#### **Presentation to Institute and Faculty of Actuaries**

#### Leaving the lights on for future generations; Investing into Infrastructure

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# The universe of infrastructure investments

#### Transport

- Toll roads
- Bridges
- Tunnels
- Ports
- Airports
- Rails
- Ferries



#### Energy & Utilities

- Renewable energy
- Gas distribution & storage
- Electricity distribution, transmission and generation
- Water treatment and distribution
- Waste management



#### Communications

- Cable networks
- Satellite networks
- Mobile phone towers

#### Social

- Hospitals
- Schools
- Subsidized housing
- Courts
- Prisons
- Stadiums





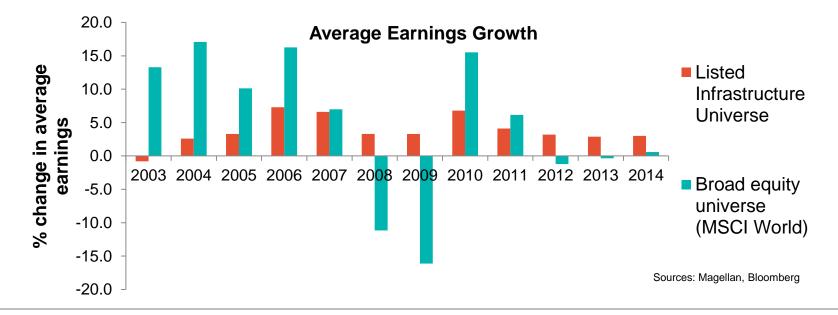
# **Defining infrastructure**

# • Monopolistic Supply:

• Monopolistic supply positions and high barriers to entry

# Essential Services:

- Provide services that are essential to the efficient functioning of the economy or to society.
- Provides infrastructure assets with very strong pricing power



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Infrastructure risk profiles						
Debt	Cor	e Infrastruc	ture	Opportu	nistic Infras	structure
Senior elements of the capital structure 'Infrastructure beta' Higher yielding				pricing power Infrastructure	leveloping proje alpha' ated through ca	
Infrastructure debt	Social Infrastructure	Core economic infrastructure	Listed assets	Construction of the asset (greenfield)	High competition assets	Thematic or sector assets
Examples: • Project finance	Examples: <ul> <li>Schools</li> <li>Hospitals</li> </ul>	Examples: <ul> <li>Regulated utilities</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Examples:</li><li>Listed securities</li></ul>	Examples: • Building projects	Examples: <ul> <li>Energy generation</li> </ul>	Examples: <ul> <li>Emerging markets</li> </ul>

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### Infrastructure risk and return

To 30 June 2016	Total Return (%p.a.)				10 Year ris	k figures	
	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Standard Deviation	Reward for risk	Tracking error	Beta
Core Listed infrastructure	20.8%	17.5%	11.9%	10.0%	1.19	8.6%	0.49
Infrastructure Benchmark*	14.0%	9.8%	7.1%	11.4%	0.63	-	-
MSCI World equity index	12.9%	9.7%	5.3%	14.3%	0.37	-	-

#### Significantly less volatility than the broader equity market

Comparison of listed infrastructure and equities	All Markets	Up Markets^	Down markets^	Low equity beta
Number of monthly observations	120	73	47	
Outperformance frequency	56%	47%	70%	Strong
Average Monthly Excess Return	0.3%	-0.4%	1.5%	outperformance at
Average Monthly Excess Return	0.070	0.470	1.070	points when equity

\*UBS Infrastructure & Utilities Developed Total Return (GBP Hedged) until 31/12/2014. Thereafter S&P Global Infrastructure Index Total Return (GBP Hedged) \*\*UBS Infrastructure & Utilities Developed Total Return (GBP Hedged) until 31/12/2014. Thereafter FTSE Developed Core Infrastructure 50/50 Net Tax Index (GBP)

^ Up markets and down markets refer to the monthly performance of the MSCI World Equity Index

Sources: Magellan backtested data (GBP Hedged), Bloomberg

markets are down

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Required infrastructure investment							
		stimated capita irement – busi as usual (pa)					
Water		\$1,320bn					
Transport vehicles		\$845bn					
Transport infrastructure		\$805bn					
Energy		\$619bn					
Building & industry		\$613bn					
Telecommunication		\$600bn					
Agriculture		\$125bn					
Forestry		\$64bn					
Total		\$5,000bn					

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Source: The Green Investment Report, World Economic Forum, 2013

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Water	\$1,320bn					
Transport vehicles	\$845bn			\$187bn		
Transport infrastructure	\$805bn					
Energy	\$619bn			\$187bn		
Building & industry	\$613bn			\$331bn		
Telecommunication	\$600bn					
Agriculture	\$125bn					
Forestry	\$64bn			\$40bn		
Total	\$5,000bn			\$700bn		

Source: The Green Investment Report, World Economic Forum, 2013

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# Not just a developing market issue....

