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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Dublin City Council (DCC) as the Lead Authority, in partnership with Dun-Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) and the Office of Public Works (OPW) are advancing a flood alleviation scheme (FAS) for the River Dodder from Clonskeagh Road Bridge to Orwell Road Bridge as well as flood defence works on the Little Dargle stream at Braemor Road-Woodside Drive south-eastern junction. This project is known as the River Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 3.

Historically, significant flooding has affected properties and infrastructure along the River Dodder valley, arising from both pluvial and fluvial sources. There have been over 66 reports of flooding on the River Dodder between 1880 and 2014.

ByrneLooby were commissioned in 2019 by DCC, to develop and implement a FAS that alleviates the risk of flooding to the ‘at risk’ community by providing a scheme that is technically, socially, environmentally and economically acceptable.

In the development of the scheme there has been, and will continue to be, substantial and meaningful engagement with the public, landowners, and stakeholders. The first consultation with the public and stakeholders took place on 14th January 2020, where the objective was to make stakeholders and the public aware of the Project, to provide early engagement and to get feedback on the flooding, environmental and other issues of concern. All relative materials from this consultation period were published on the scheme website, and a summary of discussions and results provided in the Public Consultation Report 01 (W3394-PID-001, 10th February 2020).

1.2 This Report

This report summaries the events of the public participation event held on 22nd June 2023.

The purpose of the Public Participation Event (PPE) event was to present to the community with the outline scheme (Areas 1 to 7) and three options developed for the defences required at Area 2A (Dartry Park) and Area 3E & 3F (Milltown Bridge to Strand Terrace), with the intention of receiving opinion and feedback on these. Responses will be considered in the following stages of the scheme design and in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

The public participation event was held through an in-person event hosted at The Dropping Well Pub, Milltown, where a series of information posters were put on display for public viewing with opportunity for discussion with the project team and provision of feedback. This is discussed in more detail in following sections of this report.

2 Event Promotion and Invitation to Participate

The following details the steps undertaken to advertise the event and invite the public to actively participate in the consultation process.

Table 2-1: Event Advertisement and Opportunity to Participate

Promotion means	Details
Flyers	The week ahead of the event, flyers (Appendix A) were distributed by hand within the community, particularly targeting locations within the 0.1% AEP (1 in 1000 year) flood extent, with details of the upcoming public participation event. Circa. 520 flyers were distributed within the scheme area.
In person	A presentation was made to the DLRCC Municipal Councillors on 7th June 2023 and to the DCC Municipal Councillors on 12th June 2023 at their respective Area meetings.
Email	Copies of the presentations were circulated to the Council members through the project managers for the FAS . Further, relevant consultees were contacted via email on 7th June 2023 to advise them of and invite them to the public participation event. The list of consultees is included in Appendix B and includes a total of 119 interested parties.
Websites	Event information and invitation for public participation were posted on the following websites ahead of the PPE event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 3 website (https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-phase-3/home/). • DCC website (directed to the project website). • DLRCC website (directed to the project website).

3 Public Participation Event (PPE)

3.1 Objective

The objective of the PPE was to inform the public that their experiences and views have been considered from the first public consultation event, to present the outline scheme and options that have been developed for the River Dodder FAS Phase 3, and to invite further feedback and views on the options and assessment process.

3.2 Event Details

The PPE took place at The Dropping Well Pub on 22nd June 2023 between 2:30pm and 8pm.

Two sets of information posters were displayed around the room (see Figure 3-1) detailing the background, objectives and nature of the FAS, the project-level assessments/reviews already undertaken (hydraulics, hydrology, environmental, heritage & landscape), the outline scheme (Areas 1 to 7) and options for providing flood mitigation at Area 2A (Dartry Park) and Area 3E & 3F (Milltown Bridge to Strand Terrace). Representatives from the project team (ByrneLooby, DCC and DLRCC) were available in the room to provide explanation of the posters, answer any queries and listen to the views of those attending.



Figure 3-1: Public Information Posters

Questionnaires were made available in hard copy and through an online survey format (via a laptop set up on the day), to either be filled in at the PPE itself or at the individual's convenience (to be emailed or posted back to the BL team). The questionnaire sought to gain an understanding of the individual's area of interests, and their preference of flood defence options presented to them. Individuals were given a one-month period to return all questionnaires to the project team (to 22nd July 2023). A summary of this feedback is provided in Section 4 of this report.

