

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 June 2023 12:57  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart FPS - OBJECTION

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my **objection** to the proposed Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme.

My reasons are:

1. There is very little DETAIL contained in any of the current documentation
2. There is no detail on access or exit points from the river. With the proposed flood defence scheme in place, it will not be possible to enter (or more importantly, exit) the river as users currently do. There is a very real risk of someone drowning if they cannot exit the river quickly and easily
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4. The Hydrology report has not considered the short, medium or long term effects on the river bed, and the existing pools and riffles which form important habitat for salmon & seatrout. The pools and riffles also form a very important rod angling fishery (for salmon & seatrout). This is owned by a local angling association and has a capital value of millions of pounds. The fishery also brings significant community benefit from visiting anglers and angling tourism. There is no mention of compensation for loss of income during the works (angling will not be possible during the works) or for any potential future loss of the angling asset due to the existing pool and riffle habitats being destroyed by the FPS
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Please record this email as a formal **OBJECTION** to the proposed Newton Stewart flood Protection Scheme

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 June 2023 10:44  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Fwd: Newton Stewart flood protection scheme

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Please see below and I would be obliged if you acknowledge receipt.  
Regards.

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**Date:** 9 June 2023 at 10:35:53 BST  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Newton Stewart flood protection scheme

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 8 June 2023 at 21:43:58 BST  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Newton Stewart flood protection scheme

## Newton Stewart flood protection scheme

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[REDACTED]

Dear Sir,  
OBJECTION TO THE NEWTON STEWART FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME.

I write [REDACTED] on their behalf in response to the Notice of Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme ( the Scheme). We wish to lodge an objection to the NSFPS in accordance with the undernoted Statement of Reasons.

I confirm that NSDAA has a relevant interest in the land impacted by the Scheme. We are Riparian Owners of the river Cree over the entire length of your proposed works in addition to owners of the salmon fishing rights. Our club membership currently stands at 208 including Associate Members and have an average of 135 rod days per season from visiting anglers. We have a current value of our asset in the region of £750,00.

#### STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR OBJECTION.

1 As owners of a significant part of the impacted river banking we have not been accorded any involvement in the development of plans to date and because of that we are concerned that NSDAA's interests have not been sufficiently considered as part of the process.

2 We have not been contacted by the Schemes developers regarding negotiation of access and egress points to the land in our ownership which is subject to the Schemes works. Without agreement on access and egress to our land with ourselves as landlord this Scheme should not be approved.

3 The scheme works will have a material negative impact on the ability of NSDAA members to utilise their fishing rights. This will cause not only loss of amenity but also outright financial loss. Works are scheduled to be carried out outwith the migratory season of November to May, which means they will be carried out between June and October. This is precisely the timing of the salmon and sea trout run and when we do the bulk of our business, and members enjoy the sport. We predict considerable loss of membership and income for the two seasons the work is scheduled to take place, and fear they will not return. No consideration has been given to how the design and construction of the Scheme can be done in a way that minimises impact to our members or what level of compensation would be appropriate in the light of the anticipated loss. I would draw to your attention to section 82 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 which DGC are obliged to observe.

4 The engineering works to river banks carries the risk of materially changing the configuration and productivity of pools comprising our fishery. To date there has been no consideration of how the design and execution of the Scheme may materially alter the behaviour of the river in a way that may negatively impact upon our fishery. If the works materially impact the capacity of the river to maintain pools suitable for holding salmon then this may have a significant negative impact on the value of our fishery given that the proposed works impact a significant proportion of our fishery. No conversation has been had with us as to mitigation or compensation for this potential loss.

5 NSDAA refute the claim in Environmental Impact Report item 7.6 which states "that no significant impact is predicted with regards to public access, recreation or amenity, therefore no further assessment is needed". There has been no recognition of the contractor's requirement to produce a Construction Phase Health and Safety Plan, which will almost certainly exclude the public from working areas.

Yours Faithfully ,



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2023 12:21  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart Flood Prevention Scheme  
**Attachments:** tf flood prevention scheme objections.doc

Dear Sirs,

I attach my objection to this scheme.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Telephone [REDACTED]

Email [flanagan.1948@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:flanagan.1948@yahoo.co.uk)

Dumfries and Galloway Council  
By email to [newtonstewartFPS@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:newtonstewartFPS@dumgal.gov.uk)

19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Sirs,

### **Newton Stewart Flood Prevention Scheme (“the Scheme”)**

I object to the Scheme for the reasons mentioned below.

#### **STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR THE OBJECTION**

1. I reiterate the reasons mentioned in the objection of Newton Stewart and District Angling Association (“NSDAA”) shown in the Appendix to this objection. I am a member of NSDAA, which is an unincorporated association. As such, I have an interest in the land (including salmon and sea trout fishing rights) owned by NSDAA. The Appendix adequately describes which aspects of the proposed operations affect my interest in the land.
2. The EIA screening report and the PEAR report fail to consider adequately or at all the impact of the Scheme on salmon and sea trout populations in the River Cree and Penkiln Burn.
3. The proposed operations set out in the Scheme are unreasonably excessive in relation to the flood risks sought to be addressed.

#### **APPENDIX**

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Yours faithfully,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 June 2023 08:54  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: River Cree Flood Prevention scheme

Dear Sir/Madam,  
I am writing to you as [REDACTED]

I wish to register the RCDSFB **objection** to the proposed Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme.

The reasons for the RCDSFB objecting to the scheme as proposed are:

1. There is very little DETAIL contained in any of the current documentation
2. The Atlantic Salmon and Seatrout for which the River Cree & Penkiln are rightly famous are only briefly mentioned in the EIA screening report, and not mentioned AT ALL in the PEAR report – this is completely unacceptable. The Atlantic Salmon is designated as a priority conservation species and currently considered to be under threat
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The Cree DSFB require a full EIA and PEAR report into the impact of the proposed flood prevention scheme on salmon, seatrout, the aquatic invertebrates, ecology and habitat of the river.

In addition, a Hydrology report detailing the changes to the river bed, substrate, structure and flow – in the short, medium and long term requires to be undertaken. The hard engineering proposed WILL change the river. It must be clearly demonstrated that this will not affect the salmon or seatrout or the river environment

The RCDSFB will support all the fisheries affected by this proposal and also vigorously defend and protect the salmon and seatrout (and their habitat) within the area of the proposed flood prevention scheme.

Please record this email as a formal **OBJECTION** to the proposed Newton Stewart flood Protection Scheme

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 June 2023 08:21  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Notice of Objection  
**Attachments:** FPS Objection 0623.docx

Please find attached my notice of objection to the above scheme.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern,

7 June 2023

**Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme – Notice of Objection**

I wish to object, in the strongest possible terms, to the above proposed scheme. Having studied the published details, I am of the opinion that the measures being proposed do not take adequate account of the potential damage to the integrity of the River Cree, nor to the immediate and ongoing potential impact on those species which inhabit the Cree, including salmon, sea trout and brown trout.

