



## Case Study

### Rowlands Castle, Hampshire

#### Background

Hampshire County Council (HCC) along with a house developer were named defendants in a legal case relating to flooding of existing dwellings during a storm in January 2008. Flooding was allegedly caused by a highway culvert and stream diversion works.

Cole Easdon Consultants (CEC) were appointed by HCC to investigate the circumstances of the flooding event and provide an expert opinion regarding possible cause(s) of flooding.

#### Client

Hampshire County Council

#### CEC Input

- Expert Witness
- Representation at mediation
- Hydraulic modelling
- Liaison with expert witnesses representing the claimant and the developer defendant

#### Benefits of Our Involvement

- The client was named as second defendant late in the proceedings. Despite this, CEC was able to deliver considered, timely output within the constraints of the legal timetable.
- CEC's proactive approach & technical expertise aided settlement at mediation, thereby protecting our client from costly court action.



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