3.3 Target Audience

All interested parties were targeted for invitation, with a focus on residents, landowners, and business owners. This included property owners who both have and have not been flooded in the past, and non-residents who may have concern for the area.

3.4 Project Team Representation

Two members of ByrneLooby staff; Kieran Thornton (Project Manager) and Jackelyn Wren (Senior Environmental Specialist) were present at the event. Client representatives for the project were also present throughout the day, including Dave Weston (DCC), Gerard O’Connell (DCC) and Caitrín Foley (DLRCC).

3.5 Supporting Material

The following material was available on the day:

- Information Leaflet incorporating questionnaire (Appendix A), presenting the format of the stakeholder consultation process. This was provided to people via the leaflet drop however copies were also available to hand out on the day.
- Public display posters distributed around the room (see Figure 3-1) detailing the background, objectives, and nature of the FAS, the project-level assessments/reviews already undertaken (hydraulics, hydrology, environmental, heritage & landscape), the outline scheme (Areas 1 to 7), and the options for flood defence currently under review at Area 2A (Dartry Park) and Area 3E & 3F (Milltown Bridge to Strand Terrace). The boards included the following:
 - Board 1: Introduction (status of project, works complete, list of measures considered).
 - Board 2: Options Development (works underway, options development methodology, examples of defences, planned mitigation and compensation, timeline).
 - Board 3: Overall Layout of the FAS.
 - Board 4: Area 1A & 1B Orwell Gardens & Orwell Walk
 - Board 5: Area 2A Dartry Park (nos. 3 options)
 - Board 6: Area 2B to 2D Dodder Walk to Dartry Mills
 - Board 7: Area 3A & 3B Dartry Park Waterfall to Classon’s Bridge
 - Board 8: Area 3C Classon’s Bridge to Nine Arches
 - Board 9: Area 3D Nine Arches to Packhorse Bridge
 - Board 10: Area 3E & 3F Milltown Bridge to Strand Terrace (nos. 3 options)
 - Board 11: Area 3G Strand Terrace

- Board 12: Area 4A & 4B Clonskeagh Road / Riverside Road
- Board 13: Area 5 Bankside Cottages & Islamic Centre
- Board 14: Area 6 Dodderbank Apartments West and North
- Board 15: Area 7 Woodside Drive / Braemor Road
- Questionnaires to fill in and return within the three-week period. A laptop was set up on site to enable individuals to fill in the questionnaire online if they chose to do so.

All of the above material, with the exception of the full flood mapping suite was also made available online via the River Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme website (<https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/dodder-phase-3/home/>) for those who could not attend.

Copies of the boards presented are included in Appendix C.

3.6 Attendance

All public attendees were prompted to fill in their name, address and contact information in an attendance sheet (see Appendix D) if they so wished. A total of 47 people were recorded as having attended the event (see Figure 3-2 below), however some attendees arrived in groups of 2-3 and some attendees did not sign the register, therefore its estimated that the number of attendees is more likely 50-55 people.



Figure 3-2: Participants at the Event

4 Public Feedback

4.1 General Overview of Tone and Perception

The sentiment from the project team following the event was that those attending were largely positive towards the materials presented, with the impression that the majority of attendees were pleased and relieved that the scheme was being thoroughly assessed and progressed. There were however several attendees concerned with the visual and environmental impact of the scheme, most notably those living within Orwell Gardens / Orwell Walk and Strand Terrace and more generally with regards to the walls proposed at Area 4A & 4B (Clonskeagh Road / Riverside Road) and the Dropping Well Pub (Area 3A & 3B).

In terms of formal responses, four responses were received via the questionnaire, and nine responses via e-mail. Commentary on these is included in the following sections.

4.2 Summary of Discussions on the Day

4.2.1 By Area

The following sections provide a summary of the general feedback/comments/feelings from the public of the proposed measures in each of the respective flood protection areas:

Area 1A & 1B Orwell Walk/ Dodder Vale & Orwell Garden:

From our record, approximately ten of the attendees live within this area. Generally, the feelings towards the FAS were of concern from this group, largely in relation to the visual impact of the proposed flood defence wall along Orwell Walk and Dodder Vale. It was thought that the view from the river-side dwellings would be negatively impacted with the presence of the wall. There was a general request to show more clarity on the drawings as to the proposed wall heights. Further, the environmental impact of the Scheme was highlighted as a concern, with residents advising of the regular presence of sensitive fauna in the area including herons, otters and breeding badgers.

