

## **ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009 AND THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEMES, POTENTIALLY VULNERABLE AREAS AND LOCAL PLAN DISTRICTS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2010**

#### **HUNTLY FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME 2014**

In accordance with Section 60 and Schedule 2 of the above Act and Parts II, III & IV of the Regulations, the Council proposes the above flood protection scheme. This constitutes a notice under Paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 of the Act and under Paragraph 7 of the Regulations.

The effects of the proposed operations will be to generally reduce the risk of flooding to residential, agricultural, community and business properties along the River Deveron, the Ittingston Burn and the Meadow Burn by

- Raising set back defences near the right bank of the River Deveron from Arnhall Cottages to Milton Farm, parallel to the A920 and unclassified 114s public roads .
- Increasing the size of the culvert on the Ittingston Burn below the A920 and constructing raised defences adjacent to the road and the right bank of the burn.
- Raising and strengthening the existing defences on the River Deveron between the Bridge of Gibston and the Hill of Haugh.
- Constructing raised defences to the south and east of the caravan park
- Replacing one undersized culvert on the Meadow Burn with a timber footbridge.
- Creating local storage to the west of the Meadows estate by constricting the flow in the Meadow Burn to a figure that can be accommodated by the downstream channel and culvert systems.

The scheme is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment however specific environmental assessments have been undertaken. Scheme documents can be inspected from 17/1/14 to 14/2/14 inclusive at:

- Aberdeenshire Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen AB16 5GB between 8.45am and 5.00pm, Mon to Fri.
- Aberdeenshire Council, 23-25 Gordon St., Huntly, AB54 8AL. The office opening hours are between 8.45 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Fri.
- [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Objections in writing can be made about the scheme during the period from 17/1/14 to 14/2/14 inclusive to: Head of Legal and Governance, Aberdeenshire Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen AB16 5GB. Any objection to the proposed scheme must be accompanied by a statement of reasons for the objection. Where an objector has an interest in any land on which the proposed operations are to be carried out or which may be affected by any of the proposed operations or by any alteration in the flow of water caused by any of the operations that person's objection must include details of the land in which the objector has an interest,

disclosure of the nature of the objector's interest in the land, and details of which aspects of the proposed operations affect the objector. If no valid objections are made to the scheme, then the Council must make the final decision to confirm or reject the proposed scheme. If, however there are objections which are not valid objections under Paragraph (3) (2) of Schedule 2 of the Act, the Council may make a preliminary decision and hold a hearing to consider the proposed scheme, before confirming or rejecting the scheme. Where valid objections are made to the scheme, the Council will consider the objections and make a preliminary decision to either (a) confirm the proposed scheme without modification, or (b) confirm the proposed scheme with modifications, or (c) reject the proposed scheme. Where an objection is received from a relevant objector, who is a person to whom paragraph 5(6) of Schedule 2 of the Act applies, the Council must notify Scottish Ministers of the preliminary decision. The Scottish Ministers must then decide whether to consider the scheme or not. If the Scottish Ministers decide to consider the scheme and valid objections remain, then the Scottish Ministers must cause a Public Local Inquiry to be held. After considering the outcome of the Public Local Inquiry, the Scottish Ministers must make the final decision to: (a) confirm the proposed scheme without modification, or (b) confirm the proposed scheme with modifications, or (c) reject the proposed scheme. Where the Scottish Ministers decide not to consider the scheme; the Council must hold a hearing to consider the proposed scheme. Following the outcome of the hearing, the Council must make the final decision to (a) confirm the proposed scheme without modification, or (b) confirm the proposed scheme with modifications, or (c) reject the proposed scheme. Notification of the final decision, whether made by the Council or the Scottish Ministers will be given.