



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW, PLEASE READ**

Dear Householder,

It has recently come to our attention that the West Hart Embankment of the Basingstoke Canal has suffered some deterioration in its structure. Surveys have been undertaken and from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March the canal will be closed to allow the problem to be fixed.

As you may be aware there is a warning of very heavy rain forecast for this area on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Whilst the County Council has taken action to prevent a breach of the canal bank there is a slight possibility of this occurring. In this unlikely event there is also a risk that your property and land could be flooded. We do not anticipate the level of flooding to be in excess of 1 to 2 feet. We would therefore, as a precaution, ask you to consider preparing for such an eventuality as outlined below.

For further information please contact the Canal Duty Ranger on 07894 425588.

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### **The following advice is for households at risk of flooding**

Find out how to turn off your gas, electricity and water mains supplies.

Move cars, pets, food, valuables and important documents to safety, for example to high levels.

Bring indoors items which may cause damage or be damaged.

Ensure you have a sufficient supply of drinking water in the house as main water supplies may become contaminated through widespread flooding.

Go in, stay in, tune in – regularly check the TV news, teletext, local radio and newspapers for the latest information from the emergency services and *[local councils]*.

### **You can further help yourself by preparing a flood kit of essential items:**

- Copies of your home insurance documents
- A torch with spare batteries
- A wind-up or battery radio
- Warm, waterproof clothing and blankets
- A first aid kit and prescription medication
- Bottled water and non-perishable food
- List of important contact numbers