

Comrie Flood Protection Scheme Newsletter

Introduction

This community newsletter has been prepared to update you on the progress of the Comrie Flood Protection Scheme. We are pleased to announce that a significant milestone has now been reached with the completion of the detailed design of the scheme. We have now commenced the procurement exercise to appoint a contractor for the main works.

Advance Works

The Council undertook advance works during the second half of 2022, including public utility diversions, tree clearance, erosion protection works, works to Legion Park and other investigations.

Environmental deadlines (for the salmon spawning season) meant that the erosion protection works on the Water of Ruchill were not fully completed last year. These restrictions have now been lifted, and so work is due to resume. SSE are also expected to complete their remaining utility works in May (although further utility works will be required as part of the main works). Wider site clearance is also expected to be carried out to prepare the site for the main construction works later this year.

Detailed Design

Following the earlier conclusion of the statutory process, the Council's consulting engineers, Sweco, have now completed the detailed design of the scheme. This process has unfortunately taken longer than anticipated, although this is often the case on projects of this scale and complexity. We would like to thank the community for their patience.

The necessary procurement exercise to appoint a contractor for the main works has commenced and is expected to be concluded in summer 2023.

Community Engagement

The Council held drop-in sessions in June 2022 at the White Church to present the scheme and allow the community to comment on the proposals at that time.

Discussions with affected residents and landowners have continued to allow us to finalise the detailed design.

We have completed condition surveys of all properties in the vicinity of the proposed works and have issued replacement landscaping proposals to residents for their agreement.

A further community drop-in session will be held later this summer prior to the commencement of the main construction works. We will provide the details of this in due course.

The Next Steps

We expect to complete the advance works and conclude the current procurement exercise this summer. The commencement of the main construction works will follow.

We will update the community once a works contractor has been appointed and provide more detail regarding the programme for the upcoming construction works.



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