There was one request for scrub clearance on the right-hand bank downstream of the pedestrian bridge. However, one other attendee was concerned with this area, and queried why the existing flood wall at the back of the Orwell Gardens was not being reinforced, instead of demolishing and rebuilding the wall on the back boundary of the properties. This attendee was concerned that clearing the undergrowth here will create an area for antisocial behavior.

Concerns were raised by 2-3 attendees of how the Dodder Greenway would interact with the proposed FAS at this area, and what impact both schemes might have.

It was noted from discussions with the Orwell Walk / Orwell Gardens residences that those located on Orwell Walk (closest to Orwell Bridge) have generally not been flooded in the past, whereas a number of those on Dodder Vale and within Orwell Gardens (closest to Dartry Park) have been flooded, some frequently. Historical accounts were given whereby flood waters have poured down Orwell Road and then Orwell Walk, settling on the road adjacent to the river. This water builds up

and has flooded houses even during a rainfall event (without any fluvial flooding from the river). This occurs through the drainage system and road gullies also.

It was stated that the wall along Orwell Walk had been extended after Hurricane Charlie.

One attendee noted that there was a path, now overgrown, on the river-side of the wall along Orwell Walk.

One attendee noted that the parapet railing on the bridge from Dodder Vale to Dartry Park was damaged during Hurricane Charlie.

Area 2A to 2D Dartry Park, Dodder Walk & Dartry Mills:

From our record, one of the attendees live in this area. Generally, there was a positive feeling towards the measures proposed at Areas 2A to 2D, with attendees pleased that the FAS is being progressed at this location.

The riverbank opposite the football pitch in Dartry Park was highlighted by a member of the public to be very steep and may cause some blockage in the river, should it fail. It was queried whether this would be considered in the design of the FAS.

Of the three options proposed at Area 2A, Options 2 (raised embankments) and 3 (ground raising) were noted to be the preferable over Option 1 (raised walls) on the whole. This was on account of the visual impact whereby landscaping has the potential to 'soften' the flood defence infrastructure.

Area 3A & 3B Dartry Park Waterfall to Classon's Bridge:

Generally, there was some concern from attendees with regards to the raised defences planned at the Dropping Well Pub. It was thought that the planned walls created a long walk from the planned parking to the Pub, and also from the Pub to the riverside walk. Further, it would result in a change in visual amenity, both towards and from the Pub. The inclusion of glass walls was queried as a possible solution. Further, the existence of an ESB sub-station in the current car park was queried, in particular whether this would be moved or integrated into the design (i.e., walls to wrap around it).

On the other hand, however, many attendees recognised the historical flooding at the Pub and were pleased that the FAS was considering protection here.

One attendee noted that manhole covers along the riverbank would be lifted completely during storm events.

Area 3C & 3D Classon's Bridge to Packhorse Bridge:

Generally, there was positive reaction towards this portion of the FAS, given that many of the defences are set back from the riverbanks and include alteration to existing walls / bridge parapets.

One attendee queried whether existing key access would be maintained at the entrance gate opposite the riverside walk. It was advised that the entrance gate located downstream and closest

to Packhorse Bridge (which is to be blocked as part of the FAS) is infrequently used by residents however the other located further upstream is very important to residents and is used daily.

There was a suggestion that gravel should be removed from the riverbed upstream of Packhorse Bridge.

Area 3E & 3F Milltown Bridge to Strand Terrace (nos. 3 options):

Of the three options proposed at Area 2E and 3F, there was generally some deliberation over the preferred option. Attendees on the whole thought that Options 2 (raised embankments) and 3 (ground raising) gave opportunity for 'softer' landscaping, however Option 1 (raised walls) allowed for less 'land grab' and perhaps a less obvious alteration to what is existing.

Area 3G Strand Terrace:

From our record, one of the attendees live within this area. This resident of Strand Terrace showed huge concern and has a very negative perception of the scheme and how it will alter views and access to their property.

Generally, however, from other attendees who know the area there was a positive feeling towards the measures proposed at Area 3G, with attendees pleased that the FAS is being progressed at this location given its history of flooding. The creation of a pathway on the 'wet side' of the planned flood defence wall was met with positivity.

