

MIDDLE LEVEL COMMISSIONERS

Charging Policy for dealing with Planning and Consent Applications



The Middle Level Commissioners and the associated Internal Drainage Boards are responsible for water level/flood risk management within their respective areas, as shown on the respective maps available on www.middlelevel.gov.uk under the respective Board. In that role they are called upon by the various local planning authorities, within whose areas they operate, to provide advice and comment on planning applications, so far as relates to their functions. Similar considerations may also apply where the consent of the Commissioners or Internal Drainage Boards is required under their own legislation.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its associated guidance make it clear that surface water disposal and flood risk are material planning considerations and clarifies the responsibilities of developers to consider flood risk issues fully, in relation to any proposed development. In order to assist developers to do this and to be able to take into account the rate of charges that the Commissioners and Boards will make for providing advice/comment on applications, the currently applicable rate can be obtained from our fees document on our website. Information as to the types of application that will or will not be covered by the Standing Advice can also be found on our website. A flat rate of £50 will be charged for applications dealt with under the Standing Advice.

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