

Please take this email and the contents as objection to part of the Comrie Flood Protection Scheme which will be built on part of my garden.

Through meetings and discussion before the public consultation, I was assured that my objections to the initial scheme were ones which had also been viewed by my neighbours and would not appear in the final scheme. I was also told that the timescales were such that these alterations could not be taken from the prepared drawings from the consultation as there was no time, but everyone would be told of their deletions.

This I now find was obviously not true and I have been misled on more than one occasion.

I am therefore angry and disappointed that the unnecessary monstrosity of ramps and access over the wall at the bottom of Commercial Lane is still on the final drawings and has not been removed. It's just been moved along a couple of feet.

We were all assured this would be removed and your representatives were told on more than one occasion that no one would be allowing permission for this to be built on their ground.

This monstrosity is not needed. The council can still have access to maintain the grass from the council owned ground behind the Public Toilets. This is after all public owned ground and not privately owned, as is the ground on the other side of the bridge.

Without this no other access is required.

The ramps will just encourage more residents of Comrie to park their cars on the privately owned and maintained road in Commercial Lane, blocking the road and garage accesses, in order to bring their dogs to foul on the grass area, which currently happens too often.

It will also encourage teenagers to loiter, unsocial behavior and reduce the safety at night, of all who live in the area.

We all appreciate there is a real need for the flood prevention scheme to safeguard all in the village but it should be noted that it is the daily lives, properties etc of everyone whose ground will be used for the wall, which will be destroyed in order for this to happen.

I also live in fear that one day I will come home from work and find the corner or side of my house destroyed by the large vehicles which will be charging up and down the lane, literally over my doorstep.

Although I have been assured that all traffic will always go down Ancaster Lane and up Commercial Lane, I was also assured the ramps would be removed. This hasn't happened so now I have no confidence that anything I have been told is true and we have just been continually deceived.

If like me you know people who live in Almondbank, you only have to ask them how much damage was done to private property, by the lack of care and consideration of the contractors building that scheme and I'm sure it will be the same one's used to build this one.

Furthermore, I'd also like to ask why all of the village's opinions are being taken into consideration for a wall which is being built on my property. If I applied for planning permission only my neighbour in the current vicinity would be consulted. You are currently asking everyone to decide what should be built in my garden!!

Does this mean I will be allowed to comment on every planning application in the whole of the village?

It all very well keeping everyone informed but the wall is being built for practical reasons and only the people who's properties are being destroyed should be determining what is built.

I'd also like to use this email to point out one other rather important point. During the build we have to have the assurance that the walls on both side of the riverbank i.e at the bottom of Commercial Lane and all along Strowan Road are built at the same time.

At the moment the houses on Commercial Lane will NEVER flood, as the river will rise and burst it's bank onto Strowan Road. If the wall is built on Strowan Road first, all the houses on Commercial Lane and Ancaster Lane will then flood.

For over 20 yrs I have witnessed the quick rise & fall of the river and flooding can occur at any time of the year.

At this point I'd like to officially highlight that should anything happen to our properties and flooding occurs, this will definitely be due to the building of the flood defence and all costs which we incur will then have to be paid for in full by the Contractor or the Council, as well as compensation. We will not be claiming from our insurance companies as the fault will be solely of your doing.

I would appreciate an acknowledgement to this email, so that I know my Objections have been officially logged.

Please take our objections seriously. Just build a wall to keep the water out, without the unnecessary ramp monstrosity. Remembering off course you at present, do not own all the ground which you need to build on, we do.

Yours

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