

**2005 No. 430**

**LAND DRAINAGE, ENGLAND**

**The Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board Order 2005**

*Made* - - - - *20th January 2005*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1*

Whereas under section 3(1) of the Land Drainage Act 1991 (“the 1991 Act”)(**a**) the Environment Agency has prepared and submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation a Scheme (a copy of which is set out in the Schedule hereto) making provision for the abolition of the Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board, North Gloucestershire Internal Drainage Board and the Longdon and Eldersfield Internal Drainage Commissioners, the amalgamation of their respective drainage districts and the constitution of a new internal drainage district;

And whereas, in accordance with paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 3 to the 1991 Act, the Secretary of State has caused a notice of her intention to make the following Order confirming the Scheme and notice of the other matters mentioned in that paragraph to be published, and to be sent to local authorities and other bodies specified in paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 3;

And whereas no objection has been made to the draft Order;

Now therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon her by sections 3(5) and (7) of, and paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 3 to, the 1991 Act and now vested in her (**b**), hereby makes the following Order:

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board Order 2005 and shall, if confirmed by the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 3 to the Land Drainage Act 1991, come into force in accordance with that paragraph.

**2.—(1)** The Scheme as submitted by the Environment Agency (the provisions of which appear in Schedule 1 to this Order) is hereby confirmed subject to the following modifications –

- (a) in paragraph 5, after “lie within the whole or any part”, insert “of the district”;
- (b) in paragraph 6 delete “, in so far as levied in relation to an occupier of land within the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage District”; and
- (c) in paragraph 8, for “and copies thereof shall be sent forthwith to” substitute “by”.

(2) Schedule 2 to this Order sets out the Scheme as it has effect by virtue of paragraph (1) on its coming into force.

**3.** The expenses of the Secretary of State in connection with the making and confirmation of this Order shall be borne by the Environment Agency.

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(a) 1991 c.59; “the relevant Minister” is defined in section 72(1). References to the National Rivers Authority (NRA) were replaced with references to the Environment Agency by paragraph 191 of Schedule 22 to the Environment Act 1995 (c.25).  
(b) By virtue of article 2(2) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002 (SI 2002/794).

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State,

20th January 2005

*Sarah Nason*  
A Senior Civil Servant in the  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2(1)

### SCHEME AS SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

1. This scheme shall come into force one month after the date of confirmation of the Order confirming this Scheme.

2. In this Scheme:—

“the Abolished Boards” means the Boards abolished by virtue of paragraph 3(1) of this Scheme;

“the commencement date” means the date on which this Scheme comes into force;

“property” includes books of accounts, other books, deeds, maps, papers and other documents;

“rights and obligations of the Abolished Boards” means all such rights, powers (including statutory powers), duties, obligations, liabilities, and property as immediately before the commencement date were vested in or fell to be discharged by any of the Abolished Boards;

“statutory powers” includes any power arising under or by virtue of any local Act or Order made under statutory authority;

“The Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board” means the internal drainage board constituted by the Amalgamation of the South Gloucestershire and West Gloucestershire Internal Drainage Districts Order 2000(a) and the “Lower Severn Internal Drainage District” means the internal drainage district constituted by that Order.

“The North Gloucestershire Drainage Board” means the internal drainage board constituted by The Severn River Authority (North Gloucestershire Internal Drainage District) Order 1972(b) and the “North Gloucestershire Internal Drainage district” means the internal drainage district constituted by that Order.

“The Longdon and Eldersfield Drainage Commissioners” means the drainage commissioners constituted by the Land Drainage Supplemental Act 1863(c) and the “Longdon and Eldersfield Internal Drainage District” means the internal drainage district constituted by that Act.

3.—(1) The Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board, the North Gloucestershire Internal Drainage Board and the Longdon and Eldersfield Drainage Commissioners (hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Abolished Boards”) shall be abolished;

(2) The Lower Severn Internal Drainage District, the North Gloucestershire Internal Drainage District and the Longdon and Eldersfield Drainage District shall be amalgamated into, and shall constitute, one internal drainage district which shall be known as “the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage District”;

(3) There shall be constituted for the Internal Drainage District an internal drainage board to be known as “the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board”

4. The Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board shall consist of 14 elected members.

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(a) 2001/647.  
(b) 1973/996.  
(c) 26 & 27 Vic.c.63.

5. From the commencement date there shall be transferred to and be vested in or fall to be discharged by the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board to the appropriate extent all such rights and obligations of the Abolished Boards, and for this purpose “the appropriate extent”, in relation to the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board, means in so far as such rights and obligations specifically relate to or (in the case of land) lie within the whole or any part of an Abolished Board which after the commencement date is comprised in the district of the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board.

6. All arrears of rates levied by the Abolished Boards before the commencement date in relation to the occupier of any land within the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage District in respect of any period ending before the commencement date may, in so far as levied in relation to an occupier of land within the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage District be recovered by the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board in the same manner as if they had been rates levied by the Internal Drainage Board in question.

