

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 we have reached another major project milestone with the award of the main construction contract.

Construction Contract

The Council has now awarded the main construction works, valued at £26.8m, to Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd. The award has been made through the Scape Civil Engineering and Infrastructure National (Scotland) Framework following an extensive procurement exercise.

We appreciate that this process has taken a significant length of time and thank the community for their continued patience.

Construction Programme

In the coming weeks Balfour Beatty will be submitting more detailed information regarding their programme and construction proposals. The current construction programme is expected to last approximately 24 months commencing from September 2024 to September 2026.

During the initial phase of the works, Balfour Beatty will focus on establishing site compounds and construction access routes. Site-wide clearance will also be undertaken to prepare for the main construction works. This will largely be centred around the removal of trees and vegetation that conflict with the flood defence alignment and working areas. This is expected to be carried out from October 2024 into early 2025.

The main elements of constructing the flood defences will follow on from this in early 2025 where the local community will notice a significant increase in site activities and disruption.

We will provide a more detailed picture of the construction phase once we have received and reviewed this information from Balfour Beatty.

Community Engagement

We have started to contact and liaise with residents and landowners directly affected by the flood scheme works. We will continue this in the coming weeks, as well as carrying out engagement with the wider community.

Balfour Beatty will be appointing a community liaison officer for the Comrie Flood Protection Scheme to work with Council Officers and keep the local community informed at regular intervals. Their details will be shared once this appointment is made.

We will be holding a community open day to allow residents to come and meet the project team and the contractor, and to discuss the construction works. This is to be held on **26 September (2-7pm)** at the **White Church**. In the meantime, I would urge any residents with concerns or queries regarding the scheme to contact us as soon as possible. Contact details are provided at the end of this newsletter.

Future Newsletters

Newsletters will be issued quarterly during the construction phase to provide timely updates. The next issue will be due in December 2024.

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