

# Comrie Flood Protection Scheme Newsletter

## Introduction

This community newsletter has been prepared to update you on the progress of the Comrie Flood Protection Scheme.

## Site Updates

The initial site set up and clearance phase is now largely complete. The main construction operations to form the flood defences are now progressing.

### Tree Works

The majority of trees that need to be removed for the works have been cleared. We do not anticipate any further tree clearance, but in the event we find any significant root systems within the working area further tree clearance will be required.

Stockpiled materials will be removed from site once suitable vehicular access has been formed.

We appreciate the visual impact that the tree felling has had in some areas. Upon completion of the flood defence works areas will be reinstated with appropriate landscaping (including compensatory tree planting).



Figure 1: Drone image of haul road and laydown area to east of Garry Place and Tay Avenue

## Construction access routes

The main haul roads have been formed around the east and west sides of Dalginross. Haul roads in more constrained sections of the works are still to be formed (Lochay Drive/Garry Place and the Boulevard)

Work has commenced to form a temporarily widened junction off A85 at Lednock Bridge, which will provide main construction access to works areas around the holiday park and to the boulevard (temporary bridge across the River Lednock to be installed in April).



Figure 2: Drone image of haul road from Field of Refuge heading towards Camp Rd

## Main Works - Piling Operations

Piling operations are scheduled to commence on 10<sup>th</sup> March at Strowan Road for approximately one week. The next phase of the piling operation will be mid-April within the Aros Field to Camp Road.

We appreciate that this work (as well as the wider construction operations) will be disruptive. We will be monitoring noise and vibration levels throughout the construction period to ensure they remain within acceptable limits. Should you have any

concerns during these works, please contact Balfour Beatty in the first instance so we can address any issues as early as possible. Contact details are provided at the end of the newsletter

### Road Closures

A section of Strowan Road has been closed to vehicles (see figure 3 below). This will be in place until August 2026. The closure will move in phases between now and August 2026 to facilitate works and also maintain access to properties for residents as far as possible.



Figure 3: Strowan Road current road closure (in red) and alternating phases (in dotted black line) .

Temporary traffic lights have been in place on the A85 (at the Lednock Bridge) during works to widen the access route here. They will remain in place to safely manage the access and egress of heavy construction and delivery vehicles from this junction as they access the north side of the River Earn.

### Path Diversions

We have received some queries regarding the need for and extents of the temporary path diversions at Field of Refuge and to the rear of Lochay Drive/Garry Place. We appreciate that these are well used routes, and we have tried to maintain routes where we safely can. However temporary diversion routes are required to maintain public safety.

### Site Safety

We want to remind the community of the importance of following site signage and not taking unauthorised access to the site. Construction activity and plant movements are now increasing and there may be hazards within the secure site that people may not be aware of. Walkers (and dogs) can be severely injured by walking on constructions sites, even out with working hours.

## Community Benefits

Balfour Beatty have been developing a community benefits plan for the project. We will be liaising with the community council to identify where wider community benefits can be achieved. Balfour Beatty are starting to make contact with various groups/projects and have been reaching out to local schools to explore potential learning opportunities for pupils.

## Community Engagement

A community drop-in session was held at White Church on 6 February 2025 (2-7pm). This was well-attended by the community with over 70 people dropping in. We would like to thank those who took the time to attend.



Figure 4: Image from drop-in session held on 6 February 2025 at the White Church

PKC officers also attended the community council meeting on 13 February to provide an update and answer any questions on the scheme.

The next newsletter will be issued in June 2025.

In the meantime, we would urge anyone with concerns or queries regarding the scheme to contact us as soon as possible via the contact details below

**Balfour Beatty**

**SWECO** 



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

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

### Perth & Kinross Council

Ross Fletcher (Project Manager) or  
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### Balfour Beatty

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