

## What type of work on an ordinary watercourse requires consent?

Under the Land Drainage Act 1991 certain types of work within a watercourse may not be permitted due to the potential increase in flood risk. In order to allow work to take place Gloucestershire County Council can issue consent for a proposed scheme by checking that it does not increase the risk of flooding and that it does not adversely affect the environment.

The Land Drainage Act (1991), as amended by the Flood and Water Management Act (2010), specifies:

“No person shall —

- a) erect any mill dam, weir or other like obstruction to the flow of any ordinary watercourse or raise or otherwise alter any such obstruction; or
- b) erect a culvert in an ordinary watercourse; or
- c) alter a culvert in a manner that would be likely to affect the flow of an ordinary watercourse — without the consent in writing of the drainage board concerned.”

## Works affecting a watercourse which may require consent

Both permanent and temporary works affecting a watercourse may require consent. Under the Land Drainage Act 1991, consent is required for any mill dam, weir, or like obstruction to flow, any culvert or any alterations to a culvert likely to affect flow.

To discuss your application, and receive advice prior to submission:

Please contact 01453 754480

For further information follow link to Gloucestershire County Council website:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/article/108954/Land-drainage-consent>