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In addition, from the published material available, the visual impact of the scheme on those who live alongside the river and those who spend time near or on the river, has the potential to spoil the entire area for locals and visitors alike. The River Cree is the centre of Newton Stewart; an iconic symbol of our area and both the river and its surroundings should be protected as an absolute priority when any Flood protection Scheme becomes reality.

Thank you in anticipation of my comments being given full consideration.

Yours faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 June 2023 17:16  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: RE: Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme - Notice of Publication

Good afternoon

Thank you for sending through the consultation details for the proposed Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme and giving the extension to reply.

GFT wish to make the following comments:

- GFT have detailed previously that we consider natural flood management should be an important consideration to reduce flood risk to Newton Stewart. Land ownership in the Cree catchment is mostly publicly owned and managed by Forestry and Land Scotland making this the perfect catchment for natural flood management options which could hold back more water for longer in the upper catchment to help reduce flood peaks. Appropriate use of these options could then mean that the physical works in Newton Stewart could be reduced and have less impact on the visibility and public use of the Cree. SEPA, NatureScot and the Scottish Government all, via their websites, suggest strong support for the principle of natural flood management. Natural flood management should be a key part of the solution to reduce flood risk in Newton Stewart.
- GFT have raised previously the sensitivity of the lower River Cree due to the rare and important fish populations resident and migrating through this river section. There is obviously significant risk that constructing a flood prevention scheme could impact on water quality, habitats and the ecology of the river unless adequate mitigation is in place. It is unacceptable that the two 'Environmental Statement' reports hardly mention fish at all. Unless there is adequate recognition of the fish species present and their life histories then how can it be properly assessed and considered at the design and construction stages to ensure the fish populations are adequately protected? It is hard to understand why there is so much detail on badgers, water voles etc but so little on fish? Key fish populations present in the proposed work area, which may be resident or migrating through, include many protected fish species including Atlantic salmon, Sea/Brown trout, European eel, Sea lamprey, River lamprey, Brook lamprey and Sparling. Further downstream in the estuary critically endangered Allis shad and Twaite shad are also found. The life history and use of the lower Cree by all these fish species needs to be considered to ensure they are protected during any works and long term impacts – only mentioning when to avoid salmon / trout spawning times is not acceptable.
- There is a lot of angling undertaken within the proposed work area. There appears to be limited consideration and detail regarding how anglers (or members of the public) will be able to access the river during and after the proposed works. This needs to be addressed.
- Protection of riparian habitats should be prioritised during any design phase and during the construction phase. Riparian habitats are important ecologically and also to protect banks from erosion. If riparian areas are degraded then this would be expected to impact on surrounding instream habitats, water quality and aquatic ecology including fish populations.

I would be happy to discuss in more details any of the points raised above if that was useful.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**  
*Senior Fisheries Biologist*

Galloway Fisheries Trust, Fisheries House, Station Industrial Estate, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire, DG8 6ND

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**From:** newtonstewartFPS <[newtonstewartFPS@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:newtonstewartFPS@dumgal.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2023 5:01 PM  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS <[newtonstewartFPS@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:newtonstewartFPS@dumgal.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme - Notice of Publication

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to previous emails regarding the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme and can advise that the Scheme will be formally published on 25 May 2023 as outlined in the attached letter and notice.

The Council must notify every person known to us:

- to have an interest in any land on which the proposed Scheme operations are to be carried out, or
- whose interest in any other land may be affected by any of the proposed Scheme operations or by any alteration in the flow of water caused by any of the proposed Scheme operations.

You have been notified because we understand that you have, or may have, an interest in land falling within one of the above categories.

There is a 28-day period for objections or representations which commences on the 25 May and end on the 23 June 2023.

If you have any questions or comments on this matter, please contact the team using the email address [newtonstewartFPS@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:newtonstewartFPS@dumgal.gov.uk)

Full details of the publication can be found on the website [www.dumgal.gov.uk/newtonstewartfloodprotection](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/newtonstewartfloodprotection)

As outlined in the letter could you also let me have amended contact details (if applicable) or details of any other person you consider should be notified.

Kind regards,

**Project Team (Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 June 2023 12:26  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: The River Cree Flood Protection Scheme - Objection  
**Attachments:** Flood protection scheme letter for committee - June 2023.docx

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Please see attached letter of objection to the above scheme

Regards

[REDACTED]

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15 June 2023

To whom it may concern

**Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme – Notice of Objection**

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In addition, from the published material available, the visual impact of the scheme of those who live alongside the river and those who spend time near or on the river, has the potential to spoil the entire area for locals and visitors alike. The River Cree is the centre of Newton Stewart. It is an iconic symbol of our area and both the river and its surroundings should be protected as an absolute priority when any flood protection scheme becomes reality.

As the [Redacted] the largest Riparian owner on the Cree river system, and owner of both banks of the River Cree in the town beat, I do not believe that the Association has been properly consulted as required by the appropriate legislation. I make this point as an individual member of the Association.

Thank you in anticipation of my comments being given full consideration.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 June 2023 12:43  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Objection to the N.S. FPS

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 June 2023 12:53  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS; Carson F (Finlay), MSP  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: flood protection objection  
**Attachments:** NSDAA flood scheme letter.pdf

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18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
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**Sent:** 18 June 2023 13:02  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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**Sent:** 18 June 2023 14:59  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Objection to the N.S FPS

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To whom it may concern

Newton Stewart flood protection scheme  
Notice of objection

I wish to object in the strongest terms to the above proposed scheme having studied the published details I am of the opinion that the measures being proposed do not take adequate account of the potential damage to the integrity of the River Cree nor to the immediate and ongoing potential impact to those species such as salmon sea trout and wild brown trout not only the wildlife such as otters 'king fishers 'water voles and other wild life that live in our river system plus we have a rare species of fish called spurling that come to our river to spawn and it's only very few rivers these fish come so we are just to ingore all wildlife and mother natures animals and basically destroy this

In addition from the published material available the visual impact of the scheme of those who live along side the river who like nothing more spending time watching the wild life swans 'ducks and feeding them with their kids on the river this scheme would spoil the entire area on the river Cree for locals and visitors alike the river is a iconic symbol that run through the centre of Newton Stewart and everything that lives an swims in our river should be protected is a absolute priority when any flood protection scheme becomes a reality

In addition to the this I'm very concerned about lack of enter and exit points along the proposed works which gives even more concerns about those using the river recreationally including anglers who often have to exit the river quickly when the river unexpectedly starts to go into spate occurs this is know-and regular danger to most of the locals that use the river but this has been overwhelming not looked at by those involved in the planning of the scheme

Thank u in anticipation of my comments being given full consideration

Yours faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 June 2023 17:00  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: FW: Objection to the N.S. FPS

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 June 2023 18:43  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: flood scheme

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18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2023 09:56  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Flood protection scheme objection letter

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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19/06/2023

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2023 10:49  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Creme flood defences.  
**Attachments:** Flood-protection-scheme-letter-for-committee-June-20234186.docx

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Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[Name]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2023 13:43  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: River Cree  
**Attachments:** Flood-protection-scheme-letter-for-committee-June-20234186 (1).docx

Dear sir/ Madam for you attention

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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19/06/2023

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2023 17:30  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: NEWTON STEWART FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME OBJECTION  
**Attachments:** Petition NSWA ss.docx

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached, my objection to the Dumfries and Galloway Council (the "Council") proposition to carry out the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme (the "Scheme") in the exercise of its powers pursuant to Section 60 and Schedule 2 of the above Act. This constitutes a notice under Paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 (the "Act") and under Regulation 7 of the Flood Risk Management (Flood Protection Schemes, Potentially Vulnerable Areas and Local Plan Districts) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (as amended) (the "Regulations").

