



**DALCOUR
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**Supporting the delivery
of the UK's flood
resilience projects** 

Does your flood project have an impact on land?

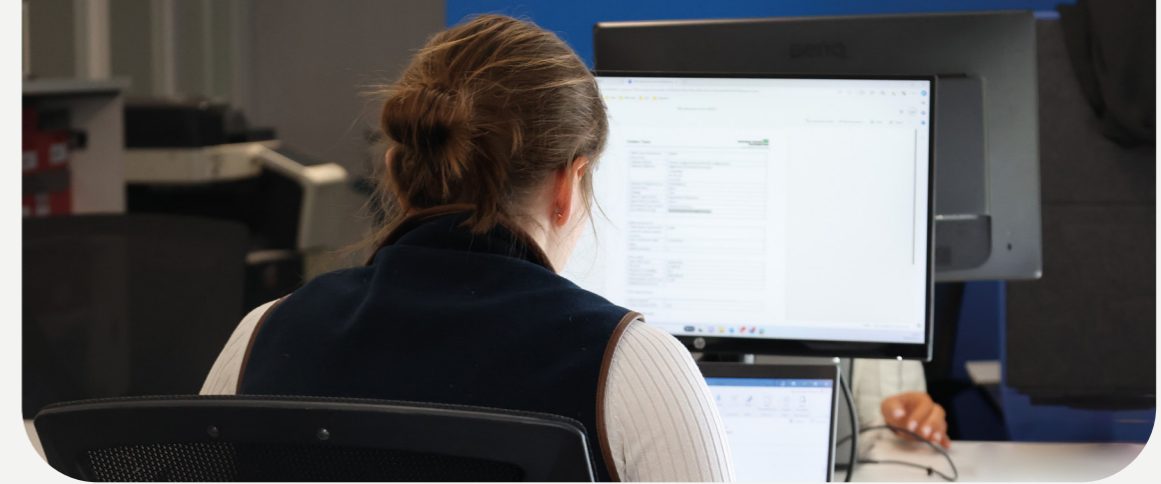
Here at Dalcour Maclaren, we recognise the diverse nature of land.

Spanning agricultural, commercial, residential, and developmental areas, whether in rural or urban landscapes. Our team are experts at identifying innovative solutions and can deliver the full suite of services needed to secure access to land required for scheme delivery.

With 20+ years of experience supporting and delivering projects

across the UK, we have significantly contributed to enhancing flood defences, mitigating risks, and safeguarding communities from the devastating impacts of floods.

Our teams work cross-functionally and collaboratively, enabling clients to quickly and seamlessly access a wealth of expertise bespoke to their project, such as negotiating survey access, managing environmental and planning issues, land agreements and compensation settlements, whilst building long-term relationships with the owners and occupiers.



Our services

Experience in negotiating access with landowners and occupiers



Expertise in the application of powers under the Water Resources Act and the Land Drainage Act including compulsory purchase and development consent orders



Liaison officers to manage relationships on the ground before and during the on-site works



GIS services in preparing all plans needed to facilitate negotiations, including presentation of flood modelling data



Integrated environmental planning service



Environmental planning

Our team of qualified and experienced planners and environmental planners can negotiate your project through the planning system, providing support throughout.

We have extensive experience with a diverse range of projects across all sectors, and we can bring that wealth of knowledge to provide a bespoke response to your planning needs. We always advocate early engagement with our team to ensure that our expert advice is implemented at the earliest opportunity. Our experienced team can positively contribute at any stage of an application, deploying our wealth of experience to unlock problems and resolve issues.

Planning applications and permitted development advice

EIA screening and environmental statement

Ecology surveys, appraisals and assessments

Archaeology and heritage



Our environment and planning core services include planning and permitted development services, EIA screening and environmental planning services, ecology, biodiversity net gain, archaeology, and heritage services.

As projects progress, we appreciate that clients often require additional services to ensure projects reach the construction phase or progress.

With our wealth of experience and individual chartered specialists, we can also advise on Drainage Strategy and Flood Risk Assessments (Technical Director - MCIWEM), Minerals, Agricultural Land Classification, Waste, Arboricultural surveys and advice, Noise assessment, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessments, PRow, Minerals and more.



Setting out a land strategy

Whether negotiating terms or relying on statutory powers, having a well-defined land strategy is essential for addressing land-related issues and outlining the approach to securing necessary land rights.

A robust land strategy facilitates clarity across project teams regarding land assembly protocols and ensures adherence to compliance and regulation throughout the development process.

The Flood Resilience team at Dalcour Maclaren offers expertise in drafting comprehensive and succinct land strategies tailored to diverse projects. These strategies are integral to the overall planning, approval and construction process for flood resilience projects in the UK.

Building relationships

We believe strong stakeholder relationships are essential to the successful delivery of your project.

Good relationships can support the delivery of your project on time and within budget.

Unhappy stakeholders can create delays and increase the risk of rising costs if they are not aligned with the project's timescales and processes. By contrast, the process can be made much easier with positive stakeholder relationships, reducing cost risks and ensuring the project programme remains intact.

At DM, we build these strong relationships by operating compact and approachable Lands teams. We emphasise in-person stakeholder meetings and aim to ensure stakeholders are dealing with people, not a call centre or an impersonal organisation.

We encourage starting stakeholder engagement as early as possible to allow time to build these relationships and for stakeholders to fully understand and address the project proposals.



Embracing innovation

Dalcour Maclaren's innovation started with the development of our own GIS and land surveying teams.

This allowed us to offer a broader service to our clients and facilitate a quick and integrated approach to

preparing land plans and checking on-site activities aligned with those plans.

Our team can prepare plans specifically designed to support land agreements and stakeholder discussion. Since then, innovation has formed the foundations for our 'challenging the norm' approach.



We have introduced innovative ideas to many of the projects we are involved in, including:

Agricultural liaison officers (ALOs)

ALOs leverage their extensive knowledge and experience when engaging with rural landowners. Their primary responsibility is facilitating negotiations between landowners and contractors, ensuring the landowner feels supported and understood.



Project and client specific dashboards

DM have utilised the Power BI software to integrate and create client dashboards to improve the quality of reporting. This system uses several key platforms, including ESRI and Survey123, to form the basis of this reporting. Clients have praised its ease of use and clear reporting functions.



Project managers

DM has adopted a project manager-based approach to improve project efficiency. Traditionally, surveyors handle all aspects of a project, including billing, project processes, and advising. However, DM distinguishes itself by assigning project managers to manage billing and processes, allowing surveyors to focus on client advisory services.



Artificial intelligence

DM recognises the importance of keeping up to date with technological advancements to help streamline processes. Our FutureTech team strive to develop mechanisms and opportunities to deliver a quick service on all our standard deliverables.

Get in touch

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