

OxTec developments, as applicant of Oxford Technology Park, is proud to highlight the numerous benefits that the construction of Oxford Technology Park has brought to the district. Since the construction of its first phase, it has continued to contribute to the growth and development of infrastructure, as well as playing a significant role in boosting the local economy and creating employment opportunities, in the high value employment sectors that the local plan seeks to deliver.

As the local contractor and developer of the development, we have predominantly used a majority local supply chain for the delivery of the scheme. At any one time, there are over 100 contractors working on site, with 80% of the sub-contractors identifying as Oxfordshire-based. The contractors train the staff they employ with various apprenticeships for plumbers, electricians, plasterers etc to ensure that a skilled workforce can be trained both to support the delivery of this development, but also other developments throughout the Oxfordshire area.

We intend to continue to use the same supply chain of contractors throughout the lifecycle of this scheme, thus the future construction labour is expected to be pooled from local labour sources. Our commitment to securing jobs within the area remains unwavering and is demonstrated not only in the contractors on-site as explored above. In addition, we seek to foster relationships with the local educational establishments by hiring talent into the construction business.

There are 12 managerial positions for site management and coordination on site, which are all Oxford-based. The site management team also employs two site-based assistant project managers, who are both from the local area including a college leaver and recent Oxford Graduate.

We understand the value of local employment and its impact on our residents' livelihoods. Moving forward, we will continue to advertise new job opportunities in the local press, ensuring that our community members have access to a wide range of employment prospects within the construction sector.

The construction industry not only provides direct employment but also creates a ripple effect by supporting various sectors, including suppliers, contractors, and service providers. By attracting new investments and projects to our area, we can stimulate economic growth, further enhance local businesses, and create a sustainable cycle of prosperity.

Once delivered, the proposed high value employment development will continue to deliver a range of jobs on-site. The County is expected to deliver over two million jobs by 2040 as the Oxfordshire economy is set to double in size and the life sciences sector which is accommodated in various operations on the site with further lettings planned to this sector is forecast to generate an addition 50,000 jobs across the country over the next two years, of which the Oxfordshire region will contribute substantially to accommodating these employment positions. Through strategic advertising efforts, the aim is for occupiers of the units at the Technology Park to recruit from local resources for a range of roles at the development.

The development subject to the application will generate between approximately 324 and 470 full-time equivalent employment positions generating between approximately £10m - £14.5m in local earnings annually, which will lead to follow employment opportunities and benefits for existing services in the surrounding area.

We invite all interested parties to stay informed through the local press, as it will serve as a valuable resource for upcoming construction projects and employment opportunities. Together, we can continue to harness the benefits of construction activity, secure local jobs, and retain employment opportunities within the local area.