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2023 17:24  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Objections to the Scheme  
**Attachments:** Petition NSW sss.docx

Please find attached my objection.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2023 17:27  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: flood protection Newton Stewart

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19/06/2023

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2023 17:47  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Notice of Objection - Flood Protection Scheme  
**Attachments:** Flood-protection-scheme-letter-for-committee-June-20234186.docx

Hi

Please find attached my Notice of Objection to the proposed flood protection scheme on the River Cree in Newton Stewart.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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Yours faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2023 17:58  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

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19/06/2023

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Yours faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2023 19:43  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme 2023 Letter  
**Attachments:** Letter re Flood protection scheme, N S.docx

Surs,

Please find attached letter re the proposed flood protection scheme in Newton Stewart

Thanks,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
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20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

To whom it may concern

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 June 2023 20:55  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: NSDAA - River Cree Flood Protection Scheme objection

19-06-23

To whom it may concern

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The River Cree, due to the actions of the Newton Stewart District Angling Association (NSDAA) who own and manage the Salmon fishery, is the only Category 1 salmon river in SW Scotland. This means that the river has a migratory run of fish large enough to sustain the species in this catchment area. The salmon is under great pressure to survive and only 29 out of 173 rivers (16.8%) in Scotland are Category 1. So any alteration of a river area needs careful consideration of all interested parties and NSDAA in order to maintain the habitat for the survival of the migratory fish .

Thank you in anticipation of my comments being given full consideration.

Yours faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 June 2023 11:15  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Cree objections  
**Attachments:** Flood-protection-scheme-letter-for-committee-June-20234186.docx

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To whom it may concern

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 June 2023 14:06  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme - Notice of Objection

To whom it may concern

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The potential to cause damage and change the river course further downstream due to increased current caused by the funneling of water through a narrower channel must also be taken into account. This will cause potential erosion of banks and erode farmland, the increased current will also move stone and gravel from the river bed and deposit this further downstream. The pools in the town stretch of the river will change or even disappear which in turn would cause issues with habitat for migratory fish on their way to spawn.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 June 2023 19:46  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart FPS objection

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20/06/2023

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Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 June 2023 20:07  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Objection to the N.S. FPS

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 June 2023 17:38  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: River Cree flood protection scheme  
**Attachments:** Flood-protection-scheme-letter-for-committee-June-20234186(1) 2.docx

To whom it may concern,

Please find letter attached

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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21/06/2023

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 June 2023 18:51  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Flood protection objection  
**Attachments:** Flood-protection-scheme-letter-for-committee-June-20234186(1).docx

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21/06 /23

To whom it may concern

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Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 June 2023 22:09  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Objection letter FPS River Cree  
**Attachments:** Flood-protection-scheme-letter-for-committee-June-20234186.docx

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21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

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[Redacted]

**Riverside resident Old Minnigaff**

[Redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 June 2023 21:39  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme - Notice of Objection

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22nd June 2023

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Yours faithfully  
(Sent on behalf of)  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [dedment@aol.com](mailto:dedment@aol.com)



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 June 2023 15:21  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Please see the letter attached regarding my objection to the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme  
**Attachments:** Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme\_000012.pdf  
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Regards,

[REDACTED]



29.06.23

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 May 2023 13:55  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Proposed Flood protection Creebridge, Newton Stewart.

Hi,

I received another notification of the proposed flood protection initiative along the river Cree in Newton Stewart. I own a property in Creebridge which although it has never flooded, I do understand the risks in that happening due to climate change.

I have seen both the proposals online and visited the office in town to view the proposals more clearly.

I do have to voice my concerns and objections in that if I understand it correctly, a brick wall possibly over 5 ft high is to be built starting approximately at my property and proceeding south along Creebridge on the eastern bank for some distance.

If, again if I have read the proposal properly the new wall will be built on or very close to the riverside boundary of the metalled road surface, then you will be creating a strong chance of serious injury to foot traffic, cyclists, children, dog walkers etc.

Creebridge is already very narrow and currently all non vehicle users have to step onto the grass verge on the river side of the road for every vehicle using the road. Likewise if two cars meet on the road then one has to drive onto the grass to let each other pass.

The ability to do any of these manoeuvres will cease unless a wide footpath for the hundred or so daily users of Creebridge who use the road to get access to and fro to the shops and recreational walkers, joggers, holidaymakers who must have some sort of pedestrian refuge to get out of the way of both commercial traffic and local residents who drive down the road to get to their homes.

Also if a wall is to be built close to the road surface extra expenditure will be needed to build passing places to allow delivery vehicles, refuse collection, access for fire vehicles and ambulance who currently have to use the grass verge to be sure of access.

I would like my concerns as to public safety and impracticality of the placing of any such wall be noted and officially logged.

Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 May 2023 09:52  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Objection of Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

Good Morning,

I wish to lodge my objection to The Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme. As a property owner at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] am one of the most affected properties. After several meetings and looking at the plans I formally object to this scheme. We have lived in this property for almost 40 years and never been flooded. Myself and my husband have both been brought up in Newton Stewart and have a great deal of local knowledge. Unfortunately the Flood Protection team do not want to listen to the local people with ideas of different schemes that would have less impact than an absolutely disgusting wall. Unfortunately Newton Stewarts Victoria Street did flood but that was because the sub standard single brick wall breached, there was no maintenance to it and unfortunately had devastated consequences. Another case of no maintenance is the drains. This is said in your literature to be a 1 in 200 year event. It is definitely not worth ruining our town for this. I feel this scheme is being put forward for the gratification of those concerned i.e Scottish Government, D and G Council and Sweco. Please listen to those concerned. When viewing the plans initially I had to point out that the wall was going through the War memorial at the bridge end. I was then told it was a typing error. I am not a planner, surely they should have proof read their plans. Even in our several meetings the planners they could not confirm, construction material, final height or width of the wall and how much of my garden would be taken. What have they actually been doing all this time wasting millions of pound in an economic crisis when we can't even give our residents a palative care bed. When Mr Ferguson originally came I was disgusted by his bullish attitude and it was very obvious from the first 30 seconds of our meeting it did not matter what we thought. The engineer (she kept reminding me she was an engineer) was exactly the same. If I asked a question she obviously could not answer all I got was, I am an engineer! My fear is that this contract is awarded to a company like Fergusson ship yard, we obviously know the story of that disaster. We are trying to get National Park status to improve tourism in our wonderful area. This would certainly not help with that. You would ruin everything about our town including fishing on the River Cree and its hatchery. By raising the water levels in the middle of the river it will cause devastated damage to our fabulous Cree Bridge. Please look at different schemes for example getting rid of rubbish and trees that is lying on our river bed. We are continually told that would not make a difference. Any small difference is fabulous, you are not even willing to try. I believe a local contractor offered free of charge to remove river debris after the flood and was point blank refused. As I also own a business premises in Newton Stewart [REDACTED] I have an even bigger interest in this scheme. People of Newton Stewart do not want this scheme. Please listen to the people who pay your wages. Can you please acknowledge you have received my objection. As you will see I see have included The Secretary of State for Scotland, I have been in constant contact with him and Radio Scotland who are interested in my feedback from you.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 May 2023 21:22  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Objection to flood prevention scheme

**Importance:** High

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed flood prevention scheme based on the following information and reasons.

