



**Canal &
River Trust**

Making life better by water



Bow Wharf

Surface Water Drainage

Did you know that Surface Water from property & development sites can be drained into the canal?

Canal & River Trust cares for a 2,000 mile network of historic canals and navigable rivers across the country. Our extensive waterway network provides an opportunity for land owners, developers and tenants to drain surface water directly into the canal and save money.

Canal & River Trust, which now has a charitable status, recognises the value of such facilities and is keen to work with landowners in a mutually beneficial way. As we are not a statutory drainage authority the Trust is not obliged to accept discharges into the network but can do so if appropriate by agreement.

Potential Benefits for Landowners & Developers

The Trust has many examples of where agreements are in place with public and private bodies, in residential, industrial and rural locations where alternative options would have been cost prohibitive or unsuitable. The Trust is therefore now, where feasible, set up to accept water discharges on competitive commercial terms and can offer considerable savings to property owners as opposed to using public facilities. It may:

- Eliminate the need for a pumped discharge into an adopted sewer.
- Allow increased water flow discharge rates thereby reducing the cost of on-site attenuation.
- Free up developable site area, increasing developers' profit.
- Eliminate the need to lay lengthy pipes in the highway to access an adopted sewer

Drainage & Discharges – Our Charges

Cost are incurred by the Trust in dealing with additional water to the canal such as the:

- Works necessary to protect the banks from increased flood risk.
- Cost of accommodating pipes in any towpath improvement works.
- Cost and maintenance of weirage to dispose of storm water draining onto the Trust's network.

So, where the Trust does accept a discharge we have to deal with the consequences and management of that discharge.

As a charity the Trust is obliged to act commercially and charges accordingly for the benefits provided under and licence.

Form of Agreement

The Agreement usually takes the form of an initial premium and a licence with an annual commercial payment, subject to a periodic review. These licences are bespoke to each individual situation and are drawn up by our Solicitors.

Where work is required on land belonging to the Trust, consent is required from the Third-Party Works team, in order that the Trust's code of practice is adhered to.



Ellesmere Port

Do speak to one of our Regional Surveyors early in your planning stages to find out more about the benefits it could mean for your property/development.



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