Musselburgh
Flood Protection

The Current Proprietor or Resident


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**Invitation to Whole Town Consultation – Tuesday 8th March 2022**

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Musselburgh has a very significant flood risk** from the River Esk and also from the sea (the Firth of Forth). There are around 2,500 properties at risk of flooding in the town – this includes: the whole of the High Street and the Eskmills Business Park area; the Musselburgh Racecourse; Fisherrow Harbour; significant parts of Loretto School and its grounds; the A199; the town's two road bridges and all of its footbridges; along with residential properties and businesses.

This flood risk is not new. The town has experienced a number of major flood events in recent memory with the largest being in August 1948 and September 1891. The level of flood risk is going to increase over coming years due to the impact of climate change.

If you would like to understand the flood risk to your locality or to the town then please see the Scheme's Flood Maps at our website (www.musselburghfloodprotection.com/flood-risk/musselburgh-flood-risk/), or look at the SEPA Flood Maps on their website (www.sepa.org.uk/environmental/water/flooding/flood-maps/). Alternatively we will be available in The Brunton on 8th March and can provide information on both your risk and how you may protected yourself against it on that day.

**East Lothian Council are advancing a flood protection scheme to protect Musselburgh** from a major flood event. This is a nationally significant project whose origin derives from a national assessment of flood risk prior to 2016. The project is currently one of 40 pre-approved schemes on the Scottish Government's Flood Protection Scheme programme. Since 2016 East Lothian Council have been setting up this major project and working through its early stages of set-up, concept development, and preparatory survey works.

The project has previously had two major public consultations / exhibitions in The Brunton during 2019. It has also had many other meetings with individuals, local groups and organisations across the town. The project has a dedicated website where information on the project is located – this is at www.musselburghfloodprotection.com.

The Council approved a conceptual approach to reducing Musselburgh's flood risk in January 2020. The Project Team now require to undertake a design on this concept and are trying to do this in consultation with key stakeholders, businesses and the people of Musselburgh.

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This letter is being sent to you as your property is within the EH21 postcode or immediate surrounding area, and we thereby would like to invite you to become involved in advancing the design of the Scheme with us.

**We thereby invite you to our event on 8th March to come and learn about the Scheme and provide us with your thoughts**

Since September 2021 the Project Team have been holding local area consultation meetings. This meeting in March is a continuation of those earlier meetings. The first set of those meetings focused on the areas in the immediate vicinity of the river and coast as any new defences would be located between the water body and the properties. The event on 8th March is intended to ensure that everyone in the Musselburgh area knows that we are available to answer their questions, and that we would like them to become involved in developing the best possible flood protection scheme for this ancient Toun.

The format of the day has been tailored as a drop-in event. This will allow for interested parties to attend and engage directly with the Project Team.

We look forward to your attendance at this event. Please see the attached information leaflet for further details.

For more information on the project and to keep up to date, please visit our website www.musselburghfloodprotection.com.

Yours Sincerely,

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