

SEPA flood warnings for Stonehaven

Flood warning background

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has a duty to provide flood warning services. The provision of a flood warning system for the River Carron was prioritised by SEPA and incorporated within their 2012-2016 strategy.

Why is flood warning needed?

Flood warning will alert the council, emergency services and the public to high river levels in the Carron Water. Flood forecasting provides the ability to provide advanced warning to allow those affected to respond and react to the warning alerts.

What progress has been made so far?

JBA has developed an innovative decision support system that provides advanced warning of high river flows on the Carron Water.

What approach is being taken?

The forecasting system continuously monitors river levels within the Carron Water and uses a series of rain gauge and forecast radar data to predict high flows in Stonehaven. Customers who register to receive flood warnings will be informed when water levels are predicted to reach pre-defined levels.

What happens next?

The project is on track to deliver the flood forecasting service in mid-November. SEPA is currently undertaking a period of awareness raising within the community. A full public awareness and marketing campaign will be undertaken at the end of November.

How can I get involved?

Letters will also be issued to all properties at risk of flooding from the River Carron. Please respond to these letters to ensure your property is signed up to receive flood warnings. For further information on these developments please contact:

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