

Newsletter

Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme



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Background to the Scheme

As part of the implementation of the EU Floods Directive, the OPW undertook Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Studies between 2012 and 2018. These studies examined 80% of Ireland's major source of flooding across 300 communities in the largest study of flood risk ever undertaken by the State.

The findings from the CFRAM Studies are set out in a series of Flood Risk Management Plans (available at <http://www.floodinfo.ie/>). The Plans provide the outline of 118 proposed schemes that can protect 11,500 properties. The OPW is now working closely with the Local Authorities to commence the implementation of the first tranche of prioritised schemes, which includes Ballinasloe.

Ballinasloe has a long history of flooding from the River Suck, Deerpark River and other local tributaries. In recent times, significant flooding occurred in November 2009 and during winter 2015/2016.

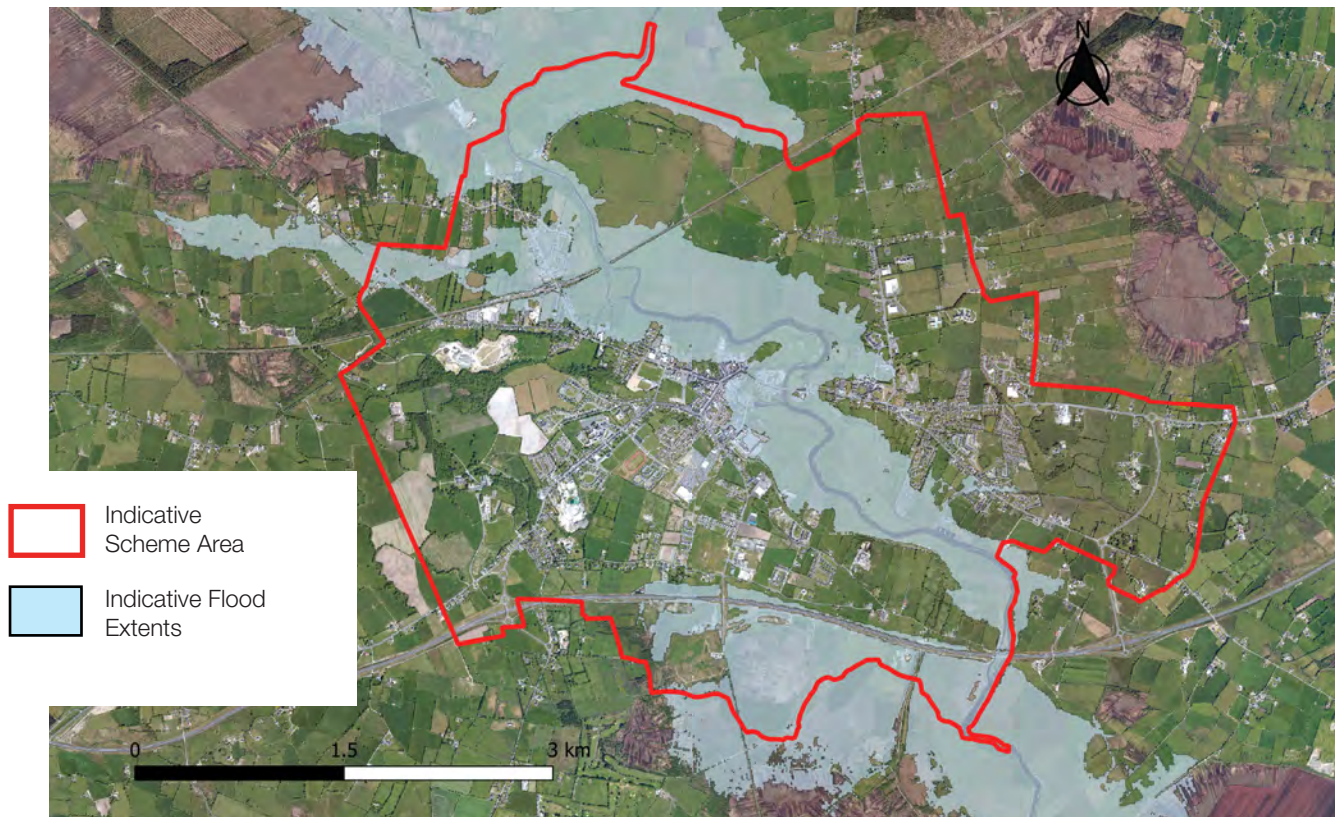
Following the flood of 2009, a flood relief scheme for the Derrymullen area was advanced by Galway County Council. Construction of the scheme was completed in 2011, and involved 1.19km of flood defence structures consisting primarily of walls and embankments. The existing Derrymullen scheme is proposed to be incorporated into the proposed Ballinasloe Flood Relief scheme, which will facilitate the ongoing management and maintenance of a single overall scheme for the town.

