



Consent / Enforcement Officer – Salary Range £24,496 - £27,852

This role is about the Flood Risk Management of the Somerset Levels, keeping people and developments safe from flooding and protecting the area for the future.

If you are interested in planning and want to learn more about how we manage the Somerset levels and moors, we want to hear from you. The IDB is looking for a Consent/Enforcement Officer to join our Development Control Team to assist in ensuring development proposals and work on or near watercourses are compliant with our byelaws.

About us:

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

With the support of our Engineers, the Development Control Team works with Developers to mitigate the impact that development has on flood risk areas and monitors work in or near watercourses. We work closely with local authorities across the Boards area.

Job Description:

The focus of this role is to ensure that our Boards can continue to effectively manage flood risk following development across the Boards areas. We are looking for someone who can work well in a team and has strong interpersonal skills for engaging with customers.

If successful you will manage the Land Drainage Consent (LDC) applications and enforcement for all Boards within the Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium (SDBC).

Working alongside an experienced team you will:

- review and issue consents for working on or adjacent to watercourses,
- carry out compliance checks of consented work,
- communicate and negotiate with developers and customers to resolve potential breaches,
- ensure 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

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain further knowledge and experience on water management and development within flood risk areas.

This post is Full Time based from our office in Highbridge, with site visits across the Boards areas forming part of the role.

Experience and Skills

- 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.
- Knowledge and understanding of planning and consenting legislation, codes of practice, construction and H&S Legislation, national and local guidance and best practice.
- Experience and knowledge of flood risk management, water level management or land drainage work
- 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
- Good negotiation, interpersonal and presentation skills
- Sound knowledge of IT including Microsoft Word, Excel & Powerpoint.
- A Valid Driving Licence
- Experience or demonstrable knowledge in Health & Safety legislation and procedures.

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 your CV and Covering Letter to jobs@somersetdb.co.uk or contact us on 01278 789906