

PRESS RELEASE

From: Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board (LSIDB)

To: Local Media Outlets

Drainage Board Commences £2m Pump Replacement Programme.

Background

The LSIDB is a local independent public body managing water levels across low lying land within Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Bristol. The Board's work enables the use and improvement of agricultural land, protects the environment and facilitates future development.

Latest News

The Government's introduction of Eel Regulations has enabled the LSIDB to implement a comprehensive replacement programme covering the six pumping stations it operates. The programme - estimated to cost in excess of £2m - will help ensure that native fish and eels enjoy greater protection throughout the Board's extensive (over 500km) drainage network.

Councillor Matthew Riddle said "We are proud to announce the start of this important initiative, which has significant environmental benefits for our whole area. Works to replace the pumping station at Saul will begin on 1st August and our plan is to install all the new pumps by 2023. This is a big investment, protecting the biodiversity of the Lower Severn for future generations"

All affected local residents and parish councils will be kept fully informed as work progresses.

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