

Internal Drainage Board (IDB) daily update – January 2025

Monday 6th

The pumps are coping at Stillingfleet but yes there is a fair amount of water in the system, The Field team had reported back to me (Nathan) this morning after visiting Stillingfleet that's things were running satisfactorily. Complaints are pretty much the same in the rest of the district with the snow melt adding additional water to the system and some lingering snow is now preventing highway surface water runoff and we are receiving a high influx of calls due to this as it is leading to standing water running towards properties - further is set to get worse as the forecast is freezing temperatures so black ice is likely to be forming too.

The break in rain will allow the station to get on top of the system water over the next day or so - hope this is of some help.

Tuesday 7th

Level rises have slowed somewhat, and the river is still falling now at a similar level to the dry side of the flood defence so hopefully we should start to see water peak and also reducing through gravity flows very soon.

Wednesday 8th

I(Nathan) have visited the pumping station this morning and we have passed the peak with a 75mm reduction but bear in mind we will need to action the upstream pumping station as well possibly early tomorrow so this will hopefully not cause a rise in levels as we are heading in the right direction.

Thursday 9th

I (Nathan) have been at Stillingfeet pump station since early this morning as we had a problem with one of the assisting pumps however this is now all re-set and back in action. The water level at the station has fallen by 300mm and as predicted with the river now falling below 5 meters AOD water is discharging out of the gravity flapvalves therefore we will continue to see falling water levels throughout today and a big improvement.

Pictures below that I took this morning within compound area at the station compared to the water level picture taken on Tuesday Morning of this week – as you will note the electrical panel to the right I had to elevate higher so water did not ingress and knock the whole system out.

