

Environment Agency update on Wainford Mill Sluice, River Waveney



What are we updating you about?

We are continuing work to better understand the costs and benefits of our flood defences across Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk to ensure we focus our government funding and tax payers' money to best effect.

The purpose of this briefing is to inform you that the Environment Agency (EA) has begun exploring opportunities regarding the withdrawal of maintenance, as well as the transfer of ownership (and therefore riparian rights and responsibilities), on one of the EA owned river control structures located at Wainford on the River Waveney.



Image: Environment Agency owned Wainford Mill Sluice

This structure, known as a 'sluice', is primarily used to manage water levels but is not a key asset in managing flood risk on this section of the River Waveney.

How this may affect you?

- Riparian rights and responsibilities for this structure would be transferred to a 3rd party. Further information on riparian ownership can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>.

- There may be no noticeable change if there is a change of owner/operator; however, any new owner/operator may decide to manage river levels differently to how they have been managed in the past.

What happens next?

We wish to collate any comments from interested parties to ensure that any new riparian owner/operator is fully aware of the impacts that their actions may have on the interests of others when managing the structure in the future.

Any and all personal data that would make you identifiable would be removed prior to any comments being shared with the new owner, unless you specify otherwise.

Want to make a comment?

If you wish to comment on the proposed plans then please contact us, in writing, using the details below.

In addition, if you wish to be notified if this transfer of ownership/maintenance responsibilities takes place then please contact us, and we will inform you of the outcome.

We will take any comments into consideration; however, please note that our intention to withdraw maintenance responsibility and transfer ownership may still remain.

All comments must be received by 12pm on Friday 12th November.

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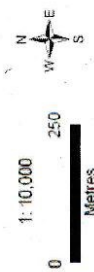
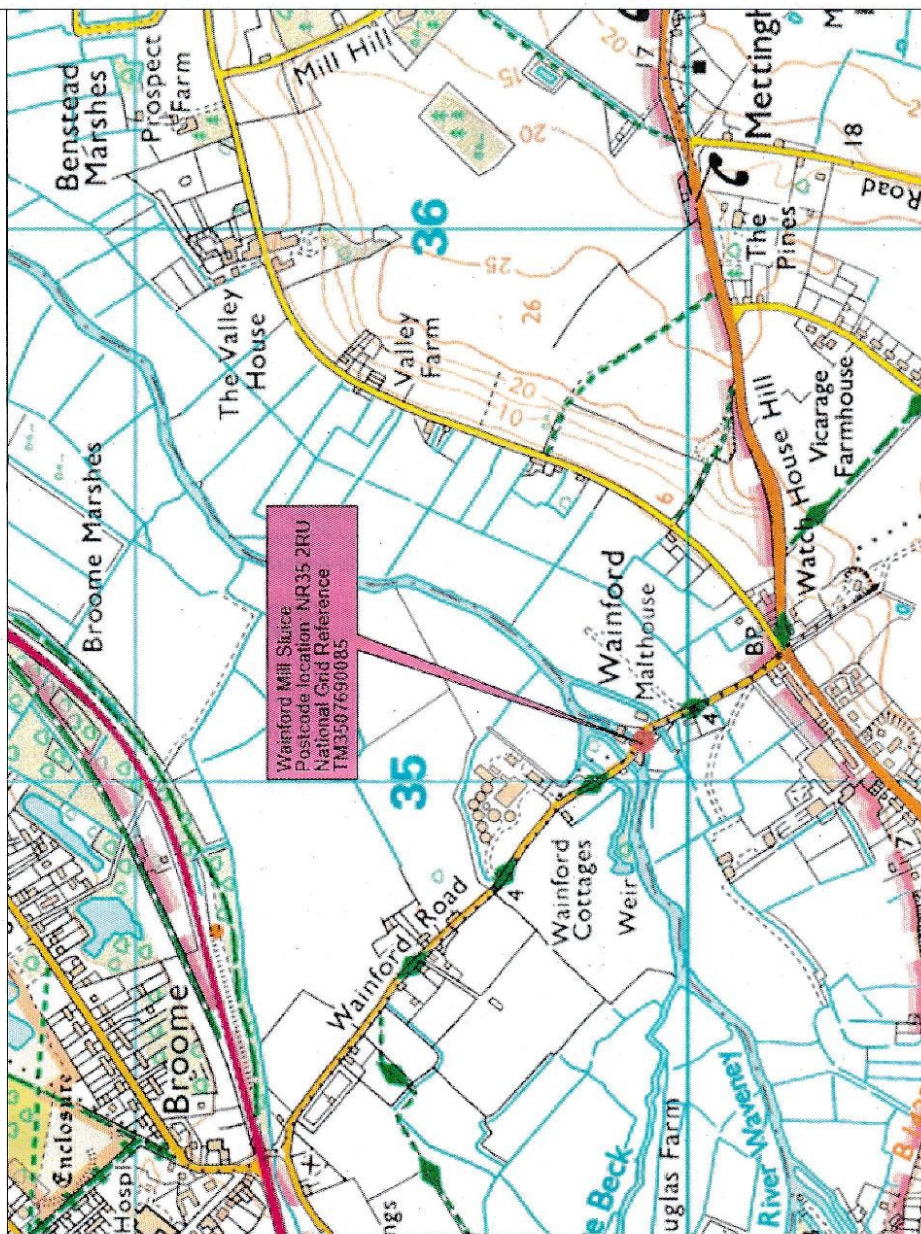
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Wainford Mill Sluice Location Plan



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12/10/2021

Dear Betty Waines,

Environment Agency update regarding Wainford Mill Sluice, NR35 2RU

As part of our ongoing work to better understand the costs and benefits of our flood defence assets across the East Anglian region, I write in connection with the Environment Agency's proposal to withdraw our maintenance responsibility for a river control structure located at Wainford on the River Waveney, and the transfer of the rights and responsibilities for this structure to a third party riparian landowner.

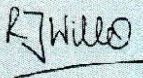
In addition to informing you of this potential change, we would like to provide other riparian landowners and interested parties with the opportunity to provide any information or details of potential impacts that we may need to consider or share if the process goes ahead.

Please find enclosed a factsheet along with a site plan which provides more information on our proposal and how to provide any comments you may wish to make.

Please note that any and all personal data that would make you identifiable would be removed prior to comments being shared with the new owner, unless you specify otherwise.

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Yours sincerely,



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