

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 scheme was formally approved on 18 August 2021, and the Council and our consulting engineers, Sweco, then requested the Scottish Ministers to direct that planning permission be granted. We are now pleased to announce that planning permission was granted on 16 December 2021.

The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act

The Council has concluded the main statutory process for the proposed flood scheme. The confirmed scheme documents can be viewed on the Council's website.

The Council and Sweco are continuing to progress the necessary detailed design work for the scheme. Applications have been submitted to SEPA for the necessary licenses to construct the scheme under the Controlled Activities Regulations. The Council is also liaising with the public utilities to arrange for the necessary service diversions in advance of the main construction works.

Advance Works

The Council intends to progress with advance works this year, ahead of the commencement of the main works. The advance works will include public utility diversions, tree clearance (at Field of Refuge), erosion protection works, works to Legion Park and other investigations. We will provide updates on each section of works on our website.

Community Consultation

The Council will undertake further community consultation on the final scheme proposals

and the construction works. Discussions with key landowners have resumed and will continue throughout the remainder of the detailed design process. We intend to hold discussions with all parties in the vicinity of the proposed scheme and further community drop-in sessions are planned for this summer.

The Council will contact property owners to arrange for condition surveys of any properties in the vicinity of the proposed works and to discuss replacement landscaping proposals where required.

The Next Steps

The project has experienced some delay for various reasons. The statutory process has taken longer than anticipated to resolve. There have been some design changes which have required some additional time but should result in a reduction in the final cost and the duration of some construction activities later in the project. The Council has also recently experienced some staffing changes and shortages.

The current aim is therefore to conclude the detailed design in late summer 2022, with advance works and procurement activity being undertaken until the autumn. The commencement of the main construction works is currently anticipated early in 2023.



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

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

ComrieFloodScheme@pkc.gov.uk

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