

Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

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Reporter: [REDACTED]

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Dear objector

NEWTON STEWART FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME

This letter concerns your objection to the above scheme.

As you will have seen from the Council's letter of 31 July, the Council has appointed an independent Reporter to conduct a hearing about this scheme. The Reporter is [REDACTED]. I have been appointed to carry out administrative tasks on his behalf.

The Reporter is minded to use the Code of Practice for flood protection scheme hearings as a procedural basis for his continuing work. This Code is part of the Scottish Government's publication "Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009: local authority functions under part 4 guidance." A copy of the Code is attached. In addition, the Reporter is also minded to provide an opportunity for those not wishing to participate in the hearing to make further written submissions in support of their objections. That latter opportunity is not specifically referred to in the Code, but it is commonly provided.

I should be glad if you would reply to me not later than 19 August with the following:

- (a) any comment you have on the procedure the Reporter is minded to follow as described in the previous paragraph;
- (b) an indication of whether or not you wish to participate in the hearing;
- (c) an indication of whether you wish to express your views orally but would have difficulty in attending the hearing.

In considering whether you wish to participate in the hearing, please note that you may wish to combine your participation with that of other objectors. It would be useful if you could indicate in your reply if that is your intention. In addition, hearing statements (which will be called for in due course) may be prepared on your behalf by an agent or advisor if you wish. You may wish to be represented at the hearing by such an agent or advisor, although such representation is not essential. Legal representation should not normally be necessary.

Please note that you should restrict your reply to the procedural matters above. Your opportunity to have a further say on the merits or otherwise of the scheme will come shortly.

If I receive no reply from you by 19 August, the Reporter will assume that you do not wish to participate in the hearing or otherwise express your views orally. In those circumstances,

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you will still have an opportunity to make further written submissions in due course.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

Programme Officer