

## **RIVER GREAT OUSE SYSTEM**

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**DATE: 13 July 2022 – Until Rescinded**

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**LOCATION: River Great Ouse System**

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### **DETAILS:**

Due to the lack of rainfall and the exceptionally dry weather conditions, we are experiencing lower flows and river levels in places than normal on the River Great Ouse. We are advising all river users to take extra care whilst under way at present on the navigation, especially on naturally shallower reaches such as the top ends of the tributaries and channels such as the Old West River. Be aware that there may be lower levels than usual in some locations and an increased chance of grounding or making contact with the bed. When mooring please do ensure that ropes and lines allow for fluctuating river levels, use spring lines and check your vessel regularly.

Where possible please conserve water by sharing locks and navigate with extreme caution. Take notice of any warning signage displayed and channel markers where present. Shallower areas of the river and under water obstructions may become more prevalent whilst water levels are low. Craft with deep drafts may experience difficulties and there may be the risk of boats coming into contact with the riverbed or grounding out in places.

This notice is effective until further notice and will remain in place whilst we continue to experience these current dry conditions. When levels have recovered a further update will be issued to rescind this notice.

In case of an incident please contact 03708 506 506 during office hours or 0800 80 70 60 at all other times.

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**14 July 2022**