

**Perth & Kinross Council Communities Service**  
**Forth Local Flood Risk Management Plan 2016-2022**

**Blackford Flood Study – Further Recommendations**

The draft flood study has recommended the following:

- The Council should progress the recommended option identified in this flood study. (Note this is a long process and will take a number of years to complete. Capital funding will have to be secured. The project will involve further outline design development, community consultation, the statutory process under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act, detailed design and tendering before eventual construction).

Other recommendations to manage the existing flood risk in Blackford include:

- The Council should continue to inspect watercourses and carry out maintenance (clearance and/or repair works) of known 'at risk' areas, where this will significantly reduce flood risk.
- Surface water drainage improvements identified in this study to be progressed by the Council. (Note that the Council has carried out some repairs to the surface water system on Stirling Street which may have already reduced some of the risk at this location)
- Property flood resilience measures (e.g. use of flood protection products such as door guards, air brick covers, etc) to be considered by residents. Individual property surveys would be required to identify suitable measures. Further advice on this is available from the Scottish Flood Forum.
- Community actions to increase resilience to flood risk. These could include:
  - Community emergency flood action plan (to managed by local resilience group, should resources allow)
  - Provision of community flood products (e.g. sandbags, door guards, etc to be managed by local resilience group, should resources allow)
  - Potential Community flood warning system. Various local watercourses would require to be assessed for suitability by the provider of such a community warning system. The Scottish Flood Forum can help to connect communities with such services.
  - Community monitoring of key locations for potential blockages/sediment accumulation – such as around the Blackford Cross area.
- As a planning authority, the Council should continue to apply local and national planning policies with respect to flood risk. The information identified in this study should be used to inform the determination of planning applications within the study area and inform future Local Development Plans.