

Introduction to Drop-In

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Welcome to the community drop-in sessions for the proposed Comrie Flood Protection Scheme.

The aim of this drop-in session is to provide you with more information on the Council's proposals for the flood scheme, including:

- The current detailed design;
- The advance works – due to commence in July 2022;
- The main construction works – due to commence in early 2023.

Officers from Perth & Kinross Council, Consulting Engineers, Sweco, and Contractors, Balfour Beatty, are available today. Please feel free to ask questions about any aspect of the project.

Comment forms are also available to allow you to record your views. Your views are important to us and will help to inform the final proposals for the flood scheme.

Flood History

Comrie has experienced a history of flooding from the Water of Ruchill, the River Earn and the River Lednock. Records of flooding in the area extend as far back as 1910, with the most recent significant flood events occurred in January 1993, February 1997, December 2006 and in August and November 2012 (Figure 1.).

In 2013, the Council completed the following flood protection works to reduce the risk of flooding to the Dalginross area from the Water of Ruchill:-

- Rock armour protection to the riverbank on the Water of Ruchill at Ruchilside;
- The removal of the old flood embankments at Tomnagaske;
- A new flood embankment at Camp Road.

However, these flood protection works do not address the remaining flood risk from the River Earn or the River Lednock, or the combined risk from all three rivers. A further scheme to provide additional flood defences, and to make the existing flood defences more robust, is therefore required.



Figure 1: Flooding at Barrack Road (August 2012)

Previous Community Consultation

The Council first held community drop-in sessions in September 2016, to consult with the local community on the various options considered for a flood scheme at that time. A Public Exhibition was held in April and May 2019 on the Council's preferred flood scheme.

Following the statutory process, the proposed Scheme was confirmed by the Council's Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 18 August 2021. The Scottish Ministers directed that planning permission was deemed to be granted on 16 December 2021.

The proposed detailed design has since been developed further and is presented here today.



Figure 2: Flood protection feature at Camp Rd. (2013)

The Proposed Scheme

The proposed scheme is designed to protect 189 homes and businesses, some of which have previously been affected by flooding in Comrie. The Scheme will significantly reduce the flood risk to those properties from three rivers; the River Earn, the River Lednock and the Water of Ruchill. Once complete, it will provide a standard of protection equivalent to a flood event with 0.5% chance of occurring in any given year (a 1 in 200 year flood event), with a further factor of safety (known as 'freeboard') to allow for the uncertainties involved in flood estimation and other physical factors such as wave action.

The flood scheme involves the construction of flood walls and embankments, erosion protection measures, utility diversions and landscaping works. Details of the proposed scheme can be viewed here today.