



Flood Action Update



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Feus Road and Crieff Road, Perth

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Feus Road and the surrounding area was affected by flooding on 12 August 2020. This Flood Action Update provides an update on the recent flooding and on the ongoing Perth Integrated Catchment Study.

Flood Event of 12 August 2020

During the night of 11 August 2020, much of Scotland was affected by significant thunderstorms and heavy rainfall. The entire Perth and Kinross Council area suffered extensive rainfall, thunder and lightning for 6 hours from around 11pm on 11 August. This severe weather resulted in widespread flooding across Tayside, including around the Feus Road area.

The Met Office has confirmed that most of the rain came between midnight and 3am, with 42.2mm alone falling between 1-2am in Perth. The total rainfall in Perth was 86.4mm for the 24-hour period from 6am on 11 August and 6am on 12 August. MET Office climate data indicates that Perth would normally experience an average of 65mm of rain in the whole month of August. 42mm in an hour is therefore exceptional and confirms that the storm was significant. While that will be of little comfort to those affected by the storms, it does reflect the severity of the situation.

The very intense rain storms overwhelmed local sewers and road drains with surface water. This resulted in sewers surcharging and surface water flooding occurring at various locations in the local area. The reported flooding has resulted in damage to a number of homes and businesses.

Response following the Flood Event of 12 August 2020

We have spoken to a number of residents since the event and we understand there is some frustration in the community, particularly along Feus Road, with regards to vehicles passing through the flood water, creating bow waves, and exacerbating flooding. We have looked at options for trying to implement rapid road closures before but only the Police have the legal authority to close a road. It is an offence for any other authority or person to try to do so without their permission. Please be reassured though that one of the first things that staff in attendance from Scottish Water or the Council do during a flood event is contact the police and ask if the road can be closed.

Since the flood event both Scottish Water and Perth & Kinross Council have both been in the area. Scottish Water have had cleansing teams working and the Council have been working with people who need alternate accommodation.

The Scottish Flood Forum are also working in Perth at the moment to support residents who have been affected by flooding. They may be to assist residents with insurers, with flood recovery, and with advice on making their homes more resilient to flooding. You can contact the SFF helpline on 01698 839021 or through email toinfo@scottishfloodforum.org. For further information about the Forum please visit www.scottishfloodforum.org.

Perth Integrated Catchment Study (ICS)

The Council and Scottish Water have jointly embarked upon a major investment to undertake an integrated catchment study (ICS) across Perth City and its surrounding areas. The modelling phase of the study for the city was completed in December 2019 and we have since been focusing on high priority areas such as Feus Road. We noted in our last update on this project that you could expect to see survey work being carried out on the local sewers to inform the study being undertaken from mid-April to mid-May 2020. This survey work was delayed due to the restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19 however it is now back underway. We expect this work to be complete by the end of September 2020.

This joint study work will lead on to the consideration of possible infrastructure upgrades and improvements to tackle the flooding in the local area by Scottish Water and the Council. Our current aim is to have investment options identified by Spring 2021, with further detail about any implementation plans being available shortly thereafter.

How to get in touch

In flood emergencies:

Both Scottish Water and the Council are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and can be contacted for assistance in flood emergencies. The Council's customer service centre can be contacted for assistance during office hours (8am to 6pm) on **01738 475000** and the out of hours emergency number is **01738 476476**. Please contact Scottish Water via the Scottish Water customer helpline on **0800 077 8778**.

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