- Our names are [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- The wall model is vastly over exaggerated and will be a life threatening eyesore on the town.
- Although the Penkiln Burn is a steeply falling river, it is prone rise swiftly and if an angler is caught in that rapid rise, how will they exit the river quickly with such a wall? I fear their lives will be placed in unnecessary danger by this.
- It will be an ugly, dirty, Council neglected eyesore.
- The handful of houses that DID flood would be better served by individual flood defences, and the balance spent of renovating the Galloway Arms and Grapes Hotel, both of which are eyesores and dangerous to passers by.
- We have lived here for nearly 16 years and can't even get the Council to repair the road, send a road sweeper, put a salt bin in, fix the manhole cover around the corner( picture attached)
- Tigh na Cree was the only affected property down this side of the road, and that got 14" of water in the GARAGE, so a wall of 2.8 meters outside is ludicrous and dangerous!
- I feel a petition would serve a more balanced view of peoples opinions as to whether the wall is wanted in Newton Stewart.
- As far as we're concerned the two major problems have been addressed...the wall across from us has been repaired and re-inforced, and the new bridge has been raised and moved below the obstruction of the Scottish Water pumping station, receiving flow to natural flood plane.
- Who will compensate us for the loss of view of the river from our homes, a significant part of why we bought them in the first place?
- In short , I know of no one along this road that wants this scheme, and I would ask for the "hundreds of names" FOR the scheme to be made public to us please? We do NOT want this monstrosity forced upon us.
- This river is a VERY important salmon and sea trout river and MUST be preserved at all costs, and was only given one sentence in your latest letter. It may not be important to you, but it is very important to hundreds of people in the area, and vitally important to the preservation of the species, and the town is greatly reliant on the tourism that salmon angling brings to it!

Yours sincerely





**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 June 2023 09:38  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Flood Defence Proposal

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mobile [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,  
**YOUR REFERENCE NmgFRM12 FLOOD DEFENCE PROPOSAL PLANS**

Having received plans outlining the defence proposal at the bottom of our property adjacent to the Penkiln burn, we are concerned that there will be a wall approximately one third the width of our garden then an embankment adjoining the wall that will cover the rest. We agree that flood defence is of top priority and a necessity. We are not objecting to the proposal for flood defence, but do not like the idea of having two different defences in view at the bottom of our garden. Therefore I would like to request that a wall spanning the full width of our property be built as this would be more attractive and blend in with the landscape and improve our outlook.

Hoping this meets with your approval and thanking you in advance.  
If you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 June 2023 10:15  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart FPS residents comments

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Sirs, Newton Stewart Flood Prevention Scheme

My observations

1. Flooding occurred in exceptional circumstances because existing infrastructure was inadequate at the time. Improvements have been made to the Sparling Bridge and the wall by the park mitigating most of the risk. These improvements have taken away enough risk of flooding for the town's needs.
2. The proposed scheme is extensive. It is much more than what's needed. Construction work will disrupt the day to day business of the town for a long time and cost a fortune. It will not add to the town's appeal as a destination for shoppers and tourists.
3. The money would be better spent on planned development of the town centre infrastructure, derelict and underused sites fronting Victoria Street, improving the town centre by planned development of roads, commercial and residential sites, improving vehicle, pedestrian access layout and sewerage. The town centre is in great need of improving and tidying up empty, unused shops, and accommodation with better access.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 June 2023 20:33  
**To:** [REDACTED] newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart Flood Prevention scheme

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Hi Guys

I have been contacted by a concerned neighbour who lives within the scheme area and have taken it upon myself to read the  
FPS Screening Report 3.1  
Newton Stewart Pear Final Report for FPO (skimmed so far)

I am a retired conservationist, lived in Minnigaff for 40 years with a keen interest in birds and bats.  
I was rather alarmed at the lack of knowledge of bats in and around the scheme..

I will make a few observations that I hope will help direct the proposed surveys for this year.  
The road Bridge in town has a long established Daubenton's maternity bat roost, most years numbering between 20-40.  
The Meal Mill in Minnigaff has the largest Pipistrelle roost known in the region with 1200 counted emerging a few years ago, mainly Soprano's. Other buildings have male roosts of both Soprano and Common Pips.  
The metal suspension bridge stretch of river is a favoured area for hunting Daubenton's and the mature oaks to the east of the Bridge at the north end of Mill island is one of the best places for early emerging Soprano Pips with a few Commons pips as well. I strongly suspect that they roost in these trees. Audiomoth recording 2 nights ago produced over 900 files of Daubentons, Soprano and common pips near the suspension bridge.

Other bats regularly recorded hunting along the river are Natterer's, Leisler's, Brown Long-eared's, Noctule.

Common Pips are regular around Monnigaff church and roost there.

Otters are regularly seen in town. They regular cross from the Penkiln to the Cree at the north of Mill island.  
Regularly seen passing under the road bridge in town. In fact a dense scrubby bush about 30m north of the Bridge on the east bank is used as an occasional laying up site during the day. They regularly us the dense cover on Mill island.

Reptiles in the area- Slow worms are abundant in most gardens.

In view of the very important bat roost at Meal Mill, along with the bird interest (breeding tawny owls) it is imperative to maintain as many mature trees around this area as possible. I note in the screening report p15 that the Embankment on the east bank of the Penkiln has been set back to maximise retention of Mature Trees. It is absolutely essential that this is adhered to and special attention by supervisors is to be made to respect this. Also leave all of the trees as they are on Mill island.

Kingfishers used to regularly breed on the east back about 40 m south of the A75 with another pair about 1km south of that. 4 pair of Dipper used to breed in the town but sadly no longer, hopefully with improved water quality they might return. Mallard regularly loaf on the Penkiln under the shade of the trees.

I shall continue to scan the various reports and hope that these comments are of value.

[REDACTED] could you pass this email onto the Newton Stewart Nature Scot office and copy to [REDACTED]. Sadly I do not have their direct email addresses.

If you need any further details comments please contact me.

