

## Background

Comrie has experienced a history of flooding from the Water of Ruchill, the River Earn and the River Lednock. The most recent significant flood events occurred in January 1993, February 1997, December 2006 and in August and November 2012.

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 river bank on the Water of Ruchill at Ruchilside;
- The removal of the old flood embankments at Tomnagaske;
- A new flood embankment at Camp Road.

The standard of protection provided by these new works against flooding from the Water of Ruchill is equivalent to the predicted 1 in 100 year return period flood, with an allowance for climate change. This corresponds to the flood event that has a 1% chance of being exceeded in any one year.

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.

## The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act

Comrie is located in the River Earn catchment within Potentially Vulnerable Area 08/14.

Actions to manage the risk of flooding in the area have been included in the updated [Tay Flood Risk Management Plan](#) and the existing [Tay Local Flood Risk Management Plan \(PDF\) \[12MB\]](#). These actions include a wider flood protection scheme but, due to the cost and extensive work involved, this is likely to be some time away. Other actions have therefore also been included to support the community in the meantime. Details of all of these actions can be viewed in the above Plans and in the [public exhibition presentation \(PDF\) \[459KB\]](#).

The flood protection scheme has been included within the national priority list of flood schemes. The Scottish Government and the Council have agreed in principle to fund the scheme. The Scottish Government will contribute 80% of the overall capital cost and the Council will contribute the remaining 20%.

## 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. Details of the proposed scheme can be viewed on our [scheme documents](#) page.

## Current position

Following the [local hearing](#), the Council secured the necessary statutory approval for the Scheme under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009. The proposed Scheme was confirmed without modification by the Council's Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 18 August 2021. The Council published the statutory notice to this effect on 3 September 2021 and the Scheme became operative on 15 October 2021.

The Scottish Ministers directed that planning permission was deemed to be granted on 16 December 2021.

The detailed design of the flood scheme is on-going. We will continue to consult with the community at the appropriate times throughout the development of the flood scheme and will keep you updated as the proposals are developed.

## Latest updates

Please refer to our [current progress and timeline](#) page for the latest updates on the progress of the scheme, community engagement and the latest community newsletter.

## Contact details

If you have any queries relating to the Comrie Flood Protection Scheme please contact Martine Blake, Project Manager at [ComrieFloodScheme@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ComrieFloodScheme@pkc.gov.uk). Correspondence can also be sent to the Flooding Team, The Communities Service, Perth and Kinross Council, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD

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