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This is the sixteenth newsletter for the Ballybofey-Stranorlar 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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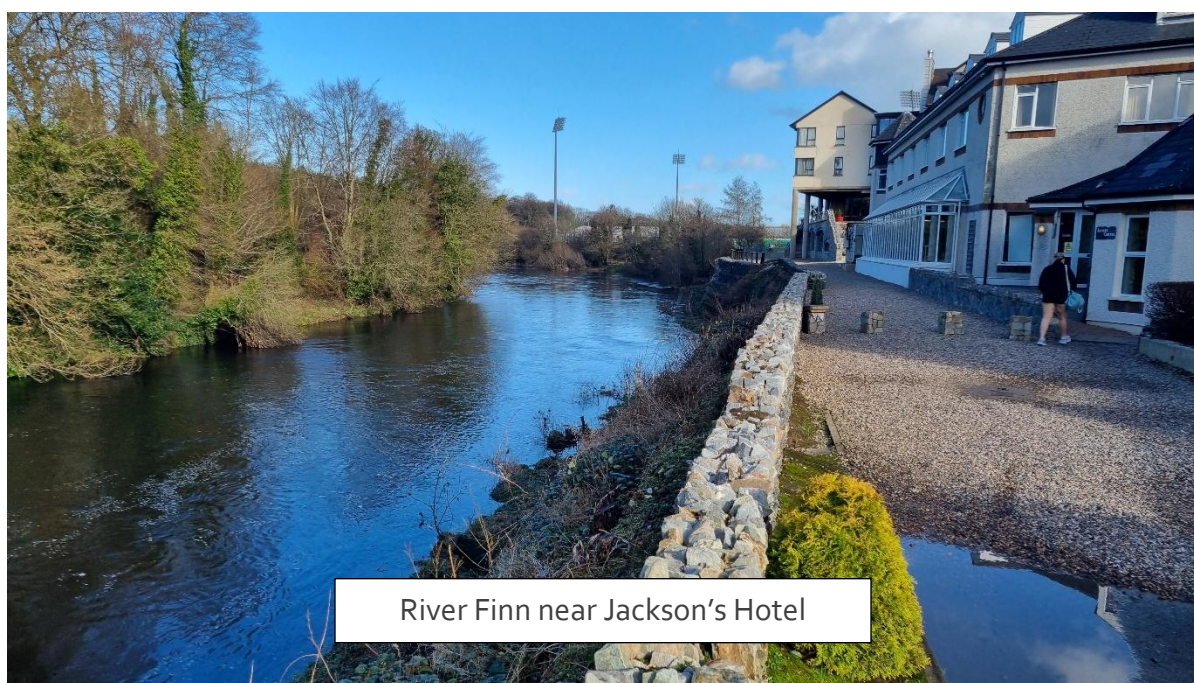
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Hydraulic Modelling

The Ballybofey Flood Relief Scheme hydraulic model has been used to stimulate flood events within Ballybofey/Stranorlar. The simulations were interpreted by the flood relief scheme project team to identify areas where flood relief measures are required.

The baseline hydraulics model was updated to incorporate changes over the preceding months, and this will be used to inform the cost benefit assessment and options assessment.



Surveys and Investigations

In the last reporting period, the project team assessed all tenders received for the Ground Investigation Contract. The contract is expected to commence in April 2026.

Following appointment, the contractor will apply for an archaeological license from National Monuments and any required road opening and closing licenses.

Affected landowners will be contacted in advance to discuss the proposed investigation works and to arrange access.

Environmental Activities

Further ecological surveys will be carried out during 2026, and these are expected to commence in the spring. These will help inform the options assessment and provide information for the environmental assessments required for the planning stage.

Once the emerging preferred option is known specialist environmental surveys, including cultural heritage, noise & vibration, air quality, and landscape & visual will progress.



Optioneering

The project team has completed the initial screening of potential flood relief measures. A hydraulic model has been used to assess feasible measures for each flood cell.

These measures have been developed into combined options, which are currently being tested in the model to determine the required defence height and defence extent (length and area) of the flood defences.

The Options Report is being updated in tandem with option modelling. Following the model output results, the project team will finalise the Options Report, Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA), buildability and environmental assessment.

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.

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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