Regards [REDACTED]

Please could you acknowledge receipt of this email. Feel free to pass on to environmental surveyors.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 June 2023 15:50  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Further to my earlier correspondence regarding NS flood Protection

I have now had a chance to read the  
Flood Management Preferred Option & Economics Appraisal

I note with horror sect 1.4 Geomorphology and Tree Loss  
P13 the proposal to remove and estimated 550 trees. Which I find absolutely appalling. Surely the carbon footprint  
of this project coupled with the removal of 550 trees at this time of Global Crisis is abhorrent and to be strongly  
discouraged.  
Have the designers of this scheme looked at removing flood banks north of the town to fully re-instate the old flood  
plains. These banks stretch from Boreland farm, include the Wood of Cree, Larg Farm, Brigton and the Holm Farm.  
This would considerably increase the holding capacity of flood plains north of the town and removing the banks  
south of the town would also alleviate the surge tide effect and should at least be fully considered.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 June 2023 10:42  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Flood prevention scheme Newton Stewart

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I would like to comment on the recent proposals for a flood prevention scheme in Newton Stewart. **I have Salmon fishing's from the East bank ( SSSI) down stream and extending below Machermore castle. I am not the land owner, but do have the Salmon fishing rights.**

The scheme is absolutely necessary in order to avoid the catastrophic flooding the town experienced a few years ago now on 30th Dec. I have made submissions about this already.

However i have looked at the plans and although i agree with some of these, i think the scheme could negatively impact many people including those living along side the river, business's and angling interests.

The crux of the problem stemmed from unprecedented amounts of rain and a wall structure at the back of home hardware that was flimsy at best ! .. **The town only flooded when this wall collapsed !** - the wall has been patched up, **but as per the flood prevention plan this wall needs to be made higher and reinforced from the weir down to Aldi.**

**If this is done this will for the most part alleviate any future negative flood events. This should be the PRIORITY above all others.**

Some other observations >>

~ there are a lot of trees on the left bank immediately below the weir- these should be taken away and underneath these perhaps some of the gravel build up stripped off. (but not the main channel)- this has to be an impediment to flow?

~ at the back of home hardware is a concrete structure (about 4m wide x 2m high) - i understand this is some sort of sewerage pumping point/ hatch ? - So a cross section of concrete sticking out into the channel 4m x 2m has to massively obstruct the flow ?? **this should be relocated away from the river channel - this will ease the flow ..**

~ Massive plantations of Sitka commercial forest on the Cree catchment have massively changed the rivers hydrology over the last 40 years. What was once boggy land with sphagnum moss has been ditched and drained and now when it rains it goes straight into the river. There needs to be less forestry and restoration of Bog and Peatlands. Before the forestry the bog lands helped to retain and dissipate the water into the rivers over a period of time - now in the winter it just drains straight into the river via forest ditches (these need to be blocked to slow the flow)

~ would it not be possible to have some parts of the flood wall that **are temporary** - ie a well drilled flood prevention team could have a few sections slotted into place within a couple of hours.

~ any wall would have to allow access via certain gates to the recreational resource of the river - fishing etc

~ **Very little mention of Salmon in the plans..... extreme care needs to be taken not to dig away spawning gravels and loosen it to such an extent it all washes away and fills in the Salmon pools.**

~ Will compensation be given to those recreational and fishing resources effected by this scheme - both in the construction phase and future. Newton Stewart anglers (and to some degree myself) could be adversely effected and our angling opportunities curtailed. I can envisage a situation where anglers cant even get to the river because of large flood barriers ??

~ the field below Broomisle cottage acts as a natural flood plain ..... but not sure if any more channels need to be made ? - perhaps some flood plains could be opened up in the catchment further up the catchment though ..... a scheme could be in place to compensate farmers adversely effected by this in a flood event ?

~ I agree some sort of reinforcement of the bank at the back of Galloway granite works / Jewsons needs to take place - the bank is badly eroded ..... but only a section of about 20 metres at slaughterhouse pool - a few gabion baskets would fix this..

In summary i think the flood prevention scheme has gone too far in many respects and that the concerns of the population of Newton Stewart need to be taken into consideration.

**The bottom line is there was an old wall at the back of home hardware that collapsed and only when this happened did the town actually flood ! ..... if a strong wall that is higher is built from the weir down to Aldi that will be 98% of the solution !**

I look forward to hearing back your response.

Regards

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**Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme. Revised.**

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**June 7<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

**Dear James McLeod,**

**Thank you for the recent correspondence regarding the revised plans for the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme.**

**In 2002 I purchased the property known as [REDACTED] a grade two listed detached building situated at [REDACTED] A unique dwelling: only one of two that have river frontage access and landscaped gardens. I am concerned that your plans are directly going to affect my property therefore the following objections I wish to place on record.**

**The construction of a reinforced concrete / sheet pilled wall at a height of 0.08 – 1.4m above ground level. A) will be near the gable end of the property hence will restrict daylight into my lounge; see pics 1. 2.**

**B) Denied access onto the river garden to carry-out gardening tasks i e: grass mowing/weeding/hedge-cutting. Pics 3.4.5.6**

**C) Recreational usage; entertaining friends; Fishing for the illusive Salmon.**

**D) The loss of mature Oak trees and Beech hedge.**

**E) Privacy enjoyed from my garden.**

**F) Loss of Land/ value to Property.**

**Thank you for your attention,**

*[Signature]*  
[REDACTED]







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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 June 2023 14:47  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart flood protection scheme

I wish to express my very deep concern regarding the removal of trees and other forms of habitat to make way for the flood protection scheme. Once again the natural environment has to pay the price for the benefit of a few humans. Trees ,that support so many living things ( including us ) are more essential than ever given the decline in bird, bat and insect populations due to man's interventions, including the exacerbation of climate change , to be axed to make way for man-made structures yet again.

Urbanisation at a huge cost to flora and fauna yet one of the best natural flood and erosion preventers are trees. The preferred option indicates a pretty large removal of existing trees with their replacement and landscaping at an estimated cost of £60,000 when most of the existing trees are an invaluable, developed habitat with an anchoring effect of their root systems.

Any replacements ( if absolutely necessary) should be native broad-leaf and close scrutiny of any work an ongoing process as there is no opportunity, in such a natural environment, to rectify the damage that can be done by carelessness , after it's been done.

Thanking you in anticipation of your consideration of the above,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 June 2023 14:25  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

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For the attention of the Flood Risk Management Team.

Following on from our visit on 14th June to the Flood Protection information meeting at McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart, we are lodging our areas of concern and interest regarding the above scheme.

Due to the lack of detail presented regarding the proposed wall (height, position and material construction) we are expressing our concerns. We have approximately 90 metres of river frontage and as such our house is the most affected in Newton Stewart/Minnigaff.

Our main concerns are:

1. Material construction and position of the wall.
2. Accessibility of the river for [REDACTED] clientele and ourselves. We have certain fishing rights and many guests choose to step down into the water for various activities.
3. We have a minimum of 15 trees on the riverbank, all of which are protected by a conservation order. No details regarding these trees have been made available.
4. There is no detail in the proposal regarding maintenance of both sides of the wall and bank.
5. We are very concerned regarding the affect of the wall on our business. Guests enjoy sitting on the riverbank. It is important that we will maintain the views which draw them to Minnigaff.