Area 4A & 4B Clonskeagh Road / Riverside Road:

From our record, two of the attendees live within this area. Feedback was that they were positive about the scheme and wished for the upstream embankment to be moved closer to Connolly's Cottage.

Area 5 Bankside Cottages & Islamic Centre:

From our record, approximately six of the attendees live within this area. Generally, there was a positive feeling towards the measures proposed at Area 5, with attendees pleased that the FAS is being progressed at this location. Upgrading the existing wall and integrating an earthen embankment with higher ground was considered to have a minor impact from both a visual and access perspective.

Area 6 Dodderbank Apartments West and North:

No comments of note were raised at this area.

Area 7 Woodside Drive / Braemor Road:

No comments of significance were received on this area. The proposed defences are considered to have a minor impact from both a visual and access perspective.

4.2.2 General (whole Scheme)

The remaining attendees lived within the general area (i.e., within 2km) of the scheme, and provided more general feedback on the scheme as a whole. This feedback is summarised below:

- Attendees interested in fisheries (Dodder Anglers) advised the negative implications of the weirs with regards to river hydro-morphology and fish migration, and enquired as to whether these were to be removed or considered for fish passes. The weir at Orwell Gardens was highlighted as a significant barrier to normal hydro-morphological flow and fish migration. It was queried whether removing this weir would contribute to lower flood levels in this area. Further, less shading of the river (i.e., tree removal) was suggested as being of benefit to the fisheries of the river, to allow more sunlight and oxygenation. It was also advised that the reservoirs at Bohernabreena are stocked yearly (March) with Rainbow Trout and that the lower reaches of the River Dodder are considered a significant salmon spawning location.
- Wheelchair / buggy access was highlighted as being important, particularly at the Orwell Gardens footbridge and to the various parks of the Dodder Walk.
- Concerns were raised with regards to how the FAS integrates with the planned Dodder Greenway.
- It was queried whether it was possible to take the roughness out of bottom of river upstream of Orwell Bridge in order to create a reasonable area for kayaking.

4.3 Received Feedback

A questionnaire (see Appendix A) was made available to the public, either in hard copy format or via an online questionnaire to those who attended the public engagement event. Question 1 sought to gather information on the individual's relationship to the area, and question 2 gave opportunity for the individual to state their preference of the nos. 3 options proposed at Area 2A (Dartry Park) and Area 3E & 3F (Milltown Bridge to Strand Terrace).

Otherwise, the project email address was provided on the information leaflet for the collection of general email responses.

A one-month period was given to gather all responses, between 22nd June 2023 and 22nd July 2023.

4.3.1 Questionnaire Responses

ByrneLooby received a total of 4 questionnaire responses. The following sections go into more detail of the responses received.

- **Questionnaire Responder ID 01 (same as Email Responder ID04):**
 - Interest area is 'Area 3D Shanagarry Apartments'.
 - Responder advised general favour of the proposed defences. They advised that the downstream resident's access gate is not currently used and is fine to be removed, however the other upstream gate (which is intended to remain as is), is very important to the residents and is used daily by pedestrians.

- Responder requested that the creation of any late night dark alleys is avoided, to maintain safety for lone walkers.
- The responder did not advise a preference of option for Areas 2A and 3F.
- **Questionnaire Responder ID 02 (same as Email Responder ID02):**
 - Interest area is 'Area 5A Bankside Cottages'.
 - Responder advised their concern with heavy rain and flooding coming down from the cul-de-sac from Dundrum Road. It was requested that the FAS implement measures to prevent this, and provide protection to Bankside Cottages.
 - The responder did not advise a preference of option for Areas 2A and 3F.
- **Questionnaire Responder ID 03:**
 - Interest area is 'Area 3D Shanagarry Apartments'.
 - Responder advised general favour of the proposed flood defence wall however highlighted that trees are an issue whereas bushes would be more beneficial for the river.
 - The responder did not advise a preference of option for Areas 2A and 3F.
- **Questionnaire Responder ID 04:**
 - Interest area is 'Area 1A Orwell Walk/Dodder Vale' and 'Area 1B Orwell Gardens'.
 - Unfortunately the responders' writing is illegible and could not be deciphered, however it is understood from discussions had with the responder on the day of the public participation event that there is interest for the bushes at the back of the Orwell Gardens houses to be trimmed / removed.
 - The responder did not advise a preference of option for Areas 2A and 3F.

