of the definitive maintenance plan. The plan will form the basis of the Board’s future operational activities.

### CAN THE PLAN BE CHANGED?

The plan can be changed for several reasons that the Board has already agreed to, such as changes agreed because of new development. However, if a member of the public wishes for a watercourse to be added or changed for maintenance reasons only, such a request would have to made to the Board and would only be considered at a future Board meeting. The decision of the Board will be final.