

Comrie Flood Protection Scheme Newsletter

Introduction

This community newsletter has been prepared to update you on the progress of the Comrie Flood Protection Scheme.

Site Updates

We have benefitted from the excellent weather across most of the summer, allowing good progress to be made in all areas of the scheme. The plan below shows the areas of the scheme where we have at least completed the piling works.

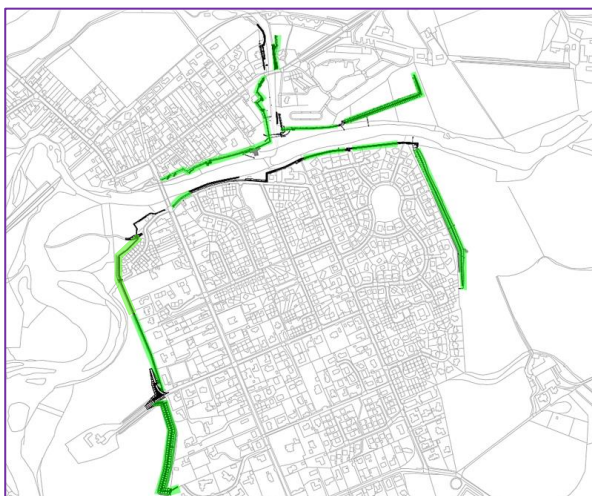


Fig 1: Scheme progress- piling works completed (at least) in green areas

Whilst the scheme is taking shape, it does not yet provide the full level of protection. As we approach the winter months, Balfour Beatty will be monitoring weather forecasts and water levels and have materials onsite with a plan in place to mitigate the impacts of any flood event as much as is reasonably practical during the construction phase. This approach will be in place until all sections of the flood protection scheme are completed, which remains on track for October 2026.

Strowan Road

Looking downstream from the Dalginross Bridge, you may have noticed the sheet piles within the channel of the River Earn at

Strowan Road. This is a temporary cofferdam which protects the working area from the River Earn, allowing works to be carried out in dry conditions and protecting the wider river environment from any excessive disturbance (such as silt releases). This is required to construct erosion protection along the bank to provide long-term protection to the new flood defences.



Fig 2: Progress along boulevard (left) and Strowan Road (right)

Once this work is completed, the sheet piles will be cut down to riverbed level and will provide ongoing protection against potential scour of the riverbank and the new flood wall. Over the coming months large stone blocks will be placed along the bank to form the erosion protection.

The traffic management remains in place and is currently programme until August 2026

Boulevard

The sheet piling works have now been completed along the boulevard. The site team did encounter some buried utilities in an unexpected location, but these were dealt with quickly ensuring minimal impact to the overall construction programme.

Balfour Beatty were also able to adjust their programme to accommodate the Comrie Fortnight and allow the marquee to be installed in its usual location on the boulevard.

Lochay Drive & Garry Place

The flood defences are taking shape along the rear of Lochay Drive and Garry Place.



Fig 3: Flood walls at Lochay Drive (concrete shutter in place)

The next steps will be to form the walls in locations where underground services have meant sheet piling cannot be carried out. Reinforced concrete foundations will be used in these locations instead of sheet piles.

Upcoming Works

We will continue to provide prior notice to those directly affected by upcoming works. A summary of upcoming works over the next couple of months is provided below:

- Erosion protection works at Strowan Road
- Remaining piling operations at Field of Refuge, St Margaret's Church and Strowan Road.
- Concrete works will be carried out to form the flood wall around the sheet piles along the boulevard area and from Camp Road to Field of Refuge

Community Benefits

School Visits

Balfour Beatty will be visiting Crieff High School in October to introduce civil engineering and construction industries to pupils, as well as the importance of flood defences, keeping communities connected and health and safety.

Further school visits are being organised with Comrie Primary School and others in the wider area.

Legion Park Upgrades

We have been liaising with the Council's Community Greenspace team, who are supporting the community-led upgrades to Legion Park.

Balfour Beatty have provided some play boulders from the site to form part of the upgraded playpark. They will also be supplying trees to be planted once the playpark works have been carried out.

Community Engagement

We have recently been contacting residents whose gardens have been affected by the works to discuss their reinstatement requirements. This will be continuing over the coming months.

We have also approached the Comrie Community Council regarding the compensatory planting of the trees felled to accommodate the flood scheme. We are asking if there are any areas that the community would like to see tree planting take place, and we will then explore the feasibility of this.

Currently we have identified areas along the old railway line at The Ross for planting (fig 4).

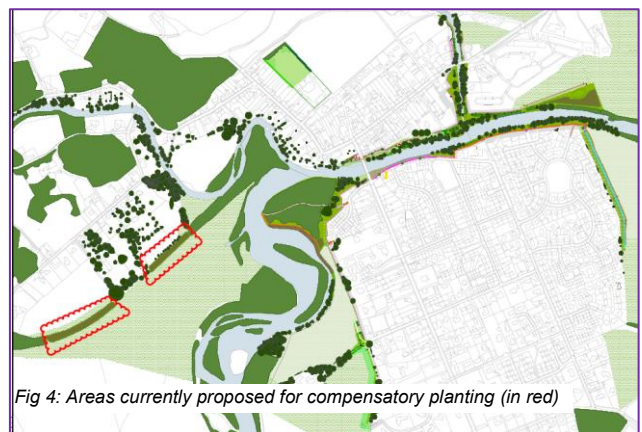


Fig 4: Areas currently proposed for compensatory planting (in red)

Next newsletter

The next newsletter will be issued in December 2025.

In the meantime, we would urge anyone with concerns or queries regarding the scheme to contact us via the contact details at the end of this newsletter.

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Contact information

The Council will continue to provide newsletters to the community generally on a quarterly basis throughout the construction phase. In the meantime, further information can be found at:

www.pkc.gov.uk/comriefloodscheme

Alternatively, you can contact the project team using the following details:

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Flood wall at St Serf's Church under various stages of construction (16 September 2025)



Looking west up the R. Earn (26 August 2025)

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