All original questionnaire responses are available in Appendix E.

4.3.2 Email Responses

Eight email responses were received via the project email address. The following summarises these, as well as how the BL/DCC team responded.

ID Number	Key Interest	Type	Date	Submission	BL Response
Email Responder ID01	Defences at Orwell Walk	Email	22/06/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responder supports the need for the proposed flood alleviation works, and the proposed Stormwater Sewer, French drain and the pumping station. Shows concern with height of wall at Orwell Walk and wishes for it to be as low as possible while offering safety in the event of that once in 100-year flood event. Highlighted importance of Orwell Walk which is used by residents from the surrounding areas to enter Dartry Park. Highlights that the route is used by thousands of people weekly to relax and unwind and even more so now since the Covid experience. Responder proposed at the participation event to not increase the height of the wall and instead make provision for the erection of temporary barriers on top of the wall at flood risk time, similar to that installed in Clonmel. However, since this is not possible, responder requests that the team recognise the visual impact of a factory type grey slabbed plastered wall and instead have a facade that is sympathetic to the surroundings. Stone facade is preferable. 	Response provided on 12/07/2023. Design information regarding the height of the proposed flood defence wall along Orwell Walk was provided, with a drawing attached to provide context. It was advised that the façade of the wall is not yet decided and that a landscape designer has been engaged to work on this aspect, and that the views for residents will be taken into account.
Email Responder ID02	Defences at Bankside Cottages	Email & Questionnaire (see Questionnaire Responder ID02)	23/06/2023	<p>Questionnaire response also provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Bankside, concern is heavy rain and flooding coming down the cul-de-sac from Dundrum Road. If the flood alleviation scheme is to prevent water passing to Bankside Cottages from the River Dodder, can this same scheme facilitate/ incorporate flood alleviation for Dundrum Cottages due to water coming down from Dundrum? 	Response, provided on 12/07/2023, understood concern and advised that new drainage system incorporating a pumping station would be provided to deal with surface water runoff.

ID Number	Key Interest	Type	Date	Submission	BL Response
Email Responder ID03	Defences at Orwell Gardens	Email	25-06/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wanted clarification as to whether the new defence wall will run at rear of their back garden to the Pedestrian bridge, and whether it will be where the existing river wall is or whether it will mean the demolition of their back garden wall. Responder also enquired when the works will start and when is the end date. 	Response provided on 12/07/2023. Information on the proposed flood defences at this location was provided. It was advised that work will interfere with the back gardens and will involve demolition of existing walls, but reassurance was provided that all would be restored and left as it was once works are complete. Dates for construction were provided.
Email Responder ID04	Defences at Shanagarry Apartments	Email & Questionnaire (see Questionnaire Responder ID04)	23/06/2023	<p>Questionnaire response provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted that the area at the back of Shanagarry looks completely different in Summer than Winter (green foliage on all the trees) and asked that this is considered. Highlighted existence of wildlife on the river (heron, cormorants, ducks) and that protecting them is important. Highlighted that the gate proposed to be removed is a good call, as residents do not use it, however the other gate (proposed to remain) is very important and is used very frequently by residents. 	Response provided on 10/07/2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was advised that both summer and winter views are being considered in the landscape and visual assessment. Information regarding the completion of ecological surveys and associated impact assessments was provided, to ensure protection of wildlife. It was confirmed that the access proposed to be maintained would be done so, and there would be no alteration of access for residents in this regard. Link to website was provided so that resident could be kept informed of any updates and future public engagement events.
Email Responder ID05	Biodiversity / fisheries	Email	26/06/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that they attended the public participation event but that they had not been alerted to this meeting despite being asked for engagement on the scheme. Queried when responses could be provided. 	Response provided on 10/07/2023 advising that a letter of invitation had been sent to their email address on 7th June 2023, and that responses are being welcomed until 22nd July 2023.

