

## Appendix R – Oxford FAS investor details

### **1. Confirmed**

#### ***Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee Local Levy***

As part of the work towards the SOC in 2014/15, the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee made a commitment of £14 million towards the Oxford FAS. This contribution is administered by the Environment Agency and is profiled over the capital delivery period of the project. The committee reviews exact allocations annually.

#### ***Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP)***

In July 2014, OxLEP successfully bid for funding as part of the first national Growth Deal funding allocation. Within the programme for Oxfordshire they allocated £25.8 million to the Oxford FAS. This is profiled for expenditure in 2018/19 and 2019/20 as part of the main construction programme. This contribution will be drawn down as grant payments in each of these years. OxLEP have indicated that there is some flexibility that would enable us to draw on some funds sooner to help cash flow but this would need to be fully spent on capital expenditure. This is something the project team will explore as the programme moves through planning towards construction.

Aside from the funding contribution, OxLEP have been a key part of the funding sub-group and facilitated opportunities with potential investors. They continue to support efforts to raise further contributions from local beneficiaries.

#### ***Oxfordshire County Council***

As leading partners on the Sponsoring Group, Oxfordshire County Council have been an important local contributor. In 2014, they committed an initial £1.5 million to support the appraisal work needed to get the project through business case development. This contribution has been split over 4 financial years from 2014/15 to 2017/18.

In December 2016, the County Council committed to making a further £5 million capital investment in the scheme. This has been approved through the appropriate channels within the council. This contribution will be made as a lump sum payment in 2018/19.

Staff from the County Council have been involved in developing and delivering the Funding Strategy to secure contributions towards this scheme. They have supported negotiations with local parties such as the bus companies and Land Securities Ltd.

#### ***Oxford City Council***

In 2015, Oxford City Council undertook the same commitment as Oxfordshire County Council and committed to a £1.5 million contribution towards appraisal and business case development. This contribution is profiled from 2015/16 to 2018/19.

The council have also offered a further in-kind contribution that will write-off land and compensation values for any City Council-owned property necessary to complete the scheme, up to a value of £1m. This will include land needed for the channel itself and surrounding land which is impacted by the scheme during and after construction. To represent this contribution now, it has been profiled in 2019/20 when the majority of land payment are expected to be paid.

Further discussions are ongoing with regards to a further contribution later in the project but agreement has not been reached prior to submission of this OBC.

## ***Thames Water***

Thames Water are the drainage authority and are working on their own study to reduce the likelihood of sewer flooding in Oxford. Their investigations and review of the modelling for the Oxford FAS has indicated that they would be prepared to make a contribution of between £1 million and £3.4 million – most likely £2.2 million. This will come at the start of their next AMP investment period in 2019.

Negotiations are in progress to push the contribution towards the higher end of the range. This is likely following certainty of benefits after detailed design.

## ***2. In progress***

### ***University of Oxford***

The University of Oxford and City Council have successfully secured £6.2m of local Growth Fund money for a number of infrastructure improvements that will facilitate the Osney Mead innovation quarter. We will be working with the City and the University in 2017 to finalise the value of the benefits the Oxford FAS will provide in this area. In addition we will look at the costs and enhanced benefits the further Oxford FAS secondary defences could provide this area.

They had initially earmarked £3m of this for flood risk reduction work that we should be able to secure towards the Oxford FAS if we can deliver minor enhancements to the design.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) liabilities created by the redevelopment of this area only made possible by the OFAS would attract £2,480,000m of CIL receipts for the city council.

### ***Oxford Spires (Four Pillars) Hotel***

The Oxford Spires Hotel Abingdon Road Oxford – We have carried out a potential losses assessment of the Four Pillars Hotel that has shown a potential significant impact on this business. We have introduced the OFAS to their Regional General Manager of the Hotel Chain. Our offer to jointly explore the benefits the OFAS will provide their current business and future aspirations for their proposed extension on this site has been accepted. A follow up meeting to discuss this is being set up with their head office.

### ***Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE)***

SSE have a key substation in the Osney Mead area that supports the distribution of power into Oxford. They have a project starting up to improve resilience to the substation as part of their response to the government review. Discussions need to take place to review whether the Oxford FAS can provide equivalent or better resilience and therefore justify a contribution.

Local engagement with SSE has slowed down and so Sir James Beavan has written to their Chief Executive on behalf of the scheme to try and renew the negotiations.

### ***BMW***

BMW have a major plant located near to the scheme area. We are engaging with BMW at senior level. Following a review on the impact of their 'just in time' manufacturing operations and staff commuter routes it is clear they are not a major beneficiary of the scheme. However the Oxford FAS does significantly improve the resilience of the Network Rail freight line that they depend on for the efficient exportation of their vehicles. We are continuing our negotiations to look at this improved export resilience and a more wider corporate and social responsibility contribution.

### ***Network Rail***

Network Rail have installed a culvert at South Hinksey, paid for by Oxford FAS, as part of their electrification work and track raising of this section of railway line. This work has been identified as an efficiency for the project. In 2017 we will begin discussions with Network Rail regarding the increased flood risk resilience provided to this part of their network. The location is currently estimated to be at risk of flooding from a 5% AEP event but following the completion of the Oxford FAS this risk could reduce to a 1% AEP event. Contribution towards this additional benefit can be sought.

### ***BT Openreach***

BT Openreach supply broadband internet in the scheme area. We have worked with BT to complete a high level impact assessment. We are waiting for approval from their director to release some additional commercially confidential data to allow us to value the benefits the Oxford FAS can provide their infrastructure.

### ***Land Securities Ltd***

Land Securities Ltd are the landlords for the new Westgate shopping centre development in Oxford city centre. Following a review of the pre and post-scheme impact assessment on the development and customers' access to it, Land Securities have confirmed that they cannot justify a contribution at this time. However, we will continue to work with the John Lewis Partnership, who are the flagship store in the development, to endeavour to change this position. EA Chair, Emma Howard Boyd is meet with Land Securities on 24 April to promote their making a contribution. This initial meeting has lead to a follow up meeting with their Head of Sustainability during May.

### ***John Lewis Partnership***

We have had an initial meeting to introduce the scheme in December 2016. Further discussion where held in May 2017. The clear impact on their business is understood and further bespoke benefit assessments are underway on their Waitrose Store on the Botley road. We will seek support from the John Lewis Partnership to influence their partners and landlords at Land Securities Ltd.

### ***Oxford Bus Company and Stage Coach***

These companies run bus services in and around the city. We have been introduced to both companies and have follow up meetings booked with them for early 2017. Oxfordshire County Council are committed to work with us to influence the bus companies to support the scheme.