7. As respects any thing transferred under this Scheme the Scheme shall operate as conclusive evidence of the transfer without the necessity of any further assignment, conveyance or deed of transfer whatsoever.

8. The accounts of each of the Abolished Boards shall be made up to the date of commencement and copies thereof shall be sent forthwith to the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board, and such accounts shall be audited in like manner and be subject to the like incidents and consequences as if this Scheme had not come into force.

DATED 8th day of September 2004

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 2(2)

### SCHEME AS CONFIRMED

1. This scheme shall come into force one month after the date of confirmation of the Order confirming this Scheme.

2. In this Scheme:—

“the Abolished Boards” means the Boards abolished by virtue of paragraph 3(1) of this Scheme;

“the commencement date” means the date on which this Scheme comes into force;

“property” includes books of accounts, other books, deeds, maps, papers and other documents;

“rights and obligations of the Abolished Boards” means all such rights, powers (including statutory powers), duties, obligations, liabilities, and property as immediately before the commencement date were vested in or fell to be discharged by any of the Abolished Boards;

“statutory powers” includes any power arising under or by virtue of any local Act or Order made under statutory authority;

“The Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board” means the internal drainage board constituted by the Amalgamation of the South Gloucestershire and West Gloucestershire Internal Drainage Districts Order 2000(a) and the “Lower Severn Internal Drainage District” means the internal drainage district constituted by that Order.

“The North Gloucestershire Drainage Board” means the internal drainage board constituted by The Severn River Authority (North Gloucestershire Internal Drainage District) Order 1972(b) and the “North Gloucestershire Internal Drainage district” means the internal drainage district constituted by that Order.

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“The Longdon and Eldersfield Drainage Commissioners” means the drainage commissioners constituted by the Land Drainage Supplemental Act 1863(a) and the “Longdon and Eldersfield Internal Drainage District” means the internal drainage district constituted by that

<sup>Act.</sup>  
**3.**—(1) The Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board, the North Gloucestershire Internal Drainage Board and the Longdon and Eldersfield Drainage Commissioners (hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Abolished Boards”) shall be abolished;

(2) The Lower Severn Internal Drainage District, the North Gloucestershire Internal Drainage District and the Longdon and Eldersfield Drainage District shall be amalgamated into, and shall constitute, one internal drainage district which shall be known as “the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage District”;

(3) There shall be constituted for the Internal Drainage District an internal drainage board to be known as “the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board”

**4.** The Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board shall consist of 14 elected members.

**5.** From the commencement date there shall be transferred to and be vested in or fall to be discharged by the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board to the appropriate extent all such rights and obligations of the Abolished Boards, and for this purpose “the appropriate extent”, in relation to the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board, means in so far as such rights and obligations specifically relate to or (in the case of land) lie within the whole or any part of the district of an Abolished Board which after the commencement date is comprised in the district of the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board.

**6.** All arrears of rates levied by the Abolished Boards before the commencement date in relation to the occupier of any land within the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage District in respect of any period ending before the commencement date may be recovered by the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board in the same manner as if they had been rates levied by the Internal Drainage Board in question.

**7.** As respects any thing transferred under this Scheme the Scheme shall operate as conclusive evidence of the transfer without the necessity of any further assignment, conveyance or deed of transfer whatsoever.

**8.** The accounts of each of the Abolished Boards shall be made up to the date of commencement by the Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board, and such accounts shall be audited in like manner and be subject to the like incidents and consequences as if this Scheme had not come into force.

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(a) 26 & 27 Vic.c.63.

*Confirmation of Order*

Whereas the foregoing Order has been published by the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the Land Drainage Act 1991;

And whereas no memorial relating to the Order has been presented to the Secretary of State;

And whereas paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 3 to the Land Drainage Act 1991 provides for the Order to come into force upon its confirmation by the appropriate Minister, being (by virtue of paragraph 1(3) of that Schedule) the Minister by whom the Order has been made;

Now therefore the Secretary of State, in accordance with paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 3 to the said Act, hereby confirms the said Order.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State,

*Sarah Nason*

A Senior Civil Servant in the

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

1st March 2005

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order confirms (with modifications) a Scheme submitted by the Environment Agency for the abolition, on a date one month after the confirmation of this Order, of the Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board, the North Gloucestershire Internal Drainage Board and the Longdon and Eldersfield Drainage Commissioners.

A new “Lower Severn (2005) Internal Drainage Board” replaces these boards. The three former internal drainage districts are amalgamated to form the corresponding new internal drainage district.

Maps of the three internal drainage districts amalgamated by virtue of the Scheme are available for inspection during office hours at the offices of the the Environment Agency at Sapphire East, 550 Streetsbrook Road, Solihull B91 1QT and Riversmeet House, Newtown Industrial Estate, Northway Lane, Tewkesbury GL20 8JG; and at the offices of Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board at Waterside Buildings, Oldbury Naithe, Thornbury, South Gloucestershire BS35 1RF.



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