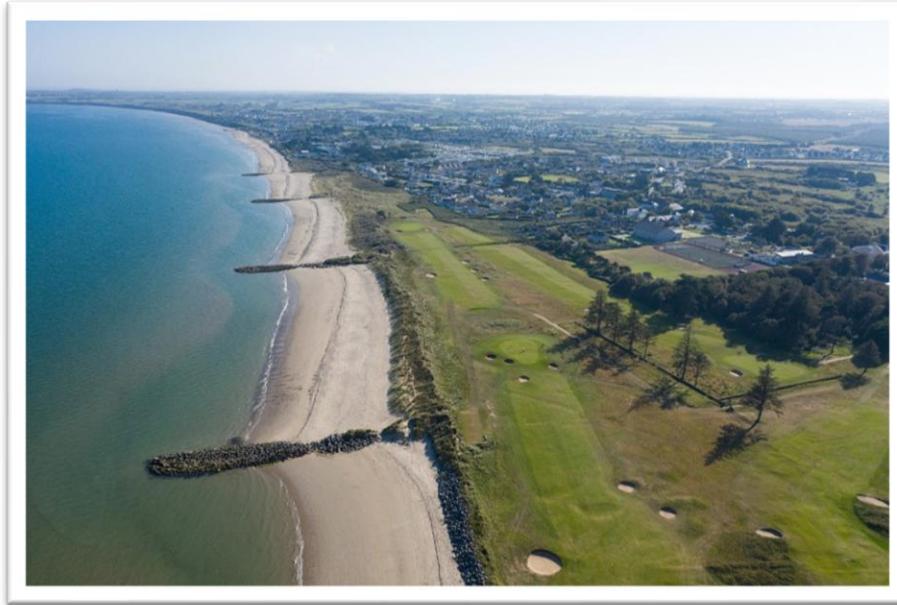


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## Rosslare Coastal Erosion and Flood Relief Scheme



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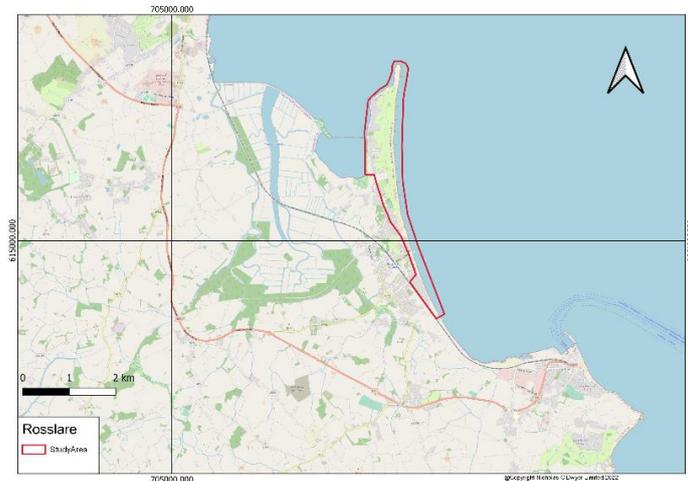
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### SCHEME AREA

The scheme area is outlined by the red border on the map.



The scheme area consists generally of Rosslare Strand extending around Rosslare Point to the inner bay area by Burrow Road.

### SCHEME TIMELINE

		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Stage 1	Q3 2026	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Stage 2	Q2 2028					■	■	■	■	■
Stage 3	Q4 2028						■	■	■	■
Stage 4	Q3 2030							■	■	■
Stage 5	Q3 2031								■	■

Stage 1 (options assessment, scheme development, and preliminary design) has been increased by several months due to the complexity of the environment in which the options are being considered.

Additional time has been added in Stage 2 (planning consent) to better reflect the duration that authorities are typically taking to consider planning submissions for these types of schemes. If planning progresses faster than scheduled, the subsequent dates will be adjusted accordingly.

### PROGRESS

#### Hydrological & Hydraulic Analysis:

The draft final hydraulic report was submitted in November 2024 and the scheme immediately moved into the options development phase.

**Options Development:** The project team assessed the suitability of various options for flood relief on the western side of the spit and for erosion protection on the eastern side of the spit. The initial longlist of options was narrowed

to a shortlist which was presented in a public participation day held in Rosslare on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Public Participation:** The December 2024 public participation day was well attended with over 80 individual participants present. The presentation materials, divided in 2 zones (eastern side and western side) are available on the scheme website.

Questionnaires were provided and were available for download to gather the feedback and preferences of local residents on the options presented.

We would like to thank all who attended and who took the time to give us their views either in person on the day or by filling the questionnaire. Your views are helping to guide our choice of a preferred option.

**Option Selection:** The project team has carried out a Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) and Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) of the options. The MCA involves assigning scores to each option against criteria from categories including Technical, Social, Economic, and Environmental, weighting each score according to the importance of the category, and deriving an overall MCA score for each option.

The CBA involves estimating the Costs of implementing each option and comparing them to the expected benefits from the scheme by avoiding flooding and erosion damages on properties, infrastructures and the local economy.

Based on the MCA scores, the CBA output, and the views expressed at the public participation day a first draft of the option selection report was prepared to allow the project steering group to evaluate. Following their comments and additional discussions with the NPWS, with a site visit held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 and a follow-up online meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2025, the option selection reports were updated.

These will be further considered by the project steering group in Q1 2026.

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### Environmental Surveys:

A site walkover was held with a representative of the National Parks and Wildlife Service to help inform our option selection.

Following the consultation with NPWS, an additional environmental survey has been conducted to update habitat mapping within the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and the Special Area of Protection (SPA) on the west side.

An additional wintering birds survey is being undertaken over the winter of 2025/2026 to keep the baseline information up to date.

### NEXT STEPS

Website: <https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/rosslare/home/>

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The project steering group will consider the updated draft options report in Q1 2026.

It is currently anticipated that a second Public Participation Day will take place in Q1/Q2 2026.

A marine usage license (MUL) application is being prepared to allow for additional surveys within the area below the high tide line. This will enable additional surveys such as bed grab samples, underwater archaeology, and habitat sampling to be carried out to further inform the environmental reporting and the scheme design.

### Planning:

It is currently intended that separate environmental reports and planning applications will be prepared for the east side and the west side.