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Date 21 February 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Blairgowrie & Rattray Surface Water Management Plan

Blairgowrie & Rattray was affected by significant localised flooding in 1994, 2001, 2004, 2015, 2020 and 2023, and therefore has been identified as a Potentially Vulnerable Area, which makes it a national priority for surface water management.

The main sources of flooding in the area are attributed to surface water runoff from heavy rainfall and out-of-bank flows from the Rattray Burn. The public sewer network serving the town is insufficient to manage these overland flows during these events, leading to flooding in various locations.

In order to address this, Perth & Kinross Council commissioned consulting engineers, Binnies, to carry out the Blairgowrie & Rattray Surface Water Management Plan. The aim of this study was to improve our understanding of flood risk in the area, assess the potential options for managing the identified risk and to provide recommendations for flood protection measures within the catchment. The study is one of the key priorities within the published Tay Flood Risk Management (FRM) Plan and Local FRM Plan (see www.pkc.gov.uk/frmplans).

The Council would now like to share the results of the draft surface water management plan with the local community. A newsletter is attached summarising the draft outputs and is also available to view on the Council's consultation hub at <https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/communities/blairgowrieswmpevent>.

A comment form is attached, and residents are encouraged to record their views. Completed comment forms can be submitted online (via the Council's consultation hub), posted, or e-mailed to the contact details provided.

Community drop-in sessions will also be held at Blairgowrie Town Hall, 14 Brown St, Blairgowrie & Rattray, Perth & Kinross, PH10 6EX on **Wednesday 28 February 2024 from 2pm until 8pm** and **Thursday 07 March 2024 from 2pm until 8pm**.

Council officers will be present to provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about the study outcomes and ask any questions. It is also anticipated that the following partner agencies will be present on Thursday 7 March between the following times:

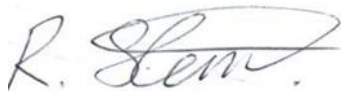
- Scottish Water - from 2pm until 4pm to provide answers to any queries on the sewer network.
- The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) - from 2pm until 4pm to provide advice on Floodline, and the Scottish Flood Forecast.
- The Scottish Flood Forum (SFF), an independent organisation which supports individuals and communities at risk from flooding - from 3pm until 6pm to provide advice on flood resilience products.

We would encourage residents to read the newsletter and attend the community drop-in session, if possible, prior to providing their views and comments. We would ask that completed comment forms are returned to the Council by **Friday 22 March 2024**.

A response to any questions raised will be provided to the community in a 'Question & Answer' report. The flood study will then be finalised, and we will report the outcome to the next available meeting of the Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Committee.

If you have issues accessing the online information, or any other queries regarding the flood study, please contact Russell Stewart, Senior Engineer (Flooding) on the details at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully



Russell Stewart
Senior Engineer (Flooding)

Enc: Blairgowrie & Rattray Surface Water Management Plan Summary
Comment Form