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Our ref: AN/2018/127372/02-L01  
Your ref: MW.0028/18  
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Dear Mary

A flood alleviation scheme to reduce flood risk in Oxford, comprising:
Construction of a new two stage channel from the confluence of the Botley and Seacourt Streams, extending south easterly to North Kennington;
Floodwalls to the north of Botley Road, at Seacourt Park and ride and adjacent to Bullstake close allotments;
Floodgates at Helen Road, Henry Road and Seacourt park and ride;
Flood defences at New Hinksey between Abingdon Road in the west and the River Thames in the east, Ferry Ginksey Road and north of South Hinksey;
Control structures at Bulstake stream, Eastwyke ditch, Hinksey pond, Redbridge stream and Cold Harbour;
Bridges and culverts to cross highways and footpaths maintaining access routes;
spillways, embankments, low flow control structure, modifications to seacourt stream, ford crossings, channel clearance, ditch widening and deepening,
Removal of weir and installation of telemetry cabinets;
Repairs to existing walls along Osney stream and in Hinksey park.
The creation of new and improved habitat for flora, fauna and fisheries, and change of use of land to provide exchange for existing open space.
Works will include extraction of some sand and gravel for reuse on the site and exportation from the site at scheme area extends from north of the A420 Botley Road to south of the A423 ring road, running predominantly between the A34 to the west and the Oxford to London railway line to the east, it also includes land between the A4144 Abingdon Road to the west and the River Thames to the east from just to the north of the access track adjacent to Oxford Spires hotel to Donnington Bridge

Thank you for referring the amended flood risk information, which we received on 19 June 2018 and for allowing us additional time to respond.

We have reviewed the document: Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme - FRA Comments and Responses V3, dated 19 June 2018 and consider it to address the points raised in our previous response. Therefore, any future reference to the Flood Risk
Assessment should also make reference to this document. We would still request the imposition of the draft conditions recommended in our previous response dated 19 June 2018.

**Information for the applicant**

FRA Comments and Responses V3

Point 3 – The new and altered section of watercourses/channels that will be enmained should be included into a longer term maintenance programme.

Point 7 – The updated Table 4 is clearer. The overall scheme is better illustrated with the purpose of each element explained and we accept the logic behind not linking to drawing numbers.

Point 10 - This is good summary and no further explanation is required.

Point 11 - We refer back to point 3 and need to ensure that there is a good maintenance programme, accepting that the scheme has been designed to minimise the level of maintenance required.

Point 16 - We know planned amendments to the flood forecasting models need consideration as part of the whole scheme delivery, but our experience is that it can be overlooked or delayed. We would like to take this opportunity to highlight to the importance of planning and prioritising this work even at this stage of the project.

Point 17 – This point has been recognised and should be given further attention during the detailed design.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Yours faithfully

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