

# Response Form

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

January 2013

## Proposed Changes to Land Drainage Act 1991

Respondent Details	Please return by 18 March 2013 to:-
Name: Organisation: Address:  Town/City: County/Postcode: Email:	<a href="mailto:floodreports@defra.gsi.gov.uk">floodreports@defra.gsi.gov.uk</a> or by post to Kilie Mpopo Flood Risk Management Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Area 2D, Ergon House Horseferry Road London SW1P 2AL

Tick this box if you are requesting non-disclosure of your response.

**a) Do you think our proposals to simplify the IDB structural reform process and make requirements for dissemination of information more flexible will remove or reduce burdens as explained in Chapter 3?**

Comments:

**b) Do you have views regarding the expected benefits of the proposals as identified in Chapter 3 of this consultation document and addressed in the Impact Assessment attached separately to this Consultation Document?**

Comments:

**c) If there is any empirical evidence that you are aware of that supports the need for these reforms? Please provide details here.**

Comments:

**d) Do you support the removal of the 30 day objection period after the Order has been made, which would mean that the Order making would no longer be subject to the Special Parliamentary Procedure? (see Chapter 3) If not, please explain why.**

Comments:

**e) Do you agree that the made Order should continue to be advertised by Defra allowing six weeks for challenge to the High Court? (see Chapter 3) If not, please explain why**

Comments:

**f) Do you agree that the requirements with regard to advertisement of notices of byelaws, drainage rate orders, schemes, etc should be made more flexible giving IDBs and the EA, more scope to choose how they reach their target audience? (see Chapter 3). If not, please explain why.**

Comments:

**g) Do you have any comments on the Impact Assessment? Please send us details of any costs, benefits or other issues that we may have overlooked. (see Chapter 3 and separate IA)**

Comments:

**h) Are there any non-legislative means that would satisfactorily remedy the difficulty which the proposals intend to address? (see Chapter 4)**

Comments:

**i) Are the proposals put forward in this consultation document proportionate to the policy objective?(see Chapter 4)**

Comments:

**j) Do the proposals put forward in this consultation document taken as a whole strike a fair balance between the public interest and any person adversely affected by it? (see Chapter 4)**

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**k) Do the proposals put forward in this consultation document remove any necessary protection? (see Chapter 4)**

Comments:

**l) Do the proposals put forward in this consultation prevent any person from continuing to exercise any right or freedom which he might reasonably expect to continue to exercise? If so, please provide details. (see Chapter 4)**

Comments:

**m) Do you consider the provisions of the proposal to be constitutionally significant? (see Chapter 4)**

Comments:

**n) Do you agree that IDBs should be able to choose the most appropriate cost effective methods to advertise notices of registers and notices of elections? (see Annex E)**

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