



STATEMENT OF COMMON POLICY

Land Drainage in Norfolk

In order to clarify public accountability for action under the Land Drainage legislation, all Enforcement Authorities within Norfolk agree the following:

- In the event of widespread flooding all authorities will respond and co-operate in alleviating the danger to public and damage to buildings.
- In responding to other land drainage problems the following authorities will take a lead by initially investigating problems in the areas specified.

Environment Agency - Main River within the meaning of Part IV of the Water Resources Act 1991 including urban flooding affected by Main River.

Internal Drainage Board - Non Main River problems within the Internal Drainage District.

County Council - Drainage problems in County Council smallholdings, estates or highways*, or other associated County Council property.

District Council - Small urban flooding problems or isolated rural problems affecting domestic or commercial buildings**.

- Any Authority receiving a customer request which is not for them will take the message and then pass it on to the appropriate lead Authority.
- Each lead Authority will decide what action, if any, it will take in pursuing enforcement or remedial activities, and for informing other agencies which may be involved.
- All enforcement authorities will work together in finding solutions to more widespread problems.

Amendments to cover Norwich

* Except in Norwich where the City Council acts as Agent for the County Council as Highway Authority and the City Council will therefore take the lead.

** Except in Norwich (and other urban areas where the same situation occurs) where there is a positive surface water sewerage system maintained by Anglian Water, where Anglian Water take the lead.