

Comrie Flood Protection Scheme Newsletter

Introduction

The Council and our consulting engineers, Sweco, have continued to develop the proposed outline design for the Comrie Flood Protection Scheme, following the public consultation in April and May 2019. This newsletter provides an update of progress up to November 2019.

April/May 2019 Public Consultation

A public exhibition was held in the Comrie Community Centre (the White Church) between 2.00 pm and 8.00 pm on Tuesday 30 April 2019 and Wednesday 8 May 2019. The exhibition provided details on the proposed outline design.

Approximately 150 people attended the exhibitions to discuss the proposals with officers from the Council's Flooding Team and Sweco. The Council has also continued to hold individual discussions with residents, landowners and other stakeholders. The Council would like to thank those who attended the exhibitions and have taken part in these ongoing discussions.

The response to the consultation has demonstrated that the majority of the local community are supportive of the proposed outline design for the flood scheme. Where possible, the proposed scheme has since been amended to address local concerns. These changes have been outlined in the consultation report which is available on the Council's website at www.pkc.gov.uk/comriefloodscheme



Public Consultation Report

The Council and Sweco have prepared a report on the public consultation that has taken place to date. The report summarises the recent exhibition, the comments made by consultees and the Council's response. The report is now available on the Council's website at www.pkc.gov.uk/comriefloodscheme

Details of the revised outline design are also being made available to the community at the same time as this report and can also be viewed at the above link.

The Next Step: The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009

The Council intends to seek the necessary statutory approval for the revised scheme under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009. This legislation requires the Council to give notice of the proposed scheme and this will take place early in 2020.

Notices will appear in The Courier, The Edinburgh Gazette and locally in Comrie and the Council will also formally notify landowners, residents and stakeholders. The scheme documents will then be available for viewing at the local library and the Council's offices, Pullar House, Kinnoull Street, Perth until a decision is made. The proposals will also be available to view on the Council's web site at www.pkc.gov.uk/comriefloodscheme

Depending on whether any objections are received or not, the scheme may be confirmed (ie given statutory consent) by the Council or the Scottish Ministers. Further details of this statutory process, including how to object to the scheme, will be provided with the notification letters that will be issued early next year.



Future Updates and Further Information

The Council will provide further newsletters to the community at key stages in the development of the flood scheme. Further information can be found at:

www.pkc.gov.uk/comriefloodscheme

If you require further information on the project, then please visit the web page above or contact the project team at either of the following email addresses:

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