We look forward to being fully informed by the Management Team as and when more information and details become available.

[REDACTED]

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17th JUNE 2023

**Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme**

Dumfries & Galloway Council

Council Headquarters English Street Dumfries DG1 2DD

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to strongly object to the proposed Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme. The Scheme will only benefit a small number of people and property owners. It will totally destroy the aesthetic appeal of the town and drive away tourists and visitors to the area who will then go elsewhere. This in turn will start an economic downturn to the area. It will affect every type of accommodation provider. That is to say Hotels and caravan sites etc. This in turn will obviously affect the turnover in all the local shops as well. People believe that to raise the height of existing walls slightly plus a few strategically placed additions would be adequate.

I would also like to point out to you that this Scheme would have a vastly destructive effect on the banks of the river Cree and the river bed. This will ruin angling in the area for Brown Trout, Sea Trout and Salmon. This would add to the economic downturn of the area as well as destroying the habitat and spawning areas for several native fish species.

Let me make it clear to you that the Atlantic Salmon is now a declining and threatened species which is protected by law. Vast amounts of work have been carried out locally to try to increase the numbers of these fish and to improve their habitat at no small investment of both time and money to those involved. Lampreys are also in decline and are a threatened species which are present in the river Cree. Sparlings are a declining and threatened species found in the river Cree as is the European Eel. Both of these are protected by law. It is very probably illegal to adversely affect or destroy the habitat or spawning areas of all these fish. The proposed Scheme would undoubtedly do this.



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If you were to actively ask people living in the Newton Stewart area then you would find that very few want this Scheme to go ahead. Please do not destroy the ecology of the river Cree.

**Yours Sincerely,** **Brian Wilcock**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 June 2023 19:53  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: FPS Newton Stewart

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To whom it may concern

I should like to raise an objection to the flood protection proposed plans for the river Cree.

In the interest of conservation of endangered species in the Cree these proposals are totally unacceptable.

In the interests of safety what if a fisherman is fishing and it floods they would not be able to get out.

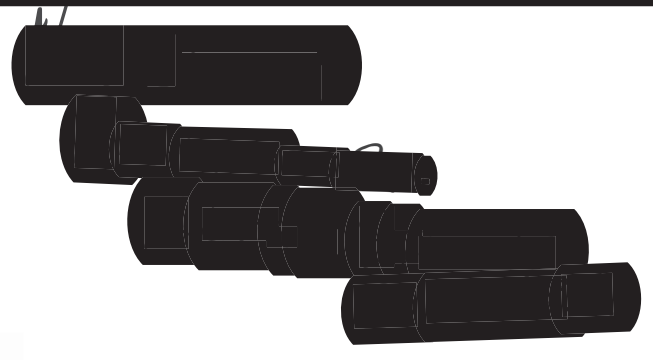
The plans do not take into consideration the social and economic impact on the town. Many visitors come to Newton Stewart, the sight of large stone walls and ugly screens blocking the lovely views, the ability to sit and have lunch by the river no longer an option is hardly inviting the visitors to come back.

In these times of a cost of living crisis can spending this vast amount of money be justified, whilst children are hungry and nurses are using food banks, surely this money should be diverted to those in the area who need it far more than diverting a flood that happens occasionally.

Please reconsider this decision and listen to the many reasons not to do this.

[REDACTED]

June 13th 2013



Dear Sir / MADAME.

I am writing to you as the owner & occupier of the above property.

I object to the proposal to build an embankment / wall across the back of my garden, taking out an 8m wide strip across its width of my property adjacent to the Pavilion Burn.

This will destroy a natural woodland area I have created naturally & planted since my family have been resident here. It will mean the loss & damage to many trees & woodland birds, & bee nesting sites we have encouraged over the years.

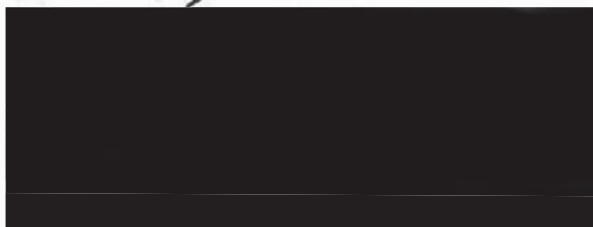
As well as adjacent to my property & this area is Great Mtn, which is inhabited with Bats & includes special nesting boxes for them put in after it's recent restoration of the building. My garden area here acts as a feeding ground for them & has been monitored by R.S. [initials] for species type for which there are many

The Cree has in the wild life corridor  
for the Wood of Creech with many nesting sites  
& mammal life along it's banks. The disruption  
caused by these construction activities as well  
as it's carbon footprint is unacceptable.  
When the solution requires less invasive work  
up river where old flood plains should be  
restored.

Compensation does not make up for my loss of land will  
not make up for the destruction of the biosphere  
& who will be responsible for maintaining the or  
keep of this bank/wall? I will also be losing  
the fencing I have bordering my ground to keep  
the deer out from destroying my garden &  
vegetable patch.

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Sincerely



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 November 2021 16:19  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Flood Prevention Scheme Concerns Regarding Tudor Cree King Street  
**Attachments:** Flood Protection Letter Tudor Cree.pdf

[REDACTED]

17 November 2021

Flood Risk Management Team  
Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council

Dear Flood Risk Management Team,

Flood Risk To Property, Tudor Cree, King Street, Newton Stewart,  
Dumfries and Galloway. DG8 6DQ

Further to attending the recent Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme Community Engagement Event held at the McMillan Hall on Saturday 25th September 2021 I am writing at the request of your team to draw your attention to my concerns regarding how the proposed plans will impact upon the above property and would ask that you take the following information into account and hopefully adjust the works accordingly to help protect our home and not as I will indicate exacerbate the potential flood damage.

My wife [REDACTED] and I have owned the property as a second home for approximately 14 years now and unfortunately we were severely impacted by the major flood occurrence of 30th December 2015. During this flood the lower level of our house flooded internally by approximately one to one and a half feet of river water. Externally the river was flowing past three feet up the patio doors. The lower floor consists of a small staircase leading to a corridor serving a bedroom and then the main bedroom which has a triple patio door leading to a balcony which projects out over the Brewery Pool of the River Cree. The weed debris when the flood subsided was a third of the way up the balcony railings. I was notified of the flood and arrived to observe the above standing in the main bedroom looking out towards the river. The river also partially flooded the bottom corner of our rear drive having risen through a drain hole in the lowest corner adjacent to the river wall. On the opposite bank the observable height of the river was up to the facing brick/harling level on the bungalow directly opposite on the far bank.

The insurance bill to repair was approximately £17,500.00.

