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BOWSTON WEIR REMOVAL PROPOSAL: SCRT Statement

BOWSTON UPDATE



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SCRT lodged the planning application for the Bowston weir removal with South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) and the impoundment licence with the Environment Agency (EA) in early November 2020. We can confirm that the planning application is now live on the SLDC website and full details can be found here: <u>https://applications.southlakeland.gov.uk/fastweb/welcome.asp</u>

SLDC have confirmed there is a slight backlog due to staffing levels but that the ongoing pandemic is not causing any delays with planning decisions so far.

Formal public consultation will now take place, w/c 23rd November 2020, including consultees, neighbours, site notices and press notice (due to appear in the Westmorland Gazette Thursday 26th November) with the standard 21 days for response.

SCRT will continue to carry out the milestones of the Local Community Engagement Plan (LCEP) as intended.

SCRT met with interest groups on Monday 16th November 2020; groups that had not yet had an opportunity to speak with SCRT about the proposal. The meeting notes are being compiled and will be made public shortly.

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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