

“What about the infrastructure?”

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SERIES INTRODUCTION:

According to RBWM’s Borough Local Plan 2013-2033, the population of Maidenhead and Cox Green will see a rise of about 45%, so people often ask about the plans for new infrastructure to support this growth –schools, surgeries, roads etc. The Borough Local Plan that is shortly to be adopted was supported by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019), but it’s a lengthy and complex document, so the Forum has created this series of short summaries to help residents understand what is planned.

This seventh sheet summarises the plans for utilities, e.g. services like water supply, sewage and broadband.

Infrastructure investment is generally funded by a combination of government grants, developer contributions and borrowing by RBWM.

Importantly, the 2019 Infrastructure Delivery Plan is a “living document” which is continually updated, with new projects, new cost estimates and new proposed timings. The full RBWM Planning document can be found at:

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-policy/evidence-base-and-monitoring/evidence-base>

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In this category, most of the proposed developments have yet to get costings and timings confirmed.

Project	Purpose	Delivery/Funding Partners	Est. Cost	Period
Lower Thames flood scheme	Flood risk management	Environment agency	£0.5m +tba	10-16Yrs
Upgrade Maidenhead Waste Water Treatment	Support BLP growth	Thames Water, Developers	tba	5-10Yrs
Reinforce Maidenhead sewage network	Support BLP growth	Thames Water	tba	tba
Reinforce Maidenhead water supply network	Support BLP growth	South East Water, Affinity, Developers	tba	tba
Superfast Berkshire Broadband	UK broadband upgrade to full fibre	BT, Gigaclear and Call Flow	tba	Ongoing

Indicative Category Total (where costed) – £0.5m + tba

Note: Utilities fund general expansion via regulated Capital Programmes

Maidenhead Neighbourhood Forum is an independent group of residents, businesses and local workers formed mid-2019 to develop - as volunteers - the Neighbourhood Plan for Maidenhead. More details at www.mnf.org.uk