At this time the river was unobstructed on the opposing bank and therefore could and did dissipate a huge mass of its volume up the far bank. Having studied your proposals which indicate the building of a 1.9m wall and glass panel containment feature on the opposing bank but also indicate that your containment on our side of the river starts

way down river of our property with no intended works to protect it .I would thus voice that I am deeply concerned that this will actually exacerbate the potential flood level at our property by channeling the water to an even greater level as it will not now have the opportunity to level out on the far bank and the volume will thus be compressed to an even higher level because of this. This could indeed risk the flooding of the next and main level of our home, which includes our kitchen, dining room, a small bathroom, the main bathroom, summer room, a large bedroom, boiler room and main reception hall, thus leading to an enormously increased amount and thus value of damage. This would also exaggerate the effect of a lesser flood than in 2016 on our property and cause it to flood with less water and sooner than previously occurred.

I am, therefore, expressing my deep concerns regarding your present proposals and hope that you can take cognisance of the above information and hopefully incorporate some means of protecting our property into the plans. Simple sandbags would not suffice but some form of similar glass flood prevention barrier and waterproof sealing of the balcony floor and sides and a a door sealing system of some kind could be investigated to be incorporated into the scheme by you.

I trust that this clearly explains my concerns and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Sincerely yours,

A solid black rectangular redaction mark covering the signature area.

[REDACTED]

22 June 2023

Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme  
Dumfries and Galloway Council  
Council Headquarters  
English Street  
Dumfries  
DG1 2DD

Dear Sirs,

**Notice of Objection To Scheme As Stands**

Further to receipt of your letter dated 22nd May 2023, subsequent correspondence by email with your [REDACTED] and consultation with [REDACTED] and a meeting with [REDACTED] at the McMillan Hall I am writing to lodge my formal objection to the current scheme for the reasons as follows.

My name and permanent address are as stated above with relevant contact details.

The relevant land which will be affected and impacted by the scheme is Tudor Cree, King Street, Newton Stewart DG8 6DQ I and my wife [REDACTED] own this property.

As per my previous correspondence I am objecting to the currently proposed scheme on the grounds that no provision has been made to protect my property which was flooded directly with river water in 2015 as witnessed by [REDACTED]. Further to this your proposals show the intended introduction of a barrier along the opposing bank of the river which will under flood conditions exacerbate the impact of flooding to my property.

I have now brought this to your attention on numerous occasions and [REDACTED] said he would get back to me but hasn't so I would ask that you please respond to this letter by return and confirm that my objection has been received, lodged and will be acted upon accordingly. I have forwarded a copy of my letter directly to [REDACTED] for his records.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 June 2023 18:37  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Objection to the FPS

Dear Responsible Persons

I am a long term resident of the Cree Valley. I object to the proposed flood prevention scheme on the following grounds

1) No account has been taken of the likely impacts on the various natural aquatic habitats currently existing within the River Cree. The creation of a hard engineered canal to replace over half a mile of natural river is bound to have numerous impacts on the life in the river, particularly the salmon and fresh water mussels. Unintended disturbance to the river bed and contamination of the water are likely to be major issues during the construction phase. The FPS must not proceed until a full riparian EIA has been carried out.

2) The river is what makes Newton Stewart a desirable place to live and a pleasant place for tourists to visit. A walled in, glazed in, canal in the centre of the town could easily destroy the appeal of the place. The socio economic impact of the proposed FPS must therefore be considered before it can possibly be allowed to go ahead. The final detailed FPS plans need to be presented to everyone and then a comprehensive attitude survey of both residents and visitors must be undertaken. The FPS may have appeared to be a welcome concept to the fifty odd people who could be bothered to fill out the initial questionnaire but the views these few people do not necessarily represent those of the many who will be detrimentally affected by the scheme. If the final design is anything like the most recent plans, I view the Newton Stewart FPS as abhorrent and would like the chance to have a say in preventing it from going ahead. Thousands of people will have to live with what is decided. They must all be given a chance to stop it.

3) The Main Street of Newton Stewart is slowly becoming derelict. If the council has £10 or £15 million to invest in the town it would be best spent renovating the Grapes Hotel, the Galloway Arms Hotel, and the empty shops in the town. There is no point building flood defences for 1 in 200 year floods which can only effect a handful of properties. The town needs investment not a metoo flood scheme

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 June 2023 23:00  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme  
**Attachments:** FLOOD PROTECTION OBJECTION.doc

Hello

Please find attached statement of reasons for objection to above scheme.  
I also wish to make you aware that my land will be affected by the proposed operations.  
The relevant land is the front garden of my property. I own the land and an embankment is to be built on the land as part of the proposed operations.  
I hope my objections are clearly understood, would be happy to elaborate if necessary.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

## Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

I wish to formally raise an objection to the above scheme. My objection, in general terms, is regarding the scale, scope and cost of the scheme. In particular, I would most strongly object to the scale of defences proposed for SE of Cree Bridge. The December 2015 flood, the largest in living memory, caused minimal damage to one property in this area and yet the proposed scheme is showing a hard defence of embankment and wall up to 2m in height. I cannot believe that level of protection proposed can be justified.

In April and November 2015 Kaya Consulting produced a report which was commissioned by Dumfries and Galloway Council, with an Addendum following the December 2015 flooding, with a further draft dated May 2017. I found those reports quite easy to understand and the findings and proposed solutions appeared to be fair and reasonable. I cannot find reference to that report being considered by the Council, or indeed why the Council appeared to ignore this report and subsequently commissioned SWECO to produce a second report. What was the reason for that? Is it recorded within Council minutes?

The Sweco report was exhaustive and examined a number of options, most of which were not proceeded with for varying reasons, with the predominant option being hard defences along both banks of the river Cree, from the Penkiln to the Sparling Bridge, alongside a small number of other measures such as reprofiling of the land around the A75 bypass bridge. As far as I can make out, the Kaya report came up with pretty much the same conclusion, albeit with a lower level of protection. In simple terms, following their cost benefit analysis, they seemed to be suggesting minimal works on the NW side of the Bridge of Cree, property level protection on NE bank, a wall on Riverside Road on SW bank and nothing on SE (Creebridge) side. They also suggested building a new wall on the road side of the existing wall along Riverside Road and making this road one way to compensate for the narrowing of the road. Seems to be a cheaper engineering option.

The costs and benefits as identified in both reports seemed to differ substantially with Kaya suggesting that a scheme providing 1 in 200 year level of protection is unlikely to be economically viable and unlikely to attract grant aid from the Scottish Government. One estimated cost was £25.8M (2016 figures) for a scheme perceived to be less substantial than that proposed by SWECO. In any day and age that is an enormous sum, but given the present economic climate asking Scottish taxpayers (the most heavily taxed in the UK) and the Council Tax payers of Dumfries and Galloway to fund the scheme seems to me to be quite shameful. It may be a somewhat cynical view but has any publically funded major engineering project ever come in on budget?

