TRALEE FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Kerry County Council Presentation 01/11/2021





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Introduction

Project Background

- The Scheme Area
 - Historic Flood Risk
 - Recent flood events incl. 2008, 2009& 2011, 2014, 2015
 - Complex sources Tidal, Fluvial, Pluvial, groundwater and sewer networks
 - Major Scheme completed in 1990s reduced flood risk town centre area

Note:

- Study Area River Lee Sub-catchment
- Scheme Area Primary area within which a Flood Relief Scheme will be provided



Project Background (contd.)

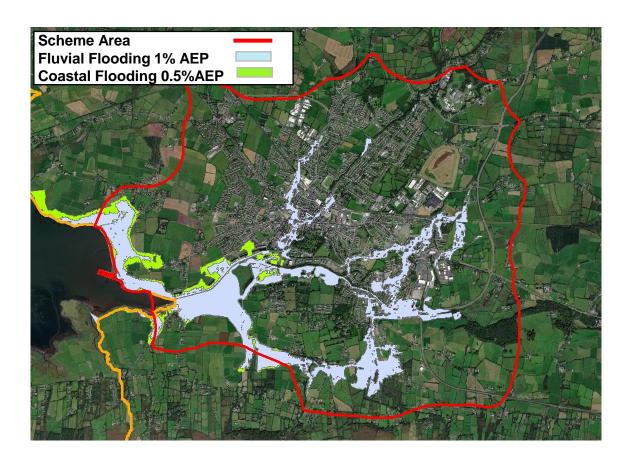
Historic Flood Defences

Up to 10km of existing embankments along in the scheme area requiring geotechnical assessment, some of which were constructed as part of flood risk management measures in the 1990s with others being historical 19th century embankments, constructed to be used as walkways and towpaths.

CFRAM Study

The OPW CFRAM study, completed 2018, identified flood risk within Tralee. A preliminary scheme was identified.

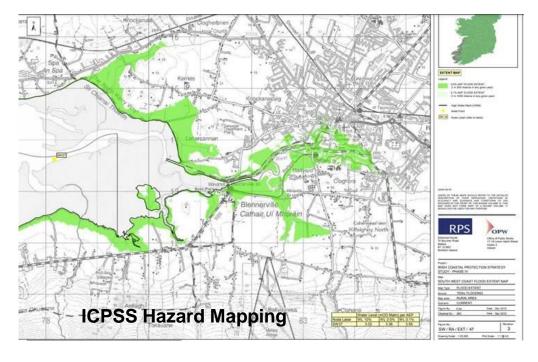
This FRS will build upon the outcomes of the CFRAM without being bound to its designs

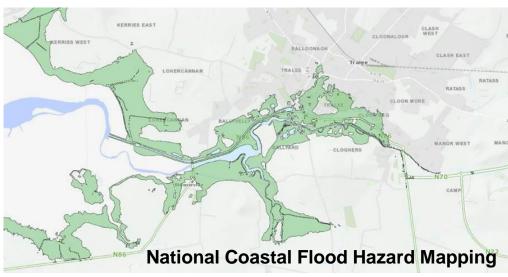


CFRAM Present Day Flood Extents (excl Climate Change)

Project Background (contd.)

- Other Studies undertaken by OPW include relevant to Tralee include:
 - ICPSS Phase 4 (2012)
 - National Coastal Flood Hazard Mapping
- In summary, multiple studies indicate that there is a flood risk in Tralee and this project seeks to address this.





Project Team

- RPS appointed by Kerry County Council August 2021
 - The team members includes; hydrologists & hydraulic specialists, geotechnical & structural engineers & environmental scientists
- Steering Group comprising of representatives from
 - Kerry County Council
 - Office of Public Works
 - RPS



Project Scope

Stage I: Options Assessment, Scheme Development & Design

- Data collection & review
- Public Consultation
- Geotechnical Review & Ground Investigations
- Environmental Assessments
- Hydrology & Hydraulic Assessment
- Preliminary Identification of Viable options
- Environmental Impact Assessment



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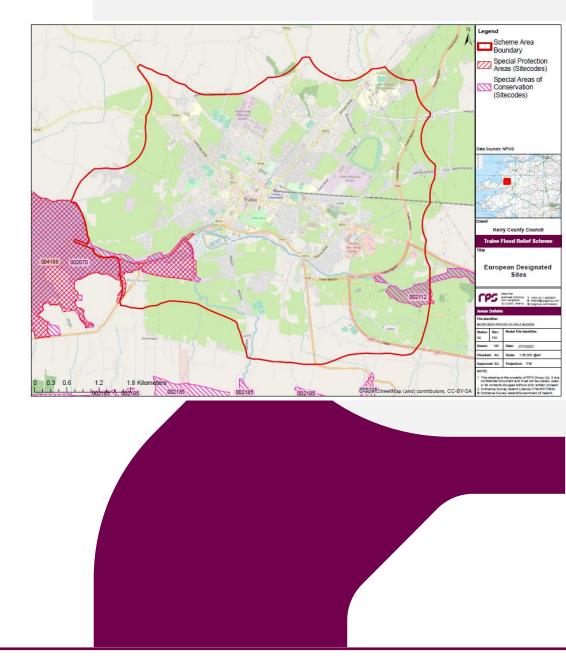
Stage II: Planning & Confirmation Process

- Public & Stakeholder Engagement
- Planning Permission
 - Planning Development Act
- Foreshore Consent
- Section 9, 47 & 50 Consent

Stage III: Detailed Construction Design and Tender

Stage IV: Construction

Stage V: Handover of Works



Key Tasks & Milestones

Stage I

Opening Public Consultation

Environmental Constraints

Hydrology Report

Geotechnical Study

Hydraulics Report

Emerging Scheme Consultation

Preferred Scheme Design Freeze

EAIR / NIS

November 2021

March 2022

October 2022

October 2022

May 2023

May/June 2023

December 2023

June 2024



Key Tasks & Milestones

Stage II

Planning / Confirmation
Q4 2025

Stage III

Detailed Design
Q2 2026

• Tender Q4 2026

Stage IV

Construction Completion Q4 2029

Stage V

Handover of Works
Q4 2030



Current Activities

Geotechnical Review

- Data gathering
- Initial assessment of the existing embankments

Environmental Assessment

- Data gathering
- Initial walkover surveys & Invasive Species surveys
- Establishing environmental constraints impacting the progression of the scheme

Hydrology & Hydraulics

- Data gathering
- Survey scope development to inform model build



Public Consultation #1 - November 2021

Public Consultation: Shall be to seek the initial view from the public and other interested parties in relation the options to manage the flood risk in the area, to highlight points of local importance that might constrain the design and/or viability of any potential flood alleviation measures, and to collate information on any flood events that have occurred since the CFRAM Study was undertaken.

Virtual Environment: To minimise COVID-19 risk the initial Public Consultation will take place online.

An online platform, hosted on the project website (https://www.floodinfo.ie) will be developed in which the public and other interested stakeholders can access proposals, interact with visualisations, share feedback and connect with the Project Team.



Questions?

