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Latest Overview

This is the seventeenth newsletter for the Buncrana Flood Relief Scheme. The main activities carried out since the previous newsletter include completion of the hydraulic modelling report and further ground investigation assessment.

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Hydraulics

The project team have updated the Buncrana Flood Relief Scheme hydraulic model with additional topographic and building threshold survey data. The Report is under review currently but will be updated with any comments in due course.

The hydraulic model has been used to identify areas at risk of flooding and work is ongoing to assess the effectiveness and impacts of different flood relief measures. The model will also be used to inform the cost benefit assessment.

Surveys & Investigations

An additional topographic survey to capture property threshold levels was completed.

Northwest Geotech, a specialist ground investigation contractor has been appointed to carry out ground investigations as part of the flood relief scheme.

Private landowners are being notified of the works in advance of the ground investigations commencing on site. The works are anticipated to start on site mid July 2026 once archaeological licenses and Road Opening Licenses are in place.



Typical Ground Investigations Rotary Core Set-up

Environmental

Environmental surveys such as breeding birds, otters, bats and fisheries habitat surveys are planned over the coming months. Once a preferred option is confirmed, further specialist environmental surveys, including cultural heritage, noise & vibration, air quality, and landscape & visual will progress and the environmental reports required for the planning submission will be prepared.

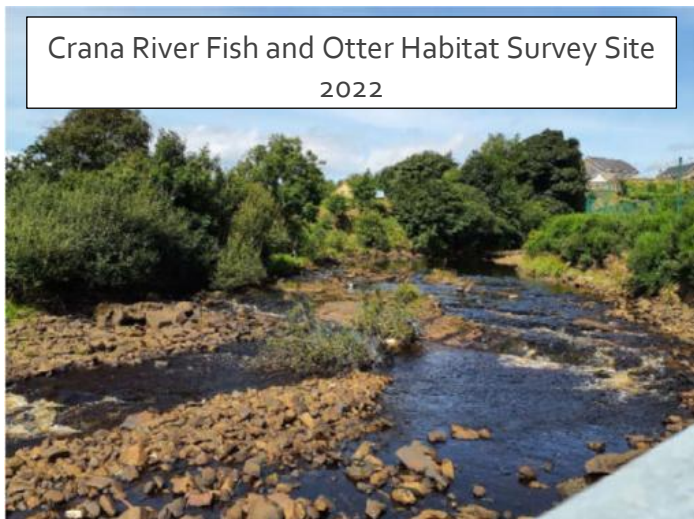
Further treatment of invasive alien species including Himalayan balsam and Japanese knotweed will be carried out during summer 2026 commencing in July.

Optioneering

Progress has commenced on modelling individual flood relief measures to help identify viable options to be taken forward for detailed assessment under technical, environmental, social, and economic criteria.

The options assessment will identify a preferred scheme option to be reviewed by the project team before it is taken forward for a collaborative design review workshop and consultation.

Crana River Fish and Otter Habitat Survey Site
2022



Ballymacarry River Fish and Otter Habitat
Survey Site 2022



Mill River Fish and Otter Habitat Survey
Site 2022



What's Next?

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

- ➔ Ground Investigations On-Site Commencement
- ➔ Top-up ecological surveys
- ➔ Finalise Options Report



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