

# Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme



## Practical Aspects and Frequently Asked Questions

*This factsheet has been produced to provide information on as many practical elements of the flood protection scheme and answer frequently asked questions. If you have further questions or require further information please email [grangemouthfps@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:grangemouthfps@falkirk.gov.uk)*

## Gardens and Open Spaces



### What will the impact be on my garden, to what extent will my garden be restored?

Where possible there will be a like for like replacement - unless otherwise agreed - of all landscaping and garden materials, such as fences, patios or decking, huts and garden rooms, paths, soil, plants or grass. Prior to the construction phase commencing and in advance of any disturbance occurring at a property, there will be a detailed discussion with residents to record the existing garden layout and condition, and also the preferred replacement materials, plants or trees.



### Will trees be reinstated in my garden?

Replacement or additional tree planting will be carried out as agreed with individual property owners. The location will be at residents' preference where possible. There is some scope for the additional planting of trees should space allow and this will be agreed with individual landowners and assessed on a case by case basis. The replacement planting schedules will be agreed nearer the time of construction.



### What types of trees will be planted in parks and open spaces?

On average, we will endeavour to plant three trees for every tree that is removed as a result of the flood protection construction works. Where mature trees will need to be removed such as, Abbots Road, Park Road and Grangeburn Road, we expect large trees around 4 to 5 metres tall, will be planted to replace each tree. We will also be undertaking a programme of enhanced landscaping measures, tailored to each location impacted by tree removal. The proposed tree planting provides opportunities for the tree stock to be more resilient for future decades, as a variety of species will be planted to match their environment. Planting one single species will be avoided, in an effort to prevent vulnerability should any individual tree or species become prone to disease. The types of trees to be planted will be agreed with Falkirk Council's parks and ground maintenance and biodiversity teams prior to the replanting.



### Will public paths and street furniture such as benches be replaced if they need to be removed?

Yes, public paths and street furniture removed or otherwise disrupted by the construction of flood defences will be reinstated, or replaced. All works will be agreed with Falkirk Council's parks and ground maintenance team.

# Construction



## Will the construction works damage my property?

The contractors building the scheme will comply with working practices and restrictions put in place to minimise the risk of any damage occurring. Prior to construction works being carried out, buildings and structures will be surveyed and inspected to ensure any existing damage is identified. Property owners will be given a copy of these surveys. The surveys will be repeated after completion of the work. In the unlikely event that any damage is caused by the construction works, this will be repaired.



## What will be daily start and finish times or weekend working arrangements?

We expect that, in order to reduce disturbance experienced by some residents we would propose to limit construction working in residential areas to weekdays (Monday to Friday inclusive) from 8am to 6pm with no working at weekends or on bank holidays. These conditions could be subject to any planning restrictions and are only an outline for now.



## Do you expect residents to stay in their property when the construction works are ongoing?

In our experience of flood protection schemes, residents are usually always able to remain within their properties during the construction works. We understand that the noise from construction can be a concern to residents. As detailed in Chapter 8 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA), mitigation measures will be employed to reduce the impacts of noise during the construction phase. If you have specific circumstances that mean noise and upheaval might impact you significantly, please let the team know at [grangemouthfps@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:grangemouthfps@falkirk.gov.uk).



## How long will the impacts of the work go on?

We anticipate the overall scheme will be constructed over an 8-10-year period, and is expected to be built in phases. It is highly unlikely that residents will experience continuous disruption during this period. The exact order the scheme will be constructed has not been finalised at this stage. The duration of the construction works will vary depending on the location of the works, the size of defences to be constructed and any constraints present such as the existence of pipes, cables or environmental factors. Prior to commencement of the construction works, details of the projected timescales and proposed order in which each part of the scheme will be constructed will be made available.



## What will the flood defence wall look like?

Materials selected will vary by location. In some areas where there is no public access, the walls will be either plain concrete, or steel. In most residential areas, the walls will be clad in brick or stone depending on the prominent materials used on existing buildings. In some residential areas, the walls will be formed using patterned concrete. Further information on how the walls may look can be found in Appendix A of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA). It is available at: <https://www.grangemouthfloodscheme.com/eiar>



## How will you protect wildlife?

The potential impacts on wildlife and appropriate mitigation measures, have been considered as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA). Where potential impacts have been identified, appropriate mitigation will be carried out. Some of the proposed works will be subject to separate licencing to ensure they are carried out in a manner to safeguard wildlife. Overall, the scheme will be seeking to deliver positive effects for biodiversity. More information on the EIA and the mitigation measures can be found on our website.

# Land Purchase or Compensation



## The flood defences are on my land. Will you be purchasing the land and compensating me?

The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 gives Falkirk Council powers of access and the power to construct flood protection works on land in private ownership and provides compensation rights to affected parties. The Council does not currently intend to purchase any of the land in private ownership. Compensation will be payable in accordance with the provisions of the 2009 Act, where parties can demonstrate that they have 'sustained damage'.

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## Responsibilities in the future



## Who is responsible for the maintenance of any walls in the future?

Falkirk Council will be responsible for the maintenance of the flood defence walls. This will include any necessary upkeep to ensure that the walls remain effective and in good condition.

However, the responsibility for land maintenance, such as controlling the growth of weeds, cutting grass, trees, or shrubs, will remain unchanged and will continue to be the responsibility of the landowner. Falkirk Council is committed to ensuring that the flood defences are well maintained and that any necessary works are carried out promptly and efficiently.

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## Scheme Funding



## How is this scheme being funded?

Falkirk Council and the Scottish Government are engaged in a joint Taskforce which will recommend an agreed approach to project implementation as funding is made available. Council officers and Government civil servants are jointly reviewing the project timetable and delivery sequence which will be used to inform future discussions on Scottish Government and Falkirk Council capital funding.

Feedback is always welcome on the scheme and you can get in touch with the project team at



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