



# Hawick Flood Protection Scheme

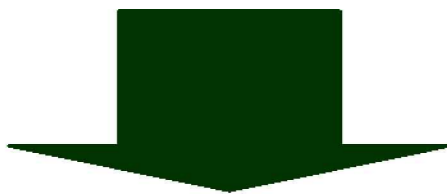


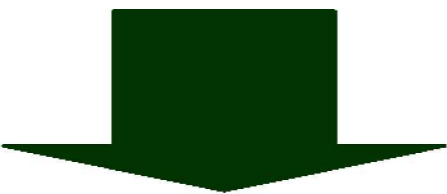
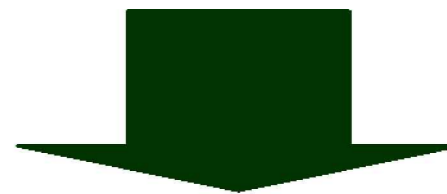


## Scottish Borders Council's Flood Risk Reduction Strategy For Hawick



<p><b>PROBLEM:</b> Hawick suffers from flooding and it can commence at very low return events</p>	<p><b>AMBITION:</b> Hawick deserves robust flood protection from both small and large flood events</p>	<p><b>CHALLENGE:</b> Major infrastructural changes will be required costing tens of millions of pounds</p>	<p><b>SOLUTION:</b> An over-arching strategy provides the best method of targeting funds to reduce the flood risk</p>
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### The Council's Implementation Plan for reducing the flood risk to Hawick

<p><b>SHORT-TERM STRATEGY</b> Reduce flood risk immediately to those most vulnerable through targeted minor measures</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><b>MINOR WORKS PROGRAMME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aims to remove threat of flood events up to the 1 in 10 year flood event</li> <li>• e.g. Mansfield Road Kerbs</li> <li>• e.g. Commercial Road Flap Valves</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 10px;">   </div>	<p><b>MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY</b> Provide large-scale flood defences through major engineering works that will protect against major flood events</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><b>HAWICK FLOOD PROTECTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 Provide the best attainable level of protection (e.g. against the 1 in 75 year flood event)</li> <li>• This exhibition is part of the process through which a flood protection scheme is designed.</li> <li>• This process can take years: however by the end of 2012 the design team will have identified the preferred Scheme</li> </ul>	<p><b>LONG-TERM STRATEGY</b> Continue to build on the protection delivered by the flood protection scheme</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><b>REDUCE THE FLOW TO HAWICK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct defences through the Hawick cannot provide full flood protection on their own – the walls would be too high</li> <li>• Increasing the level of protection requires a reduction in the flow of water from the catchment.</li> <li>• This can be by either (1) formal flood attenuation areas; and / or (2) Natural Flood Management measures</li> </ul>
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