

*These notes relate to the Flood Risk Management (Scotland)
Act (asp 6) which received Royal Assent on 16 June 2009*

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT – SCHEDULES

Schedule 2 – Flood Protection Schemes: Procedure Etc.

Paragraph 12 – Appeals

301. Any person affected by a final decision of the local authority or a decision of the Scottish Ministers to confirm a scheme may appeal that decision. Paragraph 12 states that an appeal must be made within 6 weeks of the notice of confirmation of the scheme being published in a newspaper circulating in the area of the local authority taking forward the scheme.
302. An appeal under this paragraph is to be made by summary application to the sheriff of a sheriffdom in which all or some of the proposed operations are to be carried out.
303. Sub-paragraph (5) provides that the grounds on which a decision can be appealed are that the local authority or the Scottish Ministers failed to comply with the requirements relating to improvement orders under the Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1958 (see section 61(3) and (4)), erred in law or failed to follow a procedural requirement.
304. Sub-paragraph (6) enables the sheriff to suspend the operation of the scheme in whole or in part pending consideration of the appeal. Sub-paragraph (7) enables the sheriff to uphold the appeal only where the interests of the appellant have been substantially prejudiced and to quash the scheme in whole or in part.