

## Stonehaven Flood Protection Scheme Update – April 2021

### We Take Your Feedback Seriously - You said, We Did

“I have a delivery at the weekend, can you arrange access for the van” yes, the gates were unlocked for the duration

“Can you arrange for the road to be swept more often” yes, this is now done twice weekly

“Can you repaint parking spaces” designated spaces were refreshed outside each property and disabled parking bay

“Can you assist with social distancing on our terrace” yes, we created passing bays

“Can you help with our bins whilst the road is closed” they are put out for collection on Friday mornings

### WHAT ARE THE APRIL WEEKEND

#### WORKING DATES?

Due to the Easter break, the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> is the only one in April unless in emergencies e.g. flooding

#### HOW ARE THE WORKS PROGRESSING?

Work in zone 1B between Bridgefield and the White Bridge is progressing well and piling for the creation of the culvert on the north side will commence this month.

Despite the challenges over the past 12 months, works are progressing well in the other five zones and we are scheduled to complete the majority of the construction work by the end of April 2021 followed with the associated landscaping by the Autumn.

#### WHY IS THE LOW WOOD ROAD STILL CLOSED?

This work has been a challenge and we have had to extend the closure to carry out remaining works in the area. This is largely due to unforeseen delays with service diversions namely, gas and SSE. The safety of the community is important and the extension will enable us to complete the associated concrete works within the channel and complete construction of the Green Bridge accesses. The road is closed until 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 but we hope to reopen it before then if possible and the Project Team thank you for your continued patience whilst we complete this vital piece of the scheme.

#### WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE BRIDGES?

**White Bridge** – as explained before, because of its key location, the bridge will remain closed until the 1B section is complete

**Red Bridge** – we are pleased to announce that it will be officially opened for use on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April. The new bridge is DDA compliant and accessible via ramps on the Low Wood Road side and straight onto the footpath on the other side

**Green Bridge** – from the 12<sup>th</sup> of April we are temporarily diverting pedestrians via the Dunnottar Avenue footpath or over the new Red Bridge. This is necessary for the health and safety of pedestrians to complete the works in the area, The final bridge layout will also be DDA compliant with access from the pavement on the Low Wood Road side, and there will be a ramp and stairs on the Carron Terrace side. Commissioning of the new bridge will follow completion of the works in this area

**Beach Bridge** – the installation of the new bridge is planned for May and will have ramps on both sides. The new footpath will go from the Boardwalk to Bridgefield with a slight incline at the end of the path.

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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – THE CHILDREN AND THE CARRON

Well done to all who entered the competition and explored the trail to learn more about the ecology of the River Carron.

The overall winner was Calum from Mill O' Forest School who received his prizes, a £20 voucher for Bucket and Spade, his McLaughlin & Harvey hoodie and goodie bag. He also received a back pack full of goodies from one of the Project Subcontractors, Centum. Calum and his dad also had a tour of the project with Sheila the Community Liaison Officer.

Calums story about his trail experience was so good and demonstrates how much it was welcomed during home schooling and lockdown.

*“We walked the trail today, grateful for the fresh air and beautiful day after all the snow. I was invited to walk the trail by my cousin Andrew who also goes to the same School. We had hardly seen each other due to the lockdown and kept separated in bubbles at School. We had a great walk and enjoyed the children’s artwork whilst learning about Otters and Bats.*”



Calums mum said *“thanks very much for meeting with Calum. He was very excited to tell me afterwards about the tour. The prizes are superb, he was delighted and the whiteboard is very handy for today’s fraction work”*

### #LOVECONSTRUCTION



Jessica from Dunnottar Primary was also a winner and received a prize of a hoodie, gift voucher and goodie bag. She also had a little tour of the project



Blair was the youngest entry and attends the Simpson Nursery. He is mad about the diggers and overlooks the project each day from his window.

In addition to his gift voucher and goodie bag, Potters Plant Hire kindly presented Blair with his own ride on digger and hat which you can see from the picture, he was delighted with

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