

## Appendix 5

### HIF Business Case extract

#### 1. The Project

##### 1.1 Project summary

###### 1.1.1 What is the name of your scheme?

Access to Didcot Garden Town (DGT)

###### 1.1.2 Please provide an Executive Summary for your proposal.

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Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) is delighted to submit the Business Case for HIF/FF/15 – Access to Didcot Garden Town (DGT) – for funding through the Forward Funding process of the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF). This HIF proposal fully accords with the ambitions of the Housing White Paper. It will unlock and accelerate significant housing with the added value of securing significant economic growth. It will deliver a range of housing for everybody. It will provide housing where people want to live and work, doing this more quickly. To secure this opportunity, this HIF proposal balances national housing and economic benefits with an ask for transport infrastructure.

In total, £218m is requested to deliver 9.6km of new and improved highway in the Didcot area, covering two districts: South Oxfordshire (SODC) and the Vale of the White Horse (VoWHDC). The preferred scheme option includes three bridges (two railway overbridges and one river crossing), as well as cycling and walking infrastructure.

The scheme will support a significant growth in housing in SODC and VoWHDC by directly unlocking 13,411 homes in the DGT area including 4,847 affordable homes, together with substantial areas for employment generating activities expected to be high value jobs contributing strongly to local and national economic growth. This HIF proposal represents a significant contribution towards delivering Oxfordshire's Housing and Growth Deal (HGD), which supports the delivery of 100,000 new homes across the county up to 2031.