

This invention is directed to improvements in paper incorporating a wide elongate impermeable element, to a method of making such paper and to documents made therefrom. The method comprises the steps of first bringing an elongate, flexible, impermeable element into contact with a support surface prior to their entry into a vat of aqueous paper stock, then depositing fibres onto the support surface to form paper. The element has a width of at least 6 mm and the deposition of fibres is carried out in such a manner that as fibres are deposited on the support surface the elongate element is incorporated in the paper with regions of the element at least partially exposed at least one surface of the paper at least two sets of windows at spaced locations. The at least two sets of windows are formed by two sets of portions which are raised from the support surface relative to adjacent areas of the support surface. A first set of raised portions has a width transverse to a machine direction in which the paper travels during manufacture, which width is narrower than the width of the elongate element, and the second set of raised portions has a width transverse to a machine direction in which the paper travels during manufacture, which width is at least equal to the width of the elongate element. Thus during manufacture of the paper the elongate element is brought into contact with both sets of raised portions with edges of the elongate element being supported by the second set of raised portions.