Dear Sir / Madam

HAWICK FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME 2017
FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009

One of Scottish Borders Council’s main priorities is to alleviate the effects of flooding in its communities, and since October 2010 the Council has been developing an environmentally acceptable and sustainable flood protection scheme for Hawick (hereinafter referred to as “the scheme”). The scheme will reduce the flood risk to over 900 residential, business, amenity, community and agricultural properties adjacent to the River Teviot, Slitrig Water and the Stirches Burn. The scheme involves the following key elements to protect against a 1 in 75 year (1.33% Annual Equivalent Probability) flood event:

- Constructing flood walls on the left hand bank of the River Teviot at the Common Haugh, Commercial Road and Mansfield Road;
- Constructing flood defence walls on the right hand bank of the River Teviot at Volunteer Park, Hawick High School, Sorting Office, Orrock Hall, Sonia’s Bistro, Teviot Road, Little Haugh, Laidlaw Terrace, Duke Street and Glebe Mill Street;
- Constructing flood walls and embankments on the right hand bank of the River Teviot at Weensland;
- Constructing flood walls on both banks of the Slitrig Water from Drumlanrig Bridge to the River Teviot confluence;
- Raising Lawson footbridge by 1m, raising Victoria footbridge by 1m and raising Mansfield footbridge by 0.4m; and
- Flood protection measures on the Stirches Burn at the Scottish Borders Council Roads Depot on Mansfield Road.

Following extensive public and landowner consultation, the development of the scheme has reached the stage where the Council is now promoting the Hawick Flood Protection Scheme 2017, under the terms of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 and The Flood Risk Management (Flood Protection Schemes, Potentially Vulnerable Areas and Local Plan Districts) (Scotland) Regulations 2010. Enclosed with this letter is the statutory notice which details: the general effect of the scheme; locations where copies of the scheme documentation and relevant plans and maps can be viewed; and where to make representations on the scheme.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the scheme, please contact Ewan Doyle in the first instance at 01835 825124 or edoyle@scotborders.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

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