OPW in partnership with Galway County Council, has appointed Arup in conjunction with Hydro-Environmental Ltd. to assess, develop and design a viable, cost-effective and environmentally sustainable flood relief scheme for Ballinasloe. OPW has appointed Ryan Hanley to undertake the necessary environmental assessments. This project-level development includes further public and stakeholder engagement, detailed design and a local Public Exhibition or submission for planning approval or confirmation. The outputs from the detailed design may give rise at that stage to some amendment of the proposed works to ensure that it is fully adapted, developed and appropriate within the local context and that it is compliant with environmental legislation and is economically feasible.

Scheme Area

The scheme objective is to provide protection to all domestic and commercial properties currently at risk of flooding from the River Suck and its tributaries within the scheme area, up to the design standard of protection including an allowance for climate change adaptation (refer to map opposite).

Consideration will also be given to additional measures located outside of the main scheme extent to assist with provision of flood relief measures in the areas described above.



Opening Public Consultation Day

Location

Dunlo Room, Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe.

Date:

Thursday 5th March 2020.

Time:

15.00 – 20.00

The purpose of this first public consultation event is to introduce the project team, display the process for developing the scheme and to gather valuable local knowledge from stakeholders and the public which is essential in achieving this project objective. In particular, we seek initial views from the public in relation to the key issues that the scheme should address and highlight points of local importance that may constrain the design of potential flood alleviation measures.

The Office of Public Works wishes to consider all viewpoints in relation to the scheme area being examined and this is your opportunity to take part at the early stages of the planning of the Flood Relief Scheme. Time spent communicating your views to the Office of Public Works is appreciated. Please examine the scheme area shown above and let your views be known. Questionnaires will be available at the public consultation event which can be filled out and handed in on the day. Alternatively submissions can be posted or emailed to the project team address.

While comments from the public will be welcomed throughout all stages of the project, we would appreciate if comments relating to the opening public consultation day could be submitted by Thursday 16th April 2020.



Additional Information

Additional information in relation to overall progress, current news items and project reports can be found on the Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme project website. The project team can also be reached at the following addresses:



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www.floodinfo.ie/ballinasloefrs



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What happens next?

In the following 6 months, the design team will work on:

- Data Collection and Review
- Procurement and Management of Surveys
- Initial Public consultation day
- Collaborative Workshop for stakeholders
- Environmental Constraints study
- Hydrological review analysis

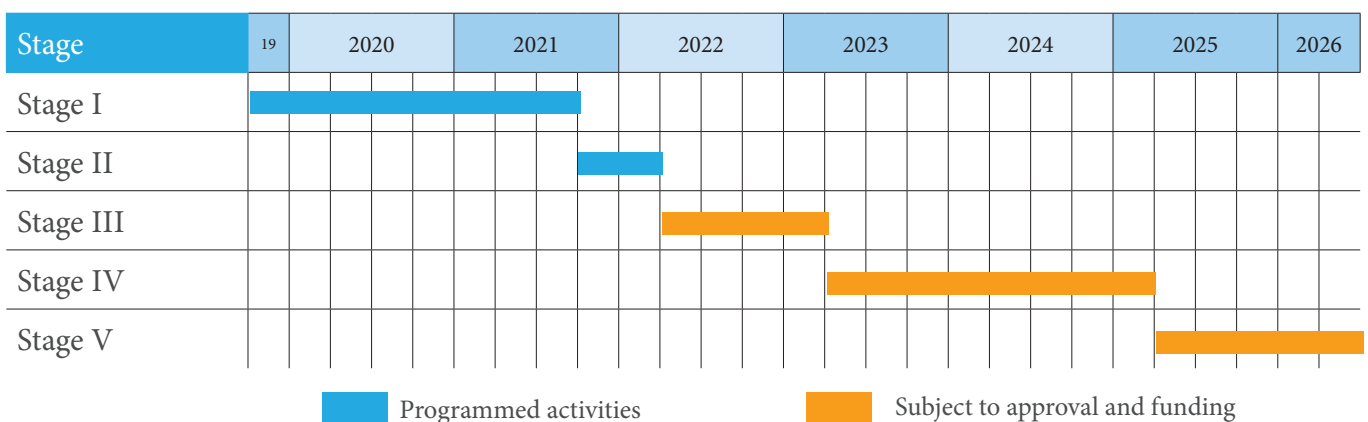


All comments received in response to the Public Information Event will be considered by the Office of Public Works and will be taken into account in the preparation of the first stage of the Ballinasloe Flood Relief Scheme. The stages of the scheme are as follows:

Flood Relief Scheme Stages

Stage I	Data Gathering, Surveying and SI Hydrology Study & Hydraulic Modelling Flood Risk Management Options Selection of Preferred Option
Stage II	Public Exhibition / Planning
Stage III	Ministerial Confirmation / Detailed Design
Stage IV	Construction
Stage V	Handover of Works

Outline Project Programme



Note: Timelines are the current best estimate but are subject to revision.