ID Number	Key Interest	Type	Date	Submission	BL Response
Email Responder ID06	Defences near Clonskeagh Bridge	Email & Letter	10/07/2023 & 13/07/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was unaware of the public participation event. Concerned with how the flood defences at Clonskeagh Bridge will have effect on their development site. Requested to be kept informed of the scheme. 	<p>Response provided on 10/07/2023 advising that all information presented at the public engagement event is available on the website - link provided. Requested that any formal response could be provided by 22nd July 2023. Advised that they have been included in stakeholder consultation register to ensure they are kept informed of the scheme as it progresses.</p> <p>A formal response was then received (letter via email) on 13/07/2023 requesting information on whether the FAS will protect their development site from the 1 in 100-year flood.</p> <p>BL responded on 20/07/2023 advising the extent of the assessment being undertaken for the FAS, and the anticipated construction timeline. It was requested that the flood risk assessment for this property is provided, for information. Details of the next consultation event was provided.</p>
Email Responder ID07	Defences at Bankside Cottages	Email	26/06/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed with the strengthening of the wall alongside Bankside Cottages (as long as it is finished to the same standard as the current wall) however questioned whether it was over the top given the probability of any flooding occurring that would reach the wall. Suggested that the plan for an embankment with a path going over the top is excessive and impractical. Concerned that the path would not meet up with the 	<p>Response provided on 10/07/2023 thanking him for his contributions and that they would be considered in the scheme design going forward. Link to website provided so that resident could be kept informed of any updates and future public engagement events.</p>

ID Number	Key Interest	Type	Date	Submission	BL Response
				<p>Packhorse bridge, it would endanger cyclists, and would require a large amount of earth movement. Believes that a continuation of the wall to the high ground, with an opening where the current path is, makes more sense and is less visually intrusive. The opening could be closed in case of a threat of flooding, either with a door as in many other places has been used, or by a removable barrier that is slotted in when needed. The blockage of the path in these circumstances should not be a problem as the frequency of it occurring will be extremely low and flooding on other sections of the paths will prevent pedestrians and cyclists from progressing anyway.</p>	
<p>Email Responder ID08</p>	<p>Defences at Shanagarry</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p>23/06/2023</p>	<p>Email directed to Dublin City Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Folio and deeds provided for a development in Milltown. Advised that developer owns part of the park area lands stretching from the existing boundary wall up to the nine arches viaduct. Therefore, suggested that it would make sense to build the flood alleviation wall along the new boundary line rather than the existing boundary wall line as it stands. • Also, to note is an ESB sub-station that sits on this land that will have to be considered when the new boundary wall goes in as it will then be within the grounds of the development. • Drawing attached of the flood alleviation layout to compare boundaries. 	<p>DCC responded on 26/06/2023 advising that this area would be checked out with Dublin City Council's Law Agent.</p> <p>DCC further responded on 17/07/2023 advising where the development plan could be accessed. A query of the ownership of the land was highlighted. Advised that there are many fairly mature trees on it as well including one oak tree which may limit any possible change of use. Advised that a new flood wall around the area suggested by the responder proposed (estimated to be around 1,500 m2) would reduce flood storage in the area in large events leading to increased flood defence heights at least locally. It would also cost a lot more. Therefore, there is no advantage to altering the flood defence proposals in this area.</p>

ID Number	Key Interest	Type	Date	Submission	BL Response
					Further communication between the responder and members of the DCC were had on 18/07/2023, in particular discussing the ownership and correct boundaries of the land in question.
Email Responder ID09	Strand Terrace 3G to Ramleh Park & Close	Email	19/07/2023	<p>Email received confirming how useful the public participation event was, and advising how the FAS is welcome and how positive it is that the biodiversity has been considered and included. For the Areas 3C & 3D & 3E areas, it has been requested that the views and walking accessibility of these areas is retained as much as possible, and opened up visually with glass panels, similar to those proposed in other parts of the plan i.e., the cottages at Strand Terrace.</p> <p>It was advised that in Area 2A, Option 2 is preferred, and in Area 3F, Option 1. In Area 2A Option 2, to have the wall perpendicular to the river will be better visually for pedestrians & presume will work as effectively as the other two options.</p>	BL responded on 20/07/2023 thanking the responder for their contributions and advising them of the likelihood for a further consultation day at the end of 2023.

5 Next Steps

The social, technical, and environmental concerns raised by the public will be considered in the following phases of the project-level optioneering and assessment.

The project team will endeavour to develop a scheme that is technically, environmentally, socially, and economically feasible and provides suitable solution to those members of the public currently affected by flooding events.

Optioneering is continuing through a multi-criteria assessment process that will result in an emerging preferred option being identified. It is intended to complete this work and then present the findings to the public via a final public consultation event at the end of 2023.

