

# Comrie Flood Protection Scheme

## Trees and Soft Landscaping

### Why are we taking down so many trees?

Through the scheme design process we have tried to minimise the amount of trees to be felled. Unfortunately it is necessary to take down around 500 trees to accommodate the new flood defences. The areas of removal may look more extensive than the line of the flood defences because:

- 1 – Balfour Beatty require enough working area to safely construct the scheme, and;
- 2 – impacts on the tree root systems may compromise the trees, increasing the chance of falling in high winds. These need removed on safety grounds.

### Compensatory Tree Planting

We are committed to replanting 3 trees for every 1 that has been felled to allow for the flood protection scheme to be constructed. This equates to approximately 1500 trees (of varying species, sizes and maturity). Whilst it will not be possible to replant every tree back where they have been removed (due to the presence of the new flood defences) we do want to maximise the replanting in areas as close to the original as possible.

### Private Gardens

Gardens will be reinstated on a like for like basis as close to their pre-construction condition as possible. Property and garden surveys undertaken previously serve as the baseline for this. We will continue to liaise with residents regarding the reinstatement work.



Supplementary planting areas have been identified along the disused railway at The Ross, ensuring any wider tree planting remains in the immediate vicinity of Comrie.

Visualisation from Dalginross Bridge looking towards erosion protection along the right hand bank of R.Earn at Strowan Road