American Society of Civil Engineers; US Infrastructure Report Card, 2013

Water & Environment		Transport		Public facilities	
Dams	D	Aviation	D	Public Parks	C+
Drinking water	D	Bridges	C+	Schools	D
Hazardous Waste	D	Inland Waterways	D-		
Levees	D-	Ports	С	Energy	
Solid Waste	B-	Rail	C+	Energy	D+
Wastewater	D	Roads	D		
		Transit	D		

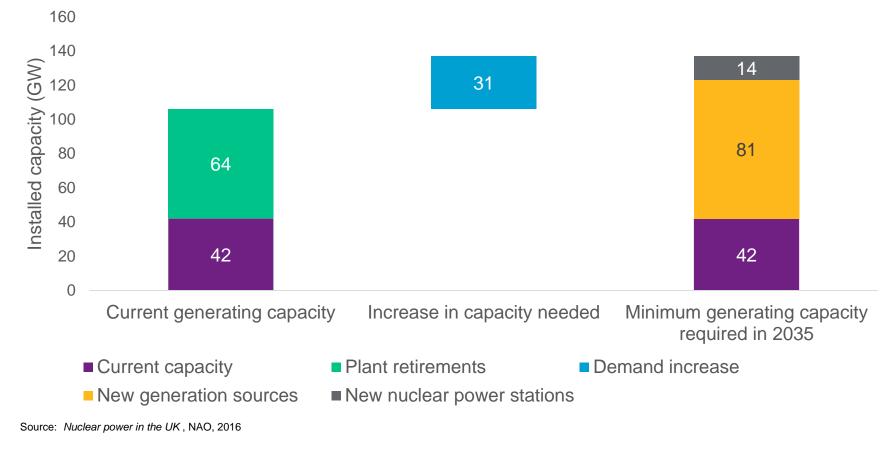
Source: Failure to Act, American Society of Civil Engineers, 2013

#### Overall grade: D+ Expected investment required by 2020: \$3.6tn



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# **Nuclear generation today**



Туре	First power	Expected shutdown		
Dungeness B 1&2	1983 & 1985	2028		
Hartlepool 1&2	1983 & 1984	2024		
Heysham I 1&2	1983 & 1984	2024		
Heysham II 1&2	1988	2030		
Hinkley Point B 1&2	1976	2023		
Hunterston B 1&2	1976 & 1977	2023		
Torness 1&2	1988 & 1989	2030		
Sizewell B	1995	2035		
Total: 15 units	8,883 MW			

Source: World Nuclear Association

Source: DECC

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## The UK energy dilemma



Pretend







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# The two elements of infrastructure investment

### • Financing

• The investment into the capital structure of the asset to allow the asset to be built/operate

# • Funding

 The on-going payment stream to the asset

#### Focus needs to be on proving the Funding position

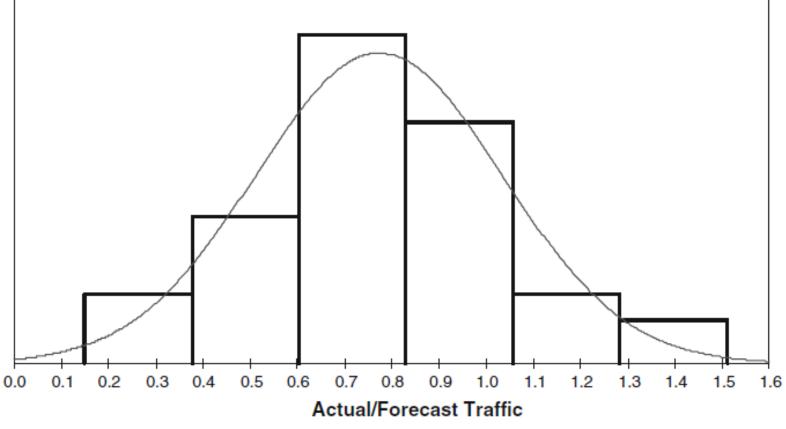
Institutional investing through the Greenfield stage





Why is the Ramp-Up stage difficult?

Global Toll Road Sample (2005) Normal (0.77, 0.26), *n* = 104



Source: Error and optimism bias in toll-road traffic forecast, Robert Bain, 2009

Institutional investing through the Greenfield stage							
Development	Construction	Ramp-up					
<ul> <li>Skill rich, capital light</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Risks passed to counterparty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prone to estimation bias</li> </ul>					
	Happy to invest here	as long as this has been managed					

