



AXE BRUE, PARRETT & NORTH SOMERSET LEVELS
INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS

Consent Officer - Salary Range £20,043 - £22,129

The Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium is the organisation that manages the operations and affairs of three Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) in Somerset. The main activity of the Boards are to manage water levels and Flood Risk within their respective catchments for the protection of people, property and the environment.

We provide water level management services to the public across large parts of the County. This includes the Somerset Levels and Moors and urban districts including Sedgemoor, South Somerset, North Somerset, Mendip, Taunton and Somerset West.

The successful applicant will provide the Land Drainage Consent (LDC) service for all Boards within the Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium (SDBC), ensuring that any proposals for works adjacent to, or in, any ordinary watercourse within the Boards' Districts do not impact on the efficient working of the drainage system and do not compromise the Environment.

Duties will include

- Supporting the Development Control Officer (DCO) in providing a Land Drainage Consenting service for all works falling within the jurisdiction of the Boards' adopted Byelaws.
- Providing a Consenting service for the Boards.
- Providing advice, guidance and information on Land Drainage Consents to Board Members and Staff.
- Assisting the DCO in the enforcement and rectification of un-consented works.
- Working with Board members and Staff at all levels to promote the interests of the Boards and the efficiency of drainage systems through knowledge of the Land Drainage Act 1991 and adherence to Board Byelaws.
- Assessing and consulting with colleagues and Board Members on LDC applications and enquiries received, and then preparing responses.

- Identifying the need, and supporting in the undertaking of, enforcement action against unconsented development or other works.
- Developing a knowledge and understanding of all Development & Control activities in order to provide resilience to the DCO position in times of absence.
- Maintaining an up-to-date knowledge of planning and consenting legislation, codes of practice, construction and H&S Legislation, national and local guidance and best practice.
- Working with colleagues in the Consortium to provide them with advice on matters of land drainage consenting and enforcement.

About you

You will have good negotiation, interpersonal and presentation skills along with sound knowledge of IT including Microsoft Word, Excel & Powerpoint.

We are looking for someone with experience or who can demonstrate knowledge of flood risk management, water level management or land drainage work who has:

- Knowledge of Sustainable Urban Drainage Techniques
- Experience with sustainable and environmentally sound construction techniques.
- Some experience of the hydrology of small catchments and the hydraulic design of systems and structures
- A Valid Driving Licence
- Experience or demonstrable knowledge in Health & Safety legislation and procedures.

In addition to this you will have a BTEC Level 3 in Construction & the Built Environment, Civil Engineering or equivalent A-levels in a Civil Engineering related subject, or be able to demonstrate similar levels of competence through relevant experience.

In return we offer a comprehensive benefits package that includes

- A competitive salary dependant on experience
- A Local Government pension scheme
- Generous Annual Leave

For more information or to discuss the post further please send you CV and Covering Letter to jobs@somerset dbs.co.uk or contact us on 01278 789906.