

North Somerset Levels Internal Drainage Board

Permitted fencing policy

Byelaw 17 states:

'No Person shall without the previous consent of the Board –

*(d) erect or construct or permit to be erected or constructed any **fence**, post, pylon, wall, wharf, jetty, pier, quay, bridge, loading stage, piling, groyne, revetment or any other building or structure whatsoever in, over or across any watercourse or in or on any bank thereof;*

By the adoption of this policy any of the fencing that meets the all of the following criteria below is deemed consented.

1. The fencing is on a non-viewed watercourse in the Board's District.
2. The fencing is for agricultural use only.
3. The fencing is not higher than 1.15m high, including posts.
4. The fencing is 1m back from the top of the bank of the watercourse.
5. The fence will be maintained and kept clear of vegetation preventing watercourse maintenance.
6. The fence is erected with the agreement of all the riparian owners of the watercourse it is erected near to.

Any other fencing within 9m of a watercourse requires consent from the Board and forms can be found on the Board's website: www.nslidb.org.uk

Definitions:

Agriculture: - the practice of farming, including cultivation of the soil for the growing of crops and the rearing of animals to provide food, wool, and other products.

Non-viewed watercourse: - a watercourse that is not a strategic watercourse and not specifically shown on the maps on the Board's website: www.nslidb.org.uk