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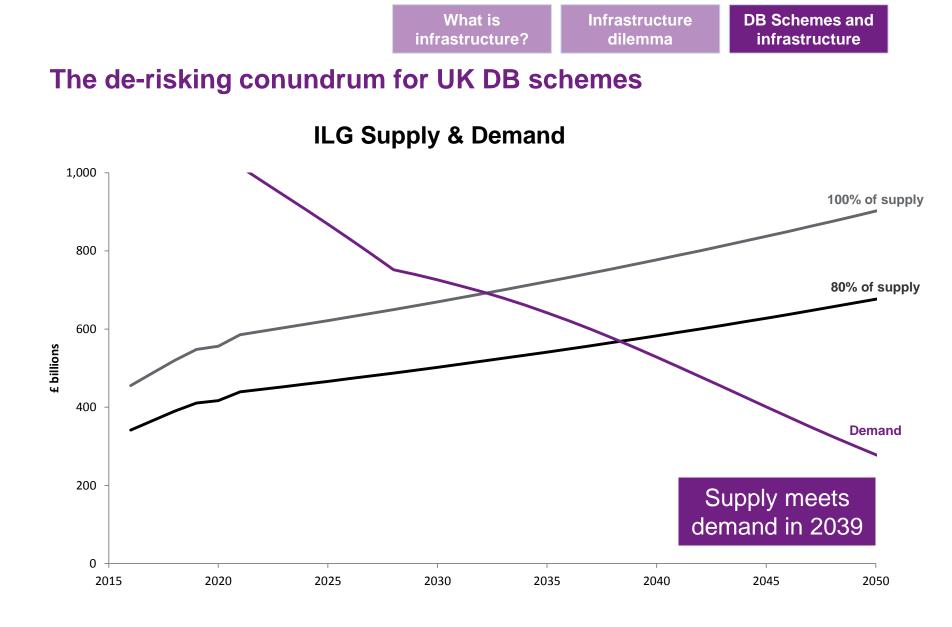
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# How has the UK tackled the greenfield problem?

Focus on financing
Successful assets have focused on managing the key

risks

- Focus on recycle capital
- Understand that risk-sharing during greenfield is difficult

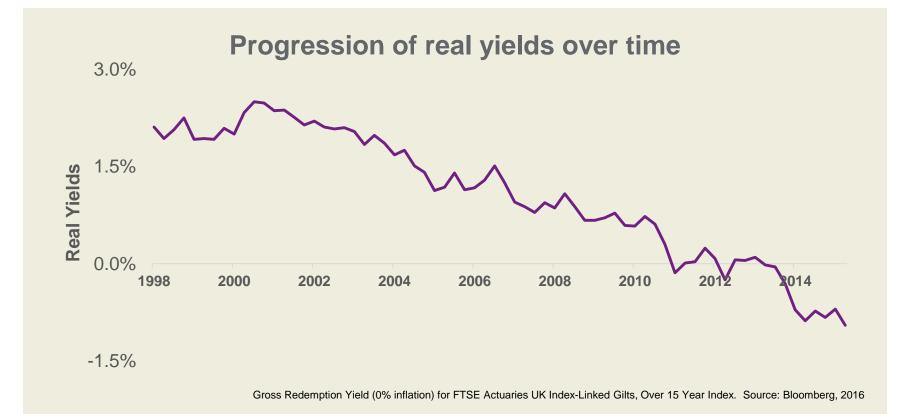


#### Source: Pension Protection Fund, Pensions Regulator and DMO, Willis Towers Watson, 2016



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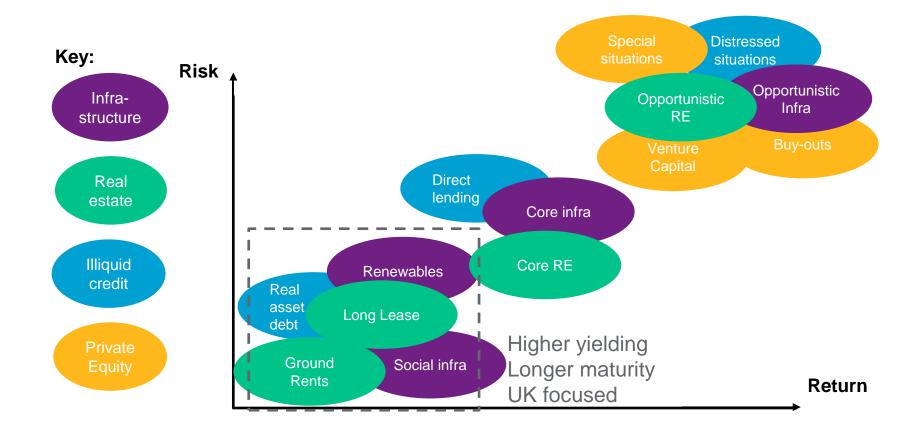


#### Alternative sources of inflation-linked income are needed

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# **Secure Income Assets provide a higher yielding alternative**

Secure Income Assets (SIAs) are long-term illiquid strategies:



- Contractual, long-term cash flows, most with explicit UK inflation linkages
- Long-term leases / concessions that are difficult to break
- Strong security provided by robust counterparties or tangible collateral backing
- Most economic value from contractual cash flows, not residual value
- Limited economic exposure

Assets that help DB funds meet their mission: providing an income to members

# Summing up

- Infrastructure is a diverse asset class
  - Parts of the asset class can provide stable returns
- Huge requirement for infrastructure investment
  - Institutional investors are willing and able to participate....
  - .... as long as the project is structured correctly
- Think about managing infrastructure with other assets with similar characteristics

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