Kaya, SWECO, Council Officers and Members have worked hard on the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme and should be applauded for their hard work. I do believe however, that if D&G Council had repaired, strengthened and perhaps lengthened the wall alongside Riverside Road in the years prior to 2015 we would not be going through this process now. If the wall behind the old town hall had not failed flood damage in Victoria Street would probably have been quite minimal and the Kaya reports of 2015 possibly enacted upon. I also believe that the consultation process, whilst following the protocol dictated by Government, was less than effective. The commercial property and house holders directly affected should have been much more directly involved in the process. The Regulations dictate that the Community should be heavily involved in whether a scheme goes ahead or not and I do not believe that the part of the community most affected have been involved as much as they should have been. The 100 or so commercial and residential properties most at risk should have been much more involved than the wider community.

In conclusion, do the flood defences in Newton Stewart need improving? Most certainly. Does the flood protection scheme need to be as extensive and costly as proposed? Most certainly not. My observations are obviously not scientific, but having lived on the side of the river for 24 years and seen and experienced every flood over that time, and having absorbed as best as I could, the findings of all the reports, feel as though a smaller, more cost effective along the findings of the Kaya report should be revisited, ie minimal works NW of Bridge, property level protection NE bank of Bridge, wall on SW side (not 2metres in height, visual impact on an area much walked by locals and tourists would be awful) and no measures need on SE side, other than perhaps individual mitigation measures should any householder request it.

I wish to state that my property would be directly affected, albeit quite minimally, by the Scheme.



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 June 2023 23:19  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Flood Protection Scheme

My name is [REDACTED] owner of [REDACTED]

Statement: I do not believe this scheme will help or benefit the town of Newton Stewart with regards to Tourism or Wildlife Conservation and think that other less intrusive flood prevention ideas could be explored further upstream and possibly less expensive.

My objections (based on living here and observations) are:-

The Wildlife corridor is definitely going to be massively affected. We have resident wildlife at the bottom of our garden including the following:-

Roosting bats

Kingfishers

Hedgehogs

Hérons

Corvids

Ducks with ducklings

Endangered Bee colonies

Wide array of birds including owls, siskens, woodpeckers plus many garden birds

Not to mention (although I have not seen), otters.

Tourism - why would people want to visit anymore?

The river - the walking on either side are one of the main things I see people doing when they get here. If it is aesthetically ugly, why bother coming here?

Fishing - how will the locals be able to do this?

I am not in favour at all. Also, you are asking the households directly affected but do not seem to have asked any other residents of Newton Stewart who may have valid opinions on how it would affect the whole look and ethos of the town.

[REDACTED]  
22/06/2023

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 June 2023 10:54  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Objection

To Who it May concern

My Name is [REDACTED] partner in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I would like to lodge an objection to the proposed flood protection scheme on the Following Grounds

Visual impact on our property [REDACTED]

Disruption to Business [REDACTED]

Loss of use of our land located along the banks of the river cree quite a large area

Loss of land use in our field on [REDACTED]

Loss of soft landscaping and trees on the banks of river cree , these have already been removed and reinstated a number of years back during the last major works carried out by scottish water a contract which orve ran by approx 2 years, we now have 10 years of growth which we do not wish to remove

Loss of access to river cree and Banks

My Contact details are below

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 June 2023 11:04  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Concern about effect on Penkiln and Cree in Minnigaff

Good Morning

The prospect of the removal of so many trees in this area is of grave concern.

Removing any trees on the banks of the Penkiln, Bluebell Island and around the suspension bridge will destroy an irreplaceable ecosystem. This supports a wide range of birds, bats, animals and insects as well as providing an invaluable recreational amenity for residents and visitors. In addition the visual impact will be a disaster.

This area is also a key link in the chain of native woodland created by the Millenium "From Source to Sea" project, started by the RSPB in 2000 to create a corridor of native woodland the length of the river. This has been enormously successful in promoting biodiversity.

I understand the necessity of flood prevention measures but urge a more far sighted approach upstream.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 June 2023 13:49  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Newton Stewart Food Defence Consultation ending 28/6/23 - Comments and feedback

I write to you in response to the above consultation, with my comments, feedback and question, as below.

Previous flooding was caused by the rising river reaching above deck level of the Sparling Bridge (the pedestrian footbridge). This resulted in it being blocked with debris, causing an additional obstruction to the river flow, and therefore to the town and nearby properties.

Sparling bridge was re-built and opened in 2019, to a new design of increased height, and farther down the river, to remove the previous damming properties of the previous bridge, which contributed to the flooding of nearby properties and the town.

A potential wall being built near the bend by the Villa Cree property would cause a restriction of access, and an obstruction to vehicles waste and recycling vehicles, delivery vehicles, and more significantly it would potentially prohibit emergency vehicles eg Fire Appliances, from gaining access to the properties along the road from Villa Cree to Sparling Bridge area.

The potential height of the wall could be 2 Metres. This would detract from the natural environment for fishermen, withdrawing current easy access to the riverside for fishing rights. I am of the opinion the measures being proposed do not take adequate account of the potential damage to the integrity of the River Cree, nor to the immediate and ongoing potential impact on those species who's natural habitat is the river Cree, including fish, otters and voles. I am also very concerned at the lack of entry and exit points along the proposed works, which gives rise to concerns for the safety of those using the river recreationally, including anglers who often have to exit the river very quickly when an unexpected spate occurs. It would also have an adverse effect on the enjoyment of those using wheel chairs, electric scooters etc that aid mobility, as the wall in parts would restrict their enjoyment and view of the riverside and embankment.

It would also make it less attractive to tourists and the much needed income brought to the town from visitors, and those with restricted mobility, which the Sparling bridge was re-designed to include easier access for all.

There is no clear indication on the diagrams or "fly through" of the exact positioning, or height of the wall. These are diagrams not actual plans, as evidence by it being unclear where the unadopted road is on these diagrams.

The "flythrough" gives the impression of there being a very wide and extensive grassed riverbank, which is not the reality. This further adds to the lack of clarify as the positioning of a wall or defense embankment.

At the time, Tigh-na-Cree was the only property, on this road, with evidence of water flooding, amounting to a few inches. Subsequently, flood boards were fitted to the external doors, and air brick flood defences were fitted to protect the property further. This would surely be a sensible flood prevention plan, more cost effective, and less intrusive to the environment, and impact on the locality and tourists.

Question: Has this option been considered, for properties by the river, as there is no evidence to this effect?

Yours faithfully  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 June 2023 14:00  
**To:** newtonstewartFPS  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: FPS - Concerns for [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

We attended the flood protection scheme meeting at the McMillan Hall on Wednesday 21st June and spoke to a member the Flood Risk Management Scheme about our concerns around the height of the wall and depth of glass relating to our property. We were instructed and understand that this level of detail is not yet being discussed at this stage. However, we would like it recorded that although we are in principle happy for the overall scheme to go ahead, this is very much based on our property getting a proportionate amount of glass as not to obstruct or block our view with the river or reduce what little terrace space we currently have. We have previously had a meeting with your staff who visited our property and they saw first-hand that any heightening of the wall above its current position would completely spoil the aesthetics of the property and have a detrimental effect to its attraction as a self catering holiday let and indeed as our home when we are there. We look forward to having further discussions at the appropriate time.

Thanks and Regards  
[REDACTED]