

# Flood Investigation Report



## Stretham

### 1.1 Background

As the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for Cambridgeshire, it is Cambridgeshire County Council's (CCC) duty to investigate flood incidents as detailed within Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

#### **Flood and Water Management Act 2010: Section 19 – Local Authorities: Investigations**

- 1) On becoming aware of a flood in its area, a lead local flood authority must, to the extent that it considers it necessary or appropriate, investigate -
  - a) Which risk management authorities have relevant flood risk management functions, and
  - b) Whether each of those risk management authorities has exercised, or is proposing to exercise, those functions in response to the flood.
- 2) Where an authority carries out an investigation under subsection (1) it must -
  - a) Publish the results of its investigation, and
  - b) Notify any relevant risk management authorities.

CCC carries out flood investigation, in order to comply with current legislation. Unfortunately owing to very limited resources we cannot investigate every incident, and as such we have prioritised investigations.

### 1.2 Risk Management Authority

The flood investigation reports have been produced in partnership with the relevant Risk Management Authorities (RMA). RMAs are defined by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, as they have responsibilities for flood risk management. The RMAs have a duty to carry out flood risk management functions in a manner consistent with national and local strategies.

The RMAs in Cambridgeshire are listed below; Table 1 highlights the relevant RMA that will take the lead in managing the risk from various local sources of flooding.

- Anglian Water (AW)
- Environment Agency (EA)
- Internal Drainage Board (IDB)
- City and District Councils (C&DC)
- Highway Authority (HA) part of CCC

The flood investigation reports determine which RMA(s) have exercised their flood risk management functions in response to flooding.



<b>Historical Flooding</b>	Unknown		
<b>Source of Flooding</b>	Surface water	<b>Depth</b>	Unknown
<b>Likely Cause of Incident</b>			
Flooding is believed to have been caused as a result of capacity issues with the nearby gullies.			
<b>Summary of Impact</b>			
1 property was flooded internally			
<b>Action Taken by Relevant Risk Management Authorities</b>			
HA	Highways Team have cleared the gullies on the following roads; High Street, Chapel Lane, and sections of Newmarket Road.		
ECDC	ECDC have arranged for the Awarded watercourse along Newmarket Road to be cleared. It was reported to the LLFA this work was completed in October 2014.		
<b>Further solutions</b>			
CCC recommends that residents, whose properties have been flooded, contact the <a href="#">National Flood Forum</a> for details on how to protect their property.			

Please Note: The actions undertaken, as part of this flood investigation does not preclude the risk of the area flooding in the future. If you live in an area that is at a risk of flooding, CCC would encourage you undertake the action highlighted in the 'Further Solutions' section in Table 2.

### Next Steps

The next steps for the LLFA is to ensure the report is forwarded to the RMAs identified in the above table and that these authorities are aware of their flood risk management responsibilities.