

# Comrie Flood Protection Scheme Newsletter

## Introduction

This community newsletter has been prepared to update you on the progress of the Comrie Flood Protection Scheme. The Council and our consulting engineers, Sweco, published the finalised proposals for the flood scheme in February 2020. We are now pleased to announce that the scheme was formally approved on 18 August 2021.

## The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act

The formal notices for the scheme were published under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act on 28 February 2020. Two valid objections were received within the subsequent 28-day period. On 24 June 2020, the Full Council took a preliminary decision to confirm the proposed Scheme without modification. The Scottish Ministers subsequently confirmed that they did not intend to call the scheme in and so the Council was required to hold a local authority hearing.

Officers held separate discussions with both of the parties who submitted objections and while one objection was withdrawn, the other objection was maintained. The Council therefore appointed an independent Reporter to consider the remaining objection at a local authority hearing which took place online on 22 June 2021. Following the local hearing, the Reporter provided the Council with a report on 7 July 2021. The report recommended that the Council dismiss this remaining objection and make a final decision to confirm the proposed Scheme without modification. The Council's Environment and Infrastructure Committee took this final decision on 18 August 2021.

This means that the Council has now secured the necessary statutory consent for the proposed flood scheme.

Further details on this process can be viewed at [www.pkc.gov.uk/comriefloodscheme](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/comriefloodscheme)

## The Next Steps

A request for planning consent has been submitted to the Scottish Ministers. In the coming weeks they will deem that this is granted.

In the meantime, the Council and Sweco are continuing to progress the necessary detailed design work for the scheme. A final phase of ground investigation works was completed in June 2021. Further topographic survey work has also recently been completed.

Discussions are continuing with the public utility providers about the necessary service diversions that will be required in advance of the main construction works. We will update the local community on this before any site work commences.



## Future Updates and Further Information

The Council will continue to provide further newsletters to the community at key stages in the development of the flood scheme. Future newsletters are anticipated prior to the start of any advance works and when further community consultation will take place on the detailed design. In the meantime, further information can be found at:

[www.pkc.gov.uk/comriefloodscheme](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/comriefloodscheme)

Alternatively, you can contact the project team at the following email addresses:

[ComrieFloodScheme@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ComrieFloodScheme@pkc.gov.uk)

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