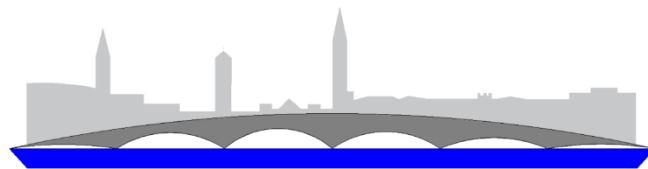


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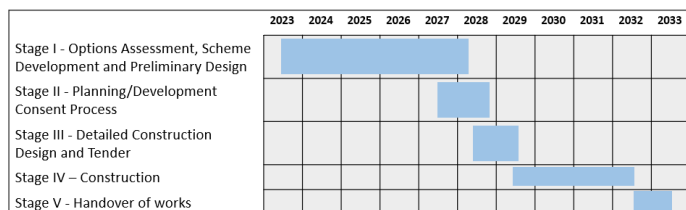
SCHEME BACKGROUND

Wexford Town is a medieval town constructed on the estuary of the River Slaney, on the west side of Wexford Harbour. The town is home to notable landmarks such as the historic Selskar Abbey, the National Opera House, and the Irish National Heritage Park. North of Wexford Bridge is the Wexford Railway Station on the Dublin-Rosslare rail line which was constructed in the 1870's and follows the coastline through the town.

In 2023, Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited (NOD) was commissioned to carry out the Wexford Town & Environs Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) by Wexford County Council (WCC), working in partnership with the Office of Public Works (OPW).

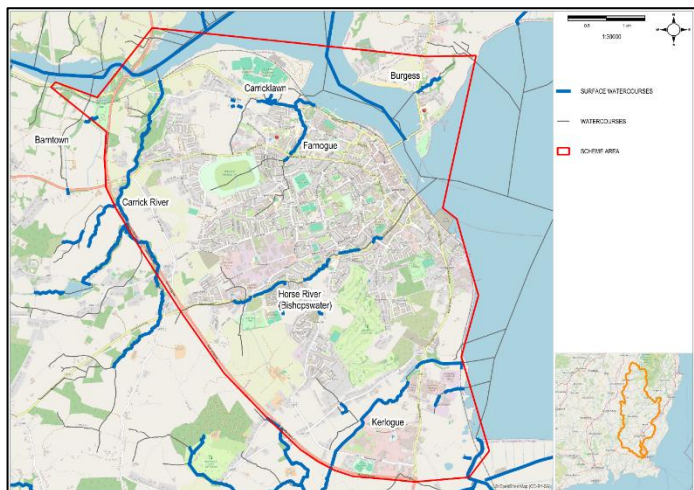
The overall objective of the project is the identification, design, and preparation of the FRS through planning, which is technically, socially, environmentally, and economically acceptable, to alleviate the risk of coastal and fluvial (river) flooding to the environs of Wexford Town to a defined Standard of Protection.

The project shall be carried out in five stages:



SCHEME AREA

The scheme area (red outline below) includes approx. 10km of coastline and 7 main watercourses. It comprises Wexford Town east of the N25, plus the Irish National Heritage Park, Ferrycarrig Hotel, and Ferrybank area.



WHAT STAGE IS THE SCHEME AT?

The scheme is currently in Stage 1 – Option Assessment, Scheme development and Preliminary Design. Progress since the last newsletter includes the following.

Hydrological & Hydraulic Analysis:

They hydraulic modelling for the existing situation has been completed and potential flood extents have been identified for the 100-year river flood event and for the 200-year coastal flood event.

A longlist of potential measures to address the flooding was compiled and considered. From this longlist a shortlist of measures has been compiled and is being assessed.

The shortlisted measures will be shared with the public at a Public Participation Day to be held during summer 2026 in order to receive any feedback.

Environmental Assessment:

Following the identification of the shortlisted measures additional environmental surveys will be commissioned in those areas to check for sensitive receptors and to compile additional data in preparation for potential environmental reporting in connection with any future planning application for defence measures.

An invasive species management plan will be developed during late 2026 so that treatment of any problem species can be started in advance of construction works.

Public Engagement:

The second Public Participation Day (PPD) is expected take place in summer 2026 to exhibit the potential measures for flood protection at each location and to receive any public feedback regarding the potential options.

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NEXT STEPS

The following steps are planned for the next months:

Environmental Surveys:

We are currently scoping an application for a Maritime Usage License (formerly foreshore consent) from MARA to enable ground investigations to be carried out along the edges of the estuary to help inform scheme design.

Further bird surveys will be commissioned to avoid gaps in the environmental record.

**Flood Relief Options
Assessment:**

The optioneering process will continue with the assessment of the potential defence measures against a range criteria to determine an emerging preferred option for each area.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The data from the water level monitors and rain gauges installed by the OPW for the scheme can be viewed on the OPW Hydro-Data website at:

<https://waterlevel.ie/hydro-data/>

Contact Us:

Please have your say – speak to the project representatives today.

Further questions can be directed to:

Wexford County Council or to Nicholas O'Dwyer Limited

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