

## Hearing Session 4: Energy and Environment

### Statement on Wince Brook at Foxdenton

1. The Oldham Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (CD363) Level II report, Section 9, page 53 sets out an Outline Mitigation Strategy for Chadderton.
2. The text from this is shown below in relation to the Wince Brook culvert:

#### “9.2 Chadderton

9.2.1.2 The fluvial risk from Wince Brook is low due to the large capacity of Wince Brook culvert. However, there is residual risk in the event of the culvert becoming blocked by debris or fly tipping. The site specific FRA should consider this residual risk and carry out a detailed survey of the culvert to confirm the standard of protection and maintenance requirements.

9.2.1.3 The culverts across these sites will require further consideration as the Environment Agency generally recommend that culverts are opened up (de-culverted), where possible, to reduce the risk of flooding (due to blockages), for easy access and maintenance and to enhance the biodiversity value of the site. Alternatively, continued culvert inspection and maintenance by the Environment Agency would ensure this risk is well managed. When de-culverting is not practicable, a full 8 metre easement is required on either side (as this is a Main River) to allow access for maintenance or repair.”

3. Wince Brook is a main river as identified in Oldham SFRA Level 1 report page 4 (CD363).
4. Therefore there is the possibility that a 8 metre easement either side of the Wince Brook will be necessary, if de-culverting is not practicable, to allow access for maintenance or repair.