



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FM CONWAY IN COUNCIL CUTS FLOOD WARNING**

Cleansing specialists at highways and maintenance contractor FM Conway have warned that local authority budget reductions could mean many water gullies and culverts will remain un-cleaned and un-emptied – leading to fears of major flooding issues.

Gullies and culverts are specially-built channels that take excess rainwater away from highways and often feed into sewer systems to be taken away for treatment and recycling.

FM Conway, industry experts in gully cleaning, waste water recycling, say that a number of local authorities are facing overall budget cuts, with drainage funds often being axed.

Julian Wynn, who is senior commercial manager in FM Conway's Cleansing Division, commented: "The tough economic environment has inevitably led to budgets being cut and the focus on drains being lost. I think we are in real danger of budgets being cut for routine inspections and surveys of gullies, drains, soakaways and culverts.

"This could turn out to be expensive because it costs a lot more to clean up after major flooding than it does to clean and maintain gullies and culverts in the first place.

"Prevention is far better than cure – imagine the congestion problems if highways are closed because of flood damage or the impact on businesses hit by water damage."

And Julian added: "In London particularly, there are councils that have had extra investment because of the 2012 Olympics but there are others who are missing out. This issue is something that needs to be addressed – and quickly."

FM Conway uses a state-of-the-art gully waste recycling facility at its base in Dartford, Kent, which means that it can now recycle 95 per cent of all waste water.

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The gully cleansing and culvert emptying teams work with local authorities across the UK and use specialist cleansing and silt removal equipment to collect debris.

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### **Notes to Editor:**

FM Conway Limited is a multi-disciplined service provider, operating from head offices in Dartford, Kent, with strategic business centres across London and the South East. They are the leaders in innovative re-cycling targets.

The company provides a comprehensive range of highway maintenance, civil engineering and construction services and has developed a reputation for delivering cost-effective and high-performance solutions across both the public and private sectors.

Managing director Michael Conway and his team invest time and resources to build on the company's profile as one of the country's foremost innovators in wet waste and aggregates recycling.

Since its foundation in 1961, FM Conway has continued to grow and today employs a workforce of more than 1800 people.

FM Conway is a member of the British Safety Council, the Civil Engineering Contractors' Association, the British Association of Landscape Industries and the Quarry Products Association, as well as being BSI registered for environmental and quality management.

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**Picture caption:** FM Conway's expert gully emptying team in action

