LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991

ABOLITION

of the

PEVENSEY LEVELS AND RIVER CUCKMERE INTERNAL DRAINAGE DISTRICTS

And the constitution of the PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND BOARD

The Environment Agency pursuant to section 3(1) of the Land Drainage Act 1991 (the "1991 Act")^a has prepared the following Scheme making provision for the following matters:

- (i) the abolition of the Pevensey Levels and River Cuckmere Internal Drainage Districts;
- the constitution of a new internal drainage district for the same area covered by the Pevensey Levels and River Cuckmere Internal Drainage Districts, consisting of the lands hereinafter mentioned;
- (iii) the constitution of an internal drainage board for that new internal drainage district;
- (iv) matters supplemental to or consequential thereon;

and the Environment Agency submits the Scheme to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation under section 3(5) of the 1991 Act^b.

a 1991 c.59.

^b Section 3(5) permits the "relevant Minister" to confirm by statutory instrument any scheme submitted. "The relevant Minister" is defined in section 72(1) of the 1991 Act as "(a) in relation to internal drainage districts which are neither wholly nor partly in Wales or to the boards for such districts means the Minister; (b) in relation to drainage districts which are partly in Wales or to the boards for such districts, means the Ministers; and (c) in relation to internal drainage districts which are wholly in Wales or to the boards for such districts, means the Secretary of State.""The Minister" is defined in section 72(1) of the 1991 Act as the "Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food", whose functions were transferred to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/794).

2016 SCHEME FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE RIVER CUCKMERE AND PEVENSEY LEVELS INTERNAL DRAINAGE DISTRICTS AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND BOARD SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

- 1. This Scheme comes into force on 1 October 2016.
- 2. In this Scheme:-

"the abolished districts" means the Pevensey Levels Internal Drainage District and the River Cuckmere Internal Drainage District

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

"the new Board" means the Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level
Management Board constituted by Clause 5 of this Scheme;

"property" means, in relation to the abolished district, any property which is vested in the abolished boards on behalf of the abolished district immediately before the commencement date and includes books of account, other books, deeds, maps, papers and other documents, in whatever medium held, and computer and other electronic records; together with the pumping stations listed below and the land on which the pumping stations are situated or which is connected to those pumping stations; namely:

- (a) Barnhorn Pumping Station located at TQ 6895108164
- (b) Drockmill Pumping Station located at TQ 6181706896
- (c) Horsebridge Pumping Station located at TQ 6694908981
- (d) Manxey Pumping Station located at TQ6554408411
- (e) Rickney Pumping Station located at TQ6271906994

(f) Star Inn Pumping Station located at TQ6825006153

"rights and obligations" means, in relation to the abolished district, all rights, powers, duties (including statutory powers and duties), obligations and liabilities which were vested in or incurred by or fell to be discharged by the Environment Agency on behalf of that abolished district immediately before the appointed day;

"the Pevensey Levels Internal Drainage District" means the area shown edged red on map 1 annexed hereto

"the River Cuckmere Internal Drainage District" means the area shown edged red on map 2 annexed hereto

- The Pevensey Levels Internal Drainage District and the River Cuckmere
 Internal Drainage District are both hereby abolished.
- 4. On the commencement date the area shown edged blue on map 3 annexed hereto shall be constituted an internal drainage district under the name of "The Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management District"
- 5. On the commencement date there shall be constituted a drainage board for The Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management District under the name of "The Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board"
- 6. The new Board is to consist of eight elected members elected in accordance with the provisions made by or under Schedule 1 to the Land Drainage Act 1991.

- 7. As from the commencement date, all property and rights and obligations of the abolished boards are transferred to and vested in, or fall to be discharged by the new Board.
- 8. All arrears of rates owed to the Environment Agency on behalf of the abolished districts and in respect of any period ending before the commencement date may be recovered by the new Board in the same manner as if they had been rates levied by the new Board.
- This Scheme operates as conclusive evidence of any thing transferred under this Scheme without the necessity of any further assignments, conveyance or deed of transfer.
- 10. The accounts of the Environment Agency relating to the abolished districts shall be made up to the day before the commencement date of the new Board and audited as if this Scheme had not come into force. A copy thereof should be sent to the new Board.

DATED

19 APRIL 2016

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