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Any enquiries please contact **Flood Risk Management Team** Telephone 030 33 33 3000 Email LangholmFPS@dumgal.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Langholm Flood Protection Scheme Letter of Objection

I refer to your recent letter in which you make a number of statements/objections with respect to the above Scheme.

The attached document provides responses to each of the points you have raised or signposts you to further relevant data. If, once you have reviewed our response, you still maintain your objection or require further clarity, please contact us at the above address. It would be helpful at that time if you were to provide additional evidence to substantiate the continued concerns you have about the project.

Obviously, if we hear from you further, we will be able to consider your evidence and documents to see if there are any aspects of the Scheme which need to be further reviewed.

Further information on the Scheme and subjects such as dredging, cost estimates and height of defences are answered in the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section or in the accompanying documents on the project website at www.dumgal.gov.uk/langholmfloodprotection

What I can advise is that, based on the feedback received at the public engagement event held at the end of last year, it is proposed that an element of the design will be changed. The Project Team are recommending the removal of the overflow channel option for the Wauchope Water to run through the Buccleuch Park. Whilst the inclusion of the overflow offered a small reduction in defence height in certain parts of the town, the concerns raised about this option and the adverse impact it would have on the park, led to a review and it is proposed that it no longer forms part of the Scheme. This revision will be reported to the Communities Committee at their next meeting on 3 February 2022.

Yours sincerely

Brian Templeton Flood Risk Management Team

