

Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme Newsletter

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Our engagement events and exhibition told people more about the final proposed design

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Big Turnout at Engagement Events

Last month, the Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme (GFPS) held in-person and online engagement events before the project moves forward to Scheme Notification in May.

These events gave communities, residents and businesses the opportunity to speak to experts and gather information on the final proposed design of the flood protection scheme.

The in-person engagement events were held across the scheme area, with two in Grangemouth, one in Carron & Carronshore, one in Bowhouse and one in Camelon. In total, 344 people attended all our online and in-person events.

There was also a virtual exhibition which was visited by 400 people. This exhibition ran alongside the engagement events, and included all the same materials so anyone could take another look at the information provided. The exhibition ran between 4 March to 15 March and was accessible 24-hours.

Alistair Dawson, Infrastructure Projects Manager for Falkirk Council, said: “We are grateful that so

many local people came out and took the opportunity to view the final design, ask questions and give us their views. These are all really vital as the scheme moves forward in May to Scheme Notification.

“Those property owners affected or impacted by the flood protection scheme will receive a statutory notice through their letterboxes detailing the scheme notification, where they can lodge an objection or make comment should they have one.”



Attendees were able to speak to experts and learn more about the scheme

GFPS Digital Visualisations Launched

The GFPS exhibitions were supported by fly-through visualisations of the final proposed design, so attendees could visualise what the scheme and defences could look like once it's been built.



Visualisations of the final proposed scheme design were shown

At the end of each event and the virtual exhibition, all attendees had the chance to fill out a feedback survey. This survey focused on whether those who attended were satisfied with the final proposed scheme they had seen and if they agreed the need for the scheme. Overall, nearly all who completed the survey agreed with the need for the scheme and were satisfied with the proposed design.

If you missed any of the engagement events, you can access all the materials, including our flythroughs here: <https://www.grangemouthfloodscheme.com/engagement-event-no-4>.

Factsheets on questions frequently asked on the scheme were also available at the engagement events. These can be accessed online here: <https://www.grangemouthfloodscheme.com/factsheets>.

FAQs



What happens next for the Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme?

Following our engagement events, the scheme will now move onto Scheme Notification in May 2024.

Falkirk Council will publish Statutory Notices and make the Scheme Documents available. These will be available on our website and in **Falkirk Stadium**.

If anyone wishes to raise an objection following the publication of the Scheme Notice, they can do so in writing to Falkirk Council or by email at objections@falkirk.gov.uk.

Objections should be submitted within the time period identified in the notice, which will be a minimum of 30 days after publication of the notice.



What will be included in the Scheme Documents?

The Scheme Documents will be available for inspection until a final decision is made and will include:

- Scheme Drawings
- Schedule of Operations
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)



What if objections are received?

If objections are received, Falkirk Council must make a preliminary decision to confirm, modify or reject the scheme. If a preliminary decision is made, the scheme may be referred to Scottish Ministers who would decide whether to hold a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) or direct Falkirk Council to hold a Local Hearing.

A final decision to confirm the scheme can only be made if there are no objections from those who have an interest in the land affected or from consultative bodies or following a PLI or Local Hearing. Falkirk Council has legal authority to proceed six weeks after publishing a notice advising the scheme is confirmed.



Who is paying for the scheme?

At the Executive Committee in January 2024, Falkirk Council gave approval for the project to move forward to Scheme Notification. The Council and Scottish Government have also agreed to establish a Taskforce which will continue to provide project governance and consider appropriate funding mechanisms for future construction stages.

These discussions are ongoing and will continue to be progressed during Scheme Notification to ensure that sufficient funding is secured to enable construction to commence as soon as practicable after the Scheme is confirmed.



What was the purpose of the Land Interest Questionnaires?

The questionnaires have been used to gather information to help with the Scheme Notification stage of the flood protection scheme. Our land referencing consultants, Dalcour Maclaren, used publicly available data to identify those who have an interest in land or property affected by the flood protection scheme in accordance with the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 and sent questionnaires to those parties to validate and/or correct the information they have collated. Not everyone in Grangemouth or surrounding areas will have received a questionnaire.



Where can I see the final design for the scheme?

If you missed our engagement events, the final proposed scheme design is on our website at: <https://www.grangemouthfloodscheme.com/preferred-scheme-1>.

Further details of the proposed flood protection scheme will also be made available when the Statutory Notice is published in May 2024.

Scheme Notification

GFPS is now moving to Scheme Notification.

Statutory Notices will be delivered to all properties that will be affected by the GFPS. This will include those that benefit from a reduction in flood risk, land that will have flood defences constructed on or land that will be affected temporarily to construct the defences.

This means that a Statutory Notice will be issued to every person, business and organisation whose land or property will be affected by the flood scheme. Notices will be landing on doorsteps in the next few weeks, so keep an eye out.

Statutory Notices will also be placed in the Falkirk Herald and Edinburgh Gazette. Additionally, the notices will be displayed in a wide range of noticeable locations, such as on lampposts, in affected communities where scheme operations will be carried out.

The Scheme Documents will be available in Falkirk Council's offices at **Falkirk Stadium** for in-person viewing in May. The Scheme Documents will also be available on our website later in May at:

<https://www.grangemouthfloodscheme.com/scheme-documents>

What About Comments and Objections?

After the publication of the Statutory Notice, anyone will be able to submit an objection to all or part of the proposed flood protection scheme.

An objection is valid if it:

- Is made in writing.
- Has the name and address of the objector.
- Made within the time periods stated on the Statutory Notice.

To make an objection, you can submit one in writing to:

Chief Governance Officer
GFPS Objections
Falkirk Council
The Foundry
4 Central Boulevard
Central Park
Larbert
FK5 4RU

If you would prefer to email an objection you can do so by sending your objection to:

objectionsgfps@falkirk.gov.uk.

Objections must be made to Falkirk Council by the date stated on the Statutory Notice.

If objections are received, Falkirk Council must make a preliminary decision to confirm, modify or reject the scheme.

For more information, please visit our website:

<https://www.grangemouthfloodscheme.com/factsheets>



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