

Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

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Dear objector

NEWTON STEWART FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME

This letter concerns your objection to the above scheme.

Following my letter to you in August, the Reporter anticipated that rapid steps could be taken towards a hearing and the submission of further written representations on the flood protection scheme.

However, since then, a significant delay has arisen. This follows the Reporter's indication to the Council of his view that, as part of its preparation of the flood protection scheme, the Council should have asked, but did not ask, the River Cree District Salmon Fishery Board to give a screening opinion on the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment of the scheme. The Reporter considers that the Council's failure to do this was contrary to The Flood Risk Management (Flood Protection Schemes, Potentially Vulnerable Areas and Local Plan Districts) (Scotland) Regulations 2010.

The Council is now considering this matter, in conjunction with the Salmon Fishery Board. This means that the Reporter is currently taking no steps towards a hearing or seeking further written submissions. I will contact you again when that position changes.

Yours faithfully.



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