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BOWSTON WEIR REMOVAL PROPOSAL UPDATE: March 2021



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BOWSTON- A FURTHER UPDATE

In our updates in early March, we advised you that SCRT had submitted a formal amendment to the Bowston planning application with South Lakeland District Council (SLDC).

The adapted design has been made as a direct result of community concerns raised through the formal consultation process. This adapted design not only allows for the habitat above the weir, much valued by the community, to be retained but there is now an overall reduction in flood risk. Navigation for fish species will be improved and the design continues to meet the re-naturalisation aims of the project.

Due to the tight time frames faced to review the design, documentation is being made available as soon as we receive it from our designer. Further to the information released to date, we can now confirm that the Method Statement, non-technical flood information and technical drawings are now available to view on our website:

<https://s crt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/bowston>

We will also be carrying out a habitat resurvey in the coming weeks. The findings of this will then be made available to you.

We can confirm that SLDC have now validated the formal amendment and a 14-day formal consultation period has commenced with the closing date for comments on 7th April 2021. The application reference is SL/2020/0817.

We will continue to update all interested parties with new developments and relevant information as soon as possible, via e-mail and on our website.

Regards,

The SCRT Team

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CONTACT US

Please contact us at admin@scrt.co.uk if you have any questions and we will do our best to answer them as soon as possible.

All information and updates to date can be found on our website: <https://scrt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/bowston>