

Comrie Flood Protection Scheme Newsletter

Main Construction Contract Commences

We are pleased to announce that we have reached another major project milestone with the start of the main construction contract on site. This is a significant step in delivering this important project to reduce flood risk across Comrie.

Site updates

Balfour Beatty mobilised to site on 1 October 2024. The initial phase of work over the winter period will focus on setting up compound areas, preparing temporary construction haul roads, and site clearance. The main flood protection works will commence from February 2025.

Site Compounds and Haul roads

A satellite site compound has been formed at the Field of Refuge car park meaning public parking will not be available for the full duration of the flood scheme construction.



Figure 1: Field of Refuge compound

This is for health and safety reasons due to its proximity to the new flood defences. We appreciate that this is a well-used facility and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

The main compound is being constructed on land at the south-east of the village (off the South Crieff Road). This will be in use from approximately February 2025 until completion of the construction works. Haul roads have also been constructed around the east and west of Dalginross.

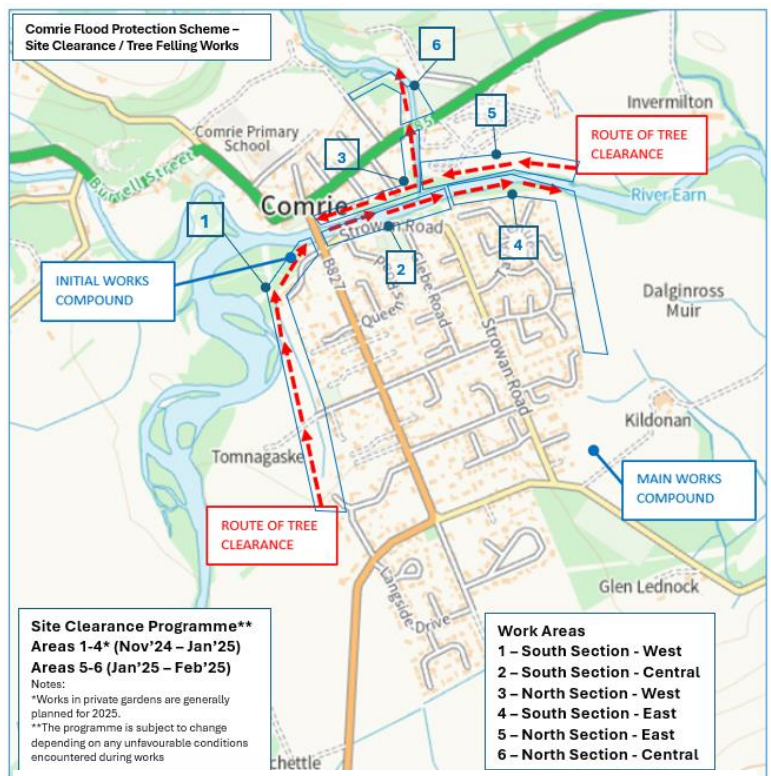


Figure 2: Site Clearance Plan

Site Clearance Works

The site clearance works mainly consist of tree felling in locations where flood defences are proposed or access is required.

Whilst every effort was made to minimise tree loss during the design phase of the scheme, we are committed to mitigating the impact on the local environment by planting back three trees for every one removed.

A plan of the clearance works is shown in Figure 2 for information.

Road and Path Closures

It will be necessary to put in temporary road and path restrictions in some locations during the construction of the scheme. Sections of Strowan Road will be closed to vehicles from February 2025. The work will be carried out in a phases to maintain access to properties for residents as far as possible.

A number of paths around the village will also be affected to some degree during construction. The riverside path to the rear of Lochay Drive will be closed during construction of flood defences in this area. A diversion route will be available and sign posted. Balfour Beatty aims to maintain existing routes where they can safely do so, minimising the use of diversions.

Residents will be notified in advance, with details of affected routes and any diversions also being posted on the Comrie flood scheme webpage, and noted in future newsletters.

Construction Programme

The duration of construction phase is 24 months with completion currently programmed for October 2026. A high level programme is shown below in Figure 3 - the named areas correspond to those shown on the site clearance plan in Figure 1.

The main construction operations will commence in February 2025, but please note that the programme is subject to change depending on construction progress and any unforeseen conditions that may be encountered.

Community Drop ins

We would like to thank those who attended the drop-in session on 26 September 2024. This was well attended and a range of discussions were held with attendees, including:

- Property-specific queries regarding construction impacts
- Environmental and ecological mitigation queries
- Questions on the process to develop the final flood scheme design, including the wide range of potential options that were considered

We have responded to all queries raised on the day, either during the event or afterwards. Additionally, the 2017 Feasibility study (carried out by Mouchel (now WSP)) that describes the scheme design from feasibility through to final design has been uploaded for information to the Comrie Flood scheme webpage

We will be holding another community drop-in session in February 2025 in advance of the main flood defence works. Balfour Beatty will have their specialist piling sub-contractor in attendance, as well as their ecological specialist. This will be held on **Thursday 6 February (2-7pm) at the White Church.**

The next newsletter will be issued in February 2025 ahead of the main works commencing.

In the meantime, I would urge any residents with concerns or queries regarding the scheme to contact us as soon as possible via the contact details below.

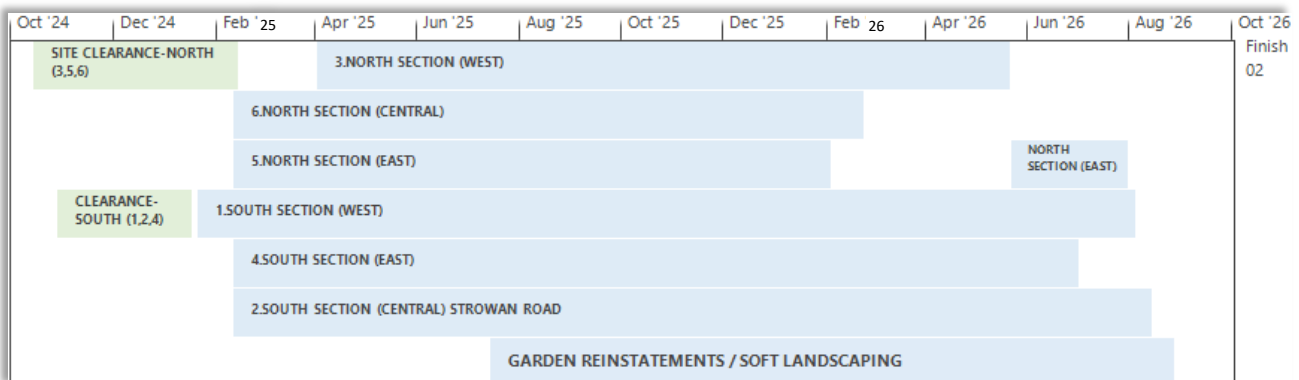


Figure 3: Construction programme

Contact information

The Council will continue to provide newsletters to the community generally on a quarterly basis throughout the construction phase. In the meantime, further information can be found at:

www.pkc.gov.uk/comriefloodscheme

Alternatively, you can contact the project team using the following details:

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Ross Fletcher (Project manager) or
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Balfour Beatty

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