Appendix A – Information Leaflet & Questionnaire

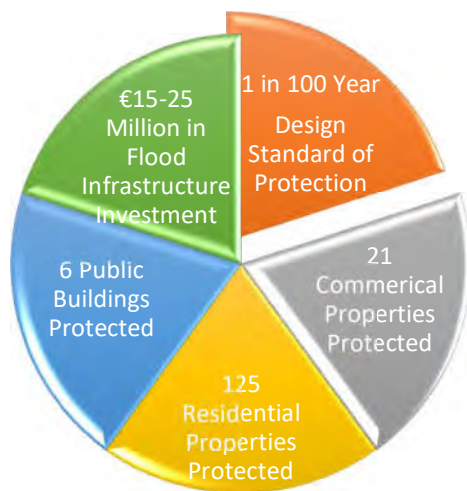


River Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 3

Stakeholder and Public Participation Event

From 2:30pm to 8:00pm on 22nd June 2023

At Dropping Well Pub, Classon's Bridge, Milltown



Purpose of the Public Participation Event

This is a second public engagement event for the project. An initial public engagement event to get the views of the people, businesses and stakeholders was held in January 2020.

The feedback from that event has informed the assessment and development of the scheme to-date and the purpose of this public engagement event is to present the findings of the assessment undertaken, to outline the proposed flood protection measures and options being developed to alleviate flooding and to obtain the views of the public and stakeholders on those options.

Your Feedback is Important

This is your opportunity to take part at the early stages of the planning of the River Dodder Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 3. Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Office of Public Works wishes to consider all viewpoints in relation to the proposed flood protection measures being examined.

Time spent communicating your views to the project team is appreciated.

The general public and all interested parties are invited to give their opinions on the study area. Please examine the proposed flood protection measures presented at the event and let your views be known by Thursday 22nd June 2023.

All completed questionnaires, queries and comments in relation to this project can sent to either of the following.

Email: DodderFASPhase3@ByrneLooby.com

Post: **Project Manager River Dodder FAS Phase 3**
ByrneLooby
Building 2100
Cork Airport Business Park
Kinsale Road
Cork, T12 KV8R

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7	Woodside Drive/ Braemor Road Junction			
Comment on proposed flood alleviation measure in your area:				
Comment on proposed flood alleviation measures in other area:				
Locations with Options				
Of the options presented, which is of interest to you, please indicate your preferred option (Indicate (✓ or X)):				
Area	Description	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
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Comment on the preferred flood protection measure:				
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Comment on the preferred flood protection measure:				

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Appendix B – Consultee List

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Environment Consultation List

Revision No.: 00

Last Updated: 26/07/2023

Item No.	Company/ Organisation	Interest	Position/Role
GENERAL -			
1	An Bord Pleanála	Planning	Chairperson
2	Angling Council Ireland	Fisheries and the marine environment	—
3	An Taisce - The National Trust for Ireland	Heritage and conservation	—
4	Badgerwatch	Badger conservation	Dublin Enquiries Representative
5	Bat Conservation Ireland	Bat conservation	—
6	Birdwatch Ireland	Ecology (birds) and conservation	CEO
7	Bord Lascaigh Mhara	Fisheries board	Chief Executive
8	Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland	Recording of flora	Communications Officer
9	Coillte	Owens and manages forest and associated parks	Chair
10	Commission for Regulation of Utilities	Energy regulation	Chairperson
11	Córas Iompair Éireann	Transport	Chairwoman and Non-Executive Director
12	Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine	Agriculture, food and marine issues	Minister Secretary General
13	Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs	Arts Heritage	Minister for Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht Secretary General
14	Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment	Climate action and environment	Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment
15	Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government	Housing, planning & community	Minister Acting Secretary General
16	Department of Tourism, Transport and Sport	Tourism, transport and sport	Minister Minister of State Secretary General
17	Eircom	Eircom services	CEO Chairman
18	Electricity Supply Board	ESB services	Chief Executive Chairwoman
19	Environmental Protection Agency	Environmental issues	Director General
20	Environmental Science Association of Ireland	Environmental issues	Chairperson
21	Faillte Ireland, Environment & Planning	Tourism	Chairman
22	FISSTA - Federation of Irish Salmon & Sea Trout Anglers	Fisheries	President Chairman
23	FISSTA - Eastern River Basin District	Local river issues	Councillors
24	FISSTA - South-Eastern River Basin District	Local river issues	Councillors
25	Gas Networks Ireland	Gas networks	—
26	Geographical Society of Ireland	Status and study of geography	President
27	Geological Survey of Ireland	Local geology and geological heritage	Minister
28	Health & Safety Authority	Health & safety	CEO Chairperson
29	Heritage Council	Heritage	Chairman
30	Inland Fisheries Ireland	Protection management of inland fisheries and sea angling	Senior Fisheries Environmental Officer Director
31	Institute of Geologists of Ireland	Geology and geosciences	President

