

The Broads Authority

GENERAL DIRECTION

LARGE VESSELS

The Broads Authority, in the exercise of their powers under Section 4 and Schedule 1 of the Broads Authority Act 2009 (the Act), and having carried out the consultations required by that schedule, has given the following General Direction:

1. This General Direction applies throughout the entirety of the navigation area as defined in s8(1) of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 ("**the Navigation Area**").
2. No vessel of length of 24m or greater ("**Large Vessel**") may enter or navigate within the Navigation Area unless permitted to do so in accordance with paragraphs 3-7.
3. Any person wishing to navigate a Large Vessel within the Navigation Area ("**the Applicant**") may apply to the Broads Authority for permission to do so, subject to the following procedure:
 - a. The application must be made using the form published on the Broads Authority website.
 - b. Upon receipt of an application, a risk assessment shall be conducted on behalf of the Broads Authority into the proposed journey, using the details supplied by the Applicant.
 - c. The application must be completed in full and received by the Broads Authority not later than 42 working days prior to the date when it is proposed that the vessel will enter the Broads.
 - d. Applications shall be sent by email to Broadscontrol@broads-authority.gov.uk
 - e. The Applicant must supply any further information requested by the Broads Authority as soon as practicable after this is requested.

4. Following receipt of an application duly submitted in accordance with paragraph 3, the Broads Authority in its absolute discretion may grant permission for a Large Vessel to enter and navigate within the Navigation Area ("**Permission**").
5. Upon the grant of a Permission, the Large Vessel named within the Permission may enter and navigate within the Navigation Area on the date(s) specified within the Permission, and subject to a record of the Permission being available for inspection during the journey.
6. A Permission may not be transferred, and it may be revoked at any time, for any reason, upon the Broads Authority giving notice to the Applicant.
7. Any person navigating a Large Vessel within the Navigation Area must comply with any conditions stated within the Permission.