

FLY TIPPING COULD FLOOD HOUSES

March based flood defence body Middle Level Commissioners are warning that illegal flytipping could lead to property flooding.

Recent incidents in March and Wisbech have involved large quantities of tyres, garden refuse and household rubbish being dumped into watercourses. This has led to ditches being blocked, with water, unable to get away, threatening to overspill the channel and put properties at risk

“People have to realise that this area is one which relies on the proper management of water and watercourses to reduce flood risk and irresponsible and illegal activities such as these could lead to properties being flooded” said Middle Level Chief Executive Iain Smith

“We would urge people to think twice before engaging in such activities which are not only illegal but could undermine local flood risk management. A moment’s thoughtlessness could flood a house”.

Notes to editors

1. A photograph of an incident is available on request.
2. Middle Level Commissioners are a statutory flood defence and navigation authority based in March, Cambridgeshire, covering March, Wisbech, Ramsey, Chatteris and Whittlesey. Telephone 01354 653232, e-mail admin@middlelevel.gov.uk, website www.middlelevel.gov.uk.