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Latest Overview

This is the seventeenth newsletter for the Ballybofey-Stranorlar Flood Relief Scheme. The main activities carried out since the previous newsletter include updating of the hydraulic model and progressing with optioneering.

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Hydraulics

The baseline hydraulic model was updated and is being used to assess the effectiveness of flood relief options and the economic damage from potential flooding of property.

The Hydraulics Report was finalised following the completion of the model and calibration, breach and blockage runs.

The project team will also use the model to assess future climate change adaptation measures.

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 when archaeological licenses and Road Opening Licenses are in place.



Typical Ground Investigations Rotary Core Set-up

Environmental

Environmental surveys such as breeding birds, otters 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

The detailed options assessment has been advanced, and work is ongoing to complete the buildability and operation and maintenance assessments and to undertake the damages assessment and cost estimates for the cost benefit analysis.

The Options Report is being updated.

Ayesa will prepare the options to be presented to the public and stakeholders for consultation, helping to identify an emerging preferred option for Ballybofey-Stranorlar. Upcoming public consultations details will be advertised in the newsletter and scheme website in advance.



Daurnett Fish and Otter Survey Site 2022



River Finn Fish and Otter 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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