

# Almondbank Flood Protection Scheme Newsletter

## Phase 2 Construction

Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd are continuing construction operations and the following gives an update on progress:

### 1 North Section (Fish Farm to Craigneuk)

**Fish Farm** - 90 % of flood walls have been completed. Erosion protection works are ongoing.

**Fish Farm to Black Bridge** - 100 % complete. The rebuilding of the SEPA gauging station is ongoing.

**Black Bridge to Deer Park** - 100 % complete.

**Craigneuk** - 100 % complete. Work on drainage and the flood embankments is ongoing.

### 2 Centre Section (Playing Field, Northern Vector Aerospace to Low's Works Cottages)

**Playing Field** - work has started on the flood embankment and the new sports changing pavilion.

**Black Bridge** - 100 % of flood walls completed. Access ramps to Black Bridge to be completed.

**Access Track to Low's Works Cottages** - 60 % of flood walls have been completed.

**Confluence Bridge** - currently being rebuilt.

### 3 South Section (Lochty/Main Street/ Southern Vector Aerospace)

**Vector** - piling work complete, boundary being reinstated.

**Lochty Bridge** - abutments complete, bridge deck concrete pour has been completed.

**Main Street** - 80 % of flood walls and 95 % of sheet pile walls complete.

The latest drone fly-over showing a bird's-eye view of the works and Contract 2 progress photographs are available on the Almondbank Flood Scheme website (address below).

The works have experienced some delay in areas, but the effect on the community should be minimal. Completion has been revised to June 2018; however the site offices will be moved across the river from the playing field in the next month or so to allow this area to be completed.

## Road Closure Update

The main road in Lochty is currently under traffic signal control while the new road bridge and roadside flood walls are being built. As construction nears completion, there will be occasions when the road will need to be closed fully for safety reasons. These closures are presently anticipated to be for two weekends in April and May 2018, but the actual dates will be confirmed and notified by advance signage prior to their execution.

## Public Open Day

Balfour Beatty will be hosting their 4th Open Day at the site offices on Thursday 1 February from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm. If you have any concerns, queries or wish to know more about the site activities, please feel free to attend.

## New Footbridge (Black Bridge) - Now Open

Black Bridge footbridge reopened on 27 October 2017. This was later than planned due to river conditions and the need for some localised design amendments. A new video of the installation of the new bridge and removal of the old bridge is available to view on the Almondbank website (see website address below).

## Design Consultant

The scheme design consultant, Mouchel Limited was acquired by WSP in 2016 and since July 2017 Mouchel have come under the WSP banner. WSP's acquisition of Mouchel brings a wider range of experience and expertise to the scheme ensuring the high standards expected by the Council are not only maintained, but enhanced.

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*Installation of new Black Bridge  
on 10 August 2017*

## Aerial Drone Surveys

To date, 8 aerial drone surveys have been carried out in December 2016, January, April, May, July, August, September and November 2017 to monitor the progress of the Scheme. These can be viewed on the Almondbank website.

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