

5 Are there other sensitivities?

We have considered local environmental sensitivities against feasible options.

Ecology

Bats, otters and salmon live in and along the river. These are protected species and permits will be required from SEPA before work begins.



Otter (*Lutra lutra*)
Photo: André
Künzelmann/UFZ



Pipistrelle Bat
(*Lutra lutra*)
Photo: Drahrkrub

The scheme will be an opportunity to establish more appropriate local plants that may offer greater value for wildlife.

At the same time, two invasive species, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed, will be removed.



Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)



Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*)



Globe flower (*Trollius europeus*)

Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*)



Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)



Character of Stonehaven

The River Carron and the associated White Bridge form one of the key views within the town. It is seen in context with the Grade A listed St. James the Great church, the Art Deco Carron restaurant and provides a visual link between the Old and New town.

The riverside is an attractive and popular feature for residents and visitors. The three bridges provide important links within the town. Our design will look to maintain and enhance this quality where possible, incorporating finishes, materials and details that complement this. Our aim is to reduce flooding whilst minimising adverse effects on this historic part of Stonehaven.



Stonework and finishes will reflect the location. Not all may be suitable for flood walls, but a wide variety of materials and techniques are visible within the town.



'Cherry cocking' in sandstone wall



Reconstituted stone wall and coping



Red ashlar sandstone and parged pointing



Coursed sandstone rubble wall



Harling to old cottages



Coursed sandstone



Sandstone including 'Aberdeen bond'



Granite ashlar



Brick on rubble wall



Modern harling with reconstituted stone quoins