

## Contact Us

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# Dundalk & Ardee

## FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

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## PROJECT NEWS

Binnies and Nicholas O'Dwyer (B/NOD) together with the Office of Public Works (OPW) and Louth County Council (LCC), are progressing with Stage I of the Dundalk and Ardee Flood Relief Scheme. Since the last newsletter, several items have been progressed further, including optioneering, ecological surveys appraisal, archaeology and Site Investigation.

## CURRENT PROGRESS

### Dundalk Flood Relief Scheme

The future scheme for Dundalk, including Blackrock, aims to address flood risks through a range of measures, focusing on fluvial, coastal, and wave overtopping flooding.

Since the last newsletter in January 2025, the Project Team advanced on the optioneering process. The majority of the measures were modelled to assess their technical potential to solve flooding issues, and were assessed against several criteria, including environmental, cultural, economic and social impacts. Their potential adaptability to future climates, due to the expected rising of sea level and increased rainfall in climate change scenarios was also assessed. The non-suitable measures were discarded at this stage, and the shortlisted ones were combined into a short list of viable options. Once an agreed list of options is defined, they will be presented to the public during a Public Participation Day, expected for the summer.

Additionally, Site Investigation works are due to commence shortly in Dundalk, following the appointment of a contractor early 2025. The team has been working on the preparation of the application for the Archaeological License and the Road Opening License.

In addition, there have been contacts made with the majority of the landowners impacted by the Site Investigation works, either in person or via mail.

The preliminary snail survey carried out in January 2025 confirmed that no snail protected species are present in the zones of interest in Dundalk, and a revision of the preliminary ecological appraisal is currently being tendered, which will provide a high level assessment of the ecological constraints in Dundalk and will inform the rest of the optioneering.

### Ardee Flood Relief Scheme

The Project Team has completed the final Options Development Report for the Ardee Flood Relief Scheme. Neither of the preferred options were found to be cost beneficial and so progression of the Ardee Flood Relief Scheme is now closed. However, LCC proposes to carry out some flood relief measures through the Roads Programme and the Minor Works Programme. These measures will provide some flood relief benefit to a number of properties that remain at flood risk.

## NEXT STEPS

The Dundalk Site Investigation works are expected to commence shortly, probably in May 2025.

The development of the short list of options is also expected to be completed in the coming month, to be ready by July 2025 for the presentation to the various stakeholders groups and to the public during the summer 2025.

Lastly, the revision of the preliminary ecological appraisal is expected to be available by the end of June 2025.



## STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

B/NOD has continued the consultation with various stakeholders, mainly for the preparation of the Site Investigations works, as well as for the development of the short list of options.



Dundalk Port

## PROJECTED KEY MILESTONE DATES—DUNDALK FRS

DATE	MILESTONE	INFORMATION
Q2 2025	Options Assessment	To identify the emerging flood relief options for Dundalk and Blackrock
Q2 2025	Emerging Options Workshop	To discuss the findings of the optioneering process and the assessment of the performance of potential flood relief options.
Q3 2025	Public Participation Day no.2	This is a second public event which will present the emerging flood relief options.
Q4 2025	Options Development Report	To summarise the options considered and their analysis, leading to a preferred option.
Q1 2026	Scheme Analysis and Development	Selection, development and design of a preferred option.
Q1 2026	Public Participation Day no.3	A closing public event will be held once a preferred Scheme has been identified.
Q4 2026	Environmental Impact Assessment	Targeted Environmental Surveys and desk studies.
Q1 2027	End of Stage I	Completion of all necessary studies required to progress to Stage II - Planning