



## Coirib go Cósta

Scéim Faoisimh Tuilte Chathair na Gaillimhe  
Galway City Flood Relief Scheme

Public Engagement - Day No.1

# Constraints and Opportunities

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## Introduction

The **Coirib go Cósta** project is being progressed by Galway City Council, in partnership with the Office of Public Works (OPW) to address flood risk in Galway City. **Coirib go Cósta** is at an early stage, and GCC in conjunction with the recently appointed engineering and environmental team at Arup, are keen to incorporate the views and knowledge of the local Galway City communities and all interested parties.

The **Coirib go Cósta** project will address the sustainable and effective management of flood risk in Galway City. It will also ensure that the design of any measures, in particular structural measures, will recognise the distinctive character and heritage of the city.

**This is the first public engagement day for the project.** The objective of the day is to gather valuable information from the public about their experiences of flooding in Galway City and surrounds along with their thoughts on possible solutions to the flooding problem and their preferences in this regard. **Local experience, knowledge and insight** is an essential prerequisite for any successful Flood Relief Scheme. We also welcome any thoughts on potential environmental issues, in particular thoughts on constraints with regard to environmental issues and implementation of solutions.

Galway is a successful regional city, which contributes greatly to the wider economy. It has an **unique built and natural environment**, particularly in the city centre, defined by its archaeological legacy, historical streetscapes, contrasting buildings, canals, millraces and its **strong link with the river and sea**.

## What is happening now?

The scheme development is currently at Phase 1 Identification and Development of Preferred Scheme. The Constraints Study is currently underway alongside a number of surveys within the scheme area.

## Purpose of the Project

The objective of this Project is to assess and develop a Flood Relief Scheme, that is technically, socially, environmentally, aesthetically and economically acceptable, to alleviate the risk of flooding in Galway City.



## Current Position

The OPW in partnership with Galway City Council and other Local Authorities have carried out the Western Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) study for the Corrib River Basin. Galway City was included as an Area for Further Assessment (AFA) and concluded that a flood relief scheme would be viable and effective for the community.





**Study Area:** Contains lengths of river channel/watercourse that have hydraulic influence on the area intended to benefit from, and be protected by, any feasible

scheme. Areas that require environmental assessments and full hydrological catchment areas that have an influence in the scheme area watercourses.

**Scheme Area:** Area within which physical works are proposed to be constructed, assessed and maintained as part of any feasible scheme.

## What happens next?

All comments received in response to this Public Engagement Day will be considered by Galway City Council and will be taken into account in the preparation of the first stage of **Coirib go Cósta** Engineering Study and Environmental Impact Assessment.

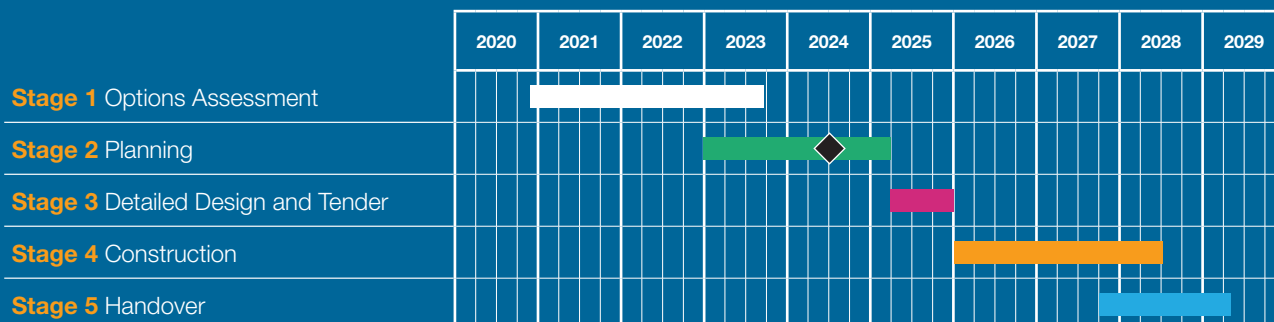
The Environmental Impact Assessment and Engineering Study for the **Coirib go Cósta** will be delivered in stages.

Following completion of the Constraints Study, we will develop options for flood relief solutions within the study area.

**A second Public Engagement Day** will be held once draft options are developed and the public will be invited to give their feedback on the options. This feedback will be incorporated into the final options.

Options will be assessed based on environmental, technical, social and economic viability, and a Preferred Scheme will be recommended. The Preferred Scheme will be presented to the public at **a third Public Engagement Day**. Final feedback on the Preferred Scheme will be incorporated into the final design which will be progressed through the planning process.

## Outline Project timeline



Timelines provided as current best estimate, but are subject to revision.

### Your Opinion Matters

The first Public Engagement Day will be held online on June 1st 2021, from 9am to 6pm, at [www.coiribgocosta.ie](http://www.coiribgocosta.ie). Members of Arup, Galway City Council and OPW will be available online to answer your questions on the day.

In addition, the Public Engagement website includes a "Book Consultation" feature which enables you to book a virtual or telephone consultation with the design team and provide feedback directly.

An interactive webmapper can be viewed on the project website:  
[www.coiribgocosta.ie](http://www.coiribgocosta.ie)

Alternatively, please call  
**(091) 894700**  
and we will issue a brochure and feedback form to you by post.

### How to Make a Submission and Contact Information

Feedback and submissions can be made from the 1st of June until the 7th of July on the project website [www.coiribgocosta.ie](http://www.coiribgocosta.ie) or alternatively completed feedback forms can be returned by email or post as follows:



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