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**Our ref** CCE/2014/53076  
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Dear Mr Ford

**RE: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)/  
Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) regarding River Yare**

Thank you for your enquiry of 3 April 2014 about the River Yare.

Following internal consultations we can confirm neither the National Rivers Authority or the Environment Agency have ever carried out dredging of the stretch of river for flood risk management purposes. As far as we are aware, it has never been dredged for this purpose by any of our other predecessors with responsibility for flood defence and land drainage.

We understand that all previous dredging will have been carried out for the benefit of navigation. The current Navigation Authority is the Broads Authority. If you are interested in the history of navigation and dredging prior to this there are some references in this document:

- Land use, Conservation and Ecology of Broadland Martin George Packard Publishing Ltd

Please be aware however, that this is no longer in print but should be available at your local library and from some specialist retailers.

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If you are not satisfied with our response to your request for information you can contact us within 2 calendar months to ask for our decision to be reviewed.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do contact the Customers and Engagement Team at the number below.

Yours sincerely

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