

**FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009 (“the Act”)
and
THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEMES, POTENTIALLY
VULNERABLE AREAS AND LOCAL PLAN DISTRICTS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS
2010 (AS AMENDED) (“the Regulations”)**

**LOCAL HEARING UNDER SCHEDULE 2 PART 8 OF THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT
(SCOTLAND) ACT 2009**

To be held at

**Falkirk Stadium, 4 Stadium Way, Falkirk, FK2 9EE
Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 10.00.**

Agenda

It is hoped that the hearing can be concluded within a single day, but time has been allocated to extend the hearing into Thursday 29 January 2026, if required.

1. Introductions and opening remarks from Reporter.

The Reporter will provide an introduction to the hearing and set out the purpose of the hearing and explain how discussions will proceed. She will also ask all those who have opted-in to participate in the hearing to introduce themselves.

2. Scheme design.

In this section, the Reporter will ask questions to clarify aspects of scheme design. This will draw on points made in objections to the scheme and those objectors who are participating in the hearing will be able to clarify their concerns about scheme design as it relates to the points made in their representations. Discussions will draw on the hearing statements and responses that have been submitted, together with original objections and responses to these and will focus on:

a. Justification for scheme including evidence base for need for scheme.

The Reporter will be seeking clarification around the reasons for the scheme and nature of the evidence that has informed and understanding of flood risk (reference objections OBJ-001, OBJ-003, OBJ-004, OBJ-005, OBJ-008, OBJ-011, OBJ-013, OBJ-017).

b. Generic approach to scheme design and consideration of alternatives.

The Reporter will seek to understand the generic approach to scheme design in terms of choice of flood prevention measures (reference objections OBJ-001, OBJ-002, OBJ-007).

c. How different aspects influencing scheme design have been balanced (e.g. alignment with other policy requirements, costs).

The Reporter will ask for clarification about the factors that have influenced scheme design (reference objections OBJ-001, OBJ-017).

d. Level of detail of proposed scheme design.

Clarification about the level of detail available for scheme design and any nature of further detail to be determined later (reference objections OBJ-016).

e. Specific design approach.

This will explore clarification about scheme design at the following locations referenced in objections:

- **Carronshore & River Carron** (reference objection OBJ-001, OBJ-004, OBJ-015)
- **Zetland Park** (reference objections OBJ-002, OBJ-005, OBJ-007, OBJ-011).
- **The Docks** (reference objections OBJ-020, OBJ-022). This will also include a discussion of the effect of the proposals on the business operation at Jarvie Plant and Forth Ports.
- **Inchyra Road** the Reporter will seek clarification about the status of the objection concerning the location of flood defences (reference objection OBJ-019).

3. Construction effects including timescales and duration, effects on people's property, land ownership and access to land, disturbance and restoration.

Discussions will focus on effects arising during construction (reference objections OBJ-001, OBJ-003, OBJ-009, OBJ-010, OBJ-014, OBJ-016, OBJ-020, OBJ-022). Effects on wildlife including qualifying interests of designated sites during construction will be discussed under item 5.

4. Loss of trees and effects of this on privacy, security, and amenity.

Discussions will consider the approach to safeguarding trees and other vegetation and effects of loss of these (reference objections OBJ-002, OBJ-003, OBJ-007, OBJ-008, OBJ-010, OBJ-011, OBJ-012, OBJ-013, OBJ-017).

5. Effects on wildlife

a) Habitats and species.

The Reporter will seek clarification on the approach taken to assessing effects of the proposals on wildlife. It will focus on those aspects raised in objections, namely:

- **Habitats.**
- **Hedgehogs.**
- **Bats.**
- **Displacement of vermin.**

(Reference objections OBJ-001, OBJ-003, OBJ-005, OBJ-006, OBJ-007, OBJ-008, OBJ-014, OBJ-017).

b) Designated sites and Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA).

The Reporter will seek clarification on the relationship between the Habitats Regulations Appraisal and scheme design. (Reference objections OBJ-021, OBJ-022).

6. Legal and financial matters including effects on property values, responsibility for ongoing maintenance and compensation.

Discussions will focus on issues raised in representations including effects of proposals on Forth Ports statutory role. (Reference objections OBJ-001, OBJ-003, OBJ-004, OBJ-010, OBJ-012, OBJ-014, OBJ-016, OBJ-017, OBJ-020, OBJ-022).

7. Concluding comments.

The Reporter will allow an opportunity for those who have opted-in to participate in the hearing to make a few concluding comments about the points they have made, should they wish. She will explain her approach to making an accompanied site inspection and bring the meeting to a close.