



## Other Services

### Expert Witness

An expert witness is a professional, who has specialist knowledge in a given field, sufficient that others may officially and legally rely upon his or her expert opinion.

At Cole Easdon, our team has the education, skill and experience necessary to be expert witnesses in our chosen fields. We are equipped to provide independent, expert opinion on the consequence of developments on traffic, infrastructure and flood risk.

The independent expert evidence that we provide is used to help quickly resolve disputes between parties who are in disagreement over a particular proposal.

When called upon to be an expert witness we will:

- Prepare a proof of evidence.
- Present the evidence to a court or public inquiry.
- Provide a 'statement of common ground', which sets out the points which have already been agreed on both sides, allowing those presiding to focus only on the issues which remain to be resolved.

While acting as expert witness, we will always be objective and independent of both parties. We are happy to be instructed by either side separately, or by both sides together where we would act as a 'single joint expert'.

### The Benefits of using an Expert Witness

The benefits of using an expert witness from Cole Easdon are:

- Helping to secure planning permission for development if employed by a developer.
- Helping to secure refusal for development if employed by a Local Authority, Residents Group or other interested party.
- Providing key information in order to support or defend legal cases for both national insurers and Local Authorities
- Reducing the time and costs of proceedings by producing a 'Statement of Common Ground'.



Newbridge, Sussex.

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## How We Can Help

Cole Easdon Consultants will act on your behalf and prepare expert evidence in accordance with the Civil Procedure Rules (1998) and guidance provided by the Planning Inspectorate.

We are able to undertake the role of expert witness in the following fields:

- Transportation Planning
- Traffic Engineering
- Highway Engineering
- Flood Risk
- Sustainable Drainage

We are also able to prepare and deliver expert evidence, which can be used either in support of or objection to/defense of a scheme, at:

- Planning Appeals
- Public Inquiries
- High Court Challenges
- Arbitration Hearings
- Insurance Claims
- Local Plan Inquiries



## Examples of Our Work

**Abbotswood, Romsey:** Transportation and Flood Risk/Drainage Public Inquiry in support of an 800 dwelling residential development, on behalf of the developer.

**Folly Park View, Faringdon, Oxfordshire:** Transportation and Flood Risk/Drainage Public Inquiry in support of a 400 dwelling residential development, on behalf of the developer.

**Tesco, Cinderford:** High Court Challenge by the Co-op.

**Chester Business Park:** Transportation Public Inquiry in support of an office development on behalf of the developer.

**Co-op, Carterton:** Transportation Public Inquiry in support of a new supermarket for the Co-op.

**Thornhill, Wiltshire:** Expert witness report for a national insurer to support a legal case involving flood damages to third party property.

**A38 Highway, Gloucestershire:** Expert witness report for a national insurer to support a legal case involving highway/land flooding and damages.

**Newbridge, East Sussex:** Expert witness report for a national insurer to support a legal case involving property flooding and damages.

**Rowlands Castle, Hampshire:** Expert witness report & mediation for Hampshire County Council relating to a legal case involving property flooding and damages.

**Sainsburys Development, Melksham:** Preparation of Proof of Evidence (Flood Risk) for Wiltshire Council & representation at Public Inquiry.

**Stocksbridge, Sheffield:** Expert witness report for a national insurer to support a legal case involving personal damages arising from flood damaged footpath.

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