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## **Upstream Flooding – 20<sup>th</sup> July 15**

### **Statement to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Panel**

I am Robin Kerr, Chairman of the Federation of Bath Residents' Associations (FoBRA), which has some 28 members across Bath, and 5 affiliates, including both Student Unions.

We ask that flood mitigation measures upstream of Pulteney Bridge be seriously investigated and adopted as policy by the Council, my understanding being that significant effect could be obtained at about £6M, for part of which an Environment Agency contribution should be available. It seems certain that the cost of actual (and quite likely) flooding of the large number of houses in this section would cost considerably more, not to mention the accompanying anguish.

The approximate figure of £6M which I quote should not be confused with the £6.2M which has been pledged through the Rotating Infrastructure Fund for the Enterprise Zone. It has nothing to do with upstream flooding, so this would have to be new money.

However, it is not an impossible figure: after all, the Council has recently found, from its own funds, a comparable amount to build an Eastern Park and Ride site.

Robin Kerr, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015, Chairman