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Ballybofey-Stranorlar Flood Relief Scheme



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Project Purpose

The purpose of the Ballybofey-Stranorlar Flood Relief Scheme is to alleviate the risk of flooding to the Communities of Ballybofey and Stranorlar by providing a scheme that is technically, socially, environmentally and economically acceptable.

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Donegal County Council, as the Lead Authority, and The Office of Public Works (OPW) are now advancing with the Ballybofey-Stranorlar Flood Relief Scheme.

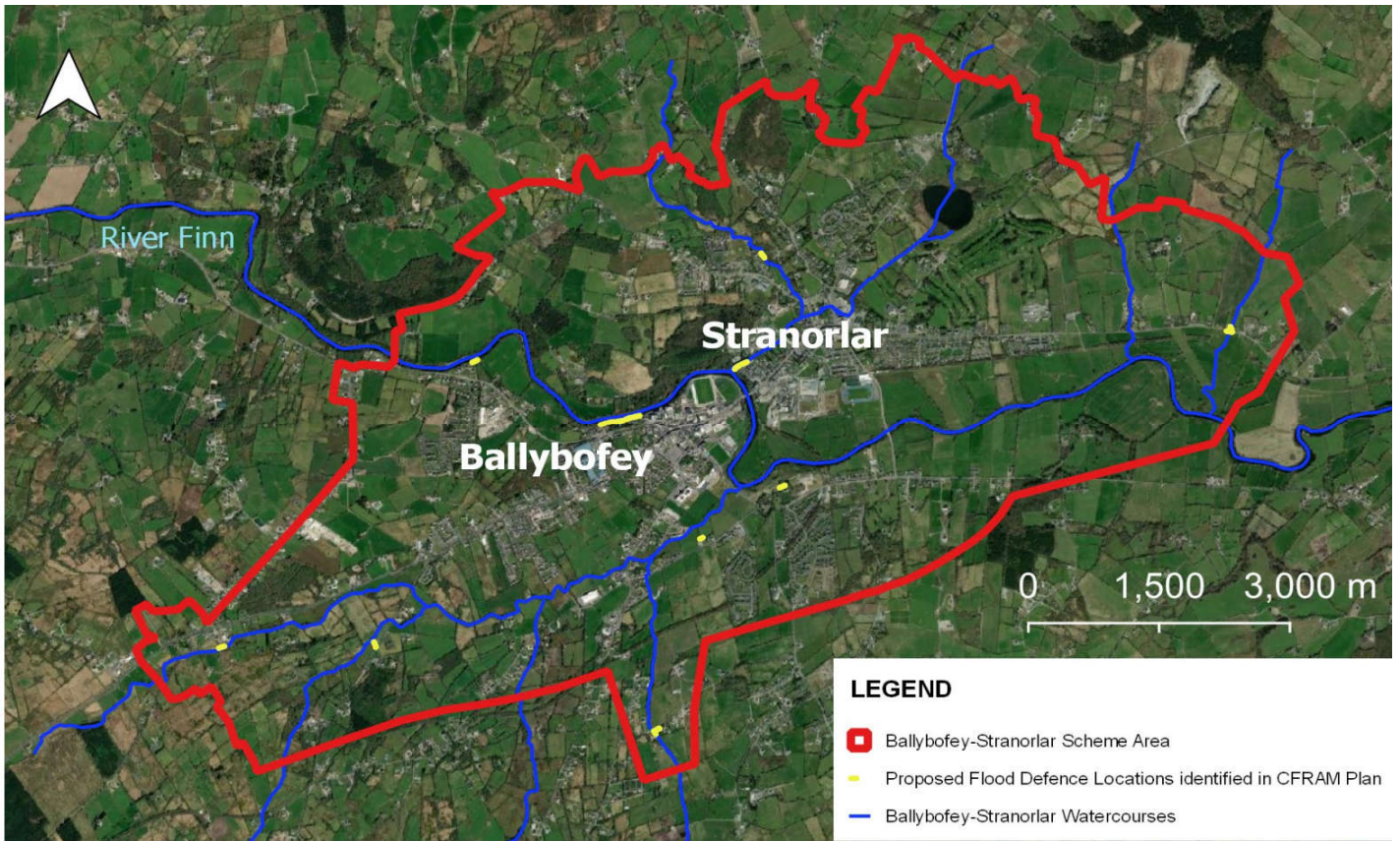
The OPW has recommended the development of a Flood Relief Scheme for Ballybofey and Stranorlar as a result of the work completed in the North Western-Neagh-Bann Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study.

This Flood Relief Scheme is part of the €1bn National Fund announced by the Government for Flood Relief Schemes throughout the Country in May 2018. Ballybofey and Stranorlar are situated within County Donegal.

Donegal County Council commissioned ByrneLooby in May 2021, to develop and implement a Flood Relief Scheme for Ballybofey and Stranorlar.



Jackson Car Park, Ballybofey-Stranorlar during December 2015 Flood



Scheme Area

The Scheme Area is defined on the map above for the Project including the River Finn and its tributaries. The Study Area will include any areas that require hydrological or environmental assessment as part of the scheme. This is expected to be at a minimum the Finn Catchment draining to the Scheme Area and local tributaries.

Consideration will also be given to measures located outside of the scheme area that provide flood mitigation for the outlined area.

Environmental Work

The development of a viable scheme will require detailed environmental assessments including baseline surveys of terrestrial and aquatic ecology, archaeological and cultural heritage, landscape and water quality. These will lead to a Constraints Report to help define an acceptable scheme. The identification and management of any potential environmental impacts will be set out in a Natura Impact Statement and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

Public Engagement Event

Location: Online at:

<https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/ballybofey-stranorlar/project-info/public-engagement/>

Date: 27th September to 22nd October 2021

The purpose of this event is to introduce the project team, outline the process for delivering the scheme, gather valuable local knowledge from stakeholders and the public and ensure that design and environmental constraints are considered early in the process. Public information is essential in achieving our project purpose and we are seeking any initial views on key issues relating to the scheme or previous flood events.

Face-to-face meetings can be arranged for 12th October 2021 from 6pm to 8pm upon request and strictly by appointment only. Call Donegal County Council Flood Relief Schemes Unit on 074 9153900 or email floodreliefschemes@donegalcoco.ie

What's Next?

Over the next few months, the Project Team will be working on:

- ➔ Data collection
- ➔ Carrying out environmental and hydrometric river surveys
- ➔ Condition Surveys of Existing Defences
- ➔ Public Engagement Event
- ➔ Hydrology - Analysis of river and rainfall data including past flood events to be used in the design.
- ➔ Hydraulic Modelling of Rivers to simulate flood scenarios and the performance of flood mitigation measures



Contact Us

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If you would like any further information on the Scheme, please visit our website:

www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/ballybofey-stranorlar/home/