32	Irish Environmental Network	National Environment NGO Group	Board Members
33	Irish Farmers Association (Dublin Region)	Farming	President Regional Executive for Dublin Environment Executive
34	Irish Heritage Trust	Heritage	—
35	Irish Landmark Trust	Building conservation	CEO Projects and Properties Officer
36	Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Conservation of peatland	Chief Executive
37	Irish Planning Institute	Professional planners	President
38	Irish Water	Water services	—
39	Irish Wildlife Trust	Nature and conservation	Chairperson
40	Landscape Forum Ireland (Landscape Alliance Ireland)	Landscape quality	—
41	National Federation of Group Water Schemes	Represents community-owned rural water services	CEO
42	National Monuments Service	Heritage	—
43	National Parks & Wildlife Service	Flora and fauna	Divisional Ecologist (Dublin, Meath & Louth) Divisional Ecologist (Kilkenny & Carlow)
44	National Transport Authority	National transport	—
45	Native Woodland Trust	Woodlands	—
46	Office of Public Works	Flooding	Minister
47	Scouting Ireland	Scouts	Chairperson
48	Spots Ireland Outdoors (trails office)	Outdoor sports and trails	Chairperson
49	Teagasc	Agriculture and the environment	Director
50	The Inland Waterways of Ireland	Inland waterways	—
51	The Irish Meteorological Service	Weather and climate, agricultural and environmental services	Director
52	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	National roads network	Chairman
53	Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment	Environmental issues	Coordinator
54	Waterways Ireland	Waterways issues	Acting CEO
55	Wildlife Surveys	Flora and fauna	Owner

LOCAL / PROJECT SPECIFIC			
56	Ballyboden Tidy Towns	Community tidy towns project	—
57	Boden Park	Park	—
58	College and Wainsfort Residents' Association	Resident Association	—
59	Corrib Road Residents' Association	Resident Association	—
60	Dodder Action Group	River protection	Chairperson
61	Dodder Anglers	Fisheries	Facebook Group
62	Donnybrook Tidy Towns	Community tidy towns project	—
63	Dublin City Council	Local issues	—
64	Dublin City Council, Environmental Officers	Local environmental issues	Environmental Officers
65	Dublin and Mid-East Regional Assembly	Regional issues	Multiple from various City Councils
66	Dublin Walks and History	Tourism	—
67	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	Local issues	—
68	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Environmental Officers	Local environmental issues	Environmental Officers
69	Firhouse Residents	Residents	—
70	Firhouses & Bohernabreena Community	Residents	—
71	Hazelbrook Residents' Association	Resident Association	—
72	Kilipper Ramblers	Local Walking Group	—
73	Knocklyon Network	Community Group	—
74	Marley Grange Resident Association	Resident Association	—
75	Milltown Golf Club	Local golf club	—
76	Milltown Resident Association	Resident Association	—
77	Moyville 16	Local residents	—
78	Moyville Lawn Resident association	Resident Association	—
79	Old Bawn Tidy Towns	Community tidy towns project	—
80	Olympian Gymnastics Milltown	Local sports club	—
81	Parklands Resident Association	Resident Association	—
82	Rathfarnham Wood Residents Association	Resident Association	—
83	Recorders Residents' Association	Resident Association	—
84	Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association	Resident Association	—
85	Sandymount Tidy Towns	Community tidy towns project	—
86	South Dublin County Council	Local Issues	Mayor
87	St. Annes' Estate Residents' Association	Resident Association	—
88	Tallaght Community Council	Local Issues	—

89	Templeville and Fortfield Residents' Association	Resident Association	—
90	Terenure West Resident Association	Resident Association	—
91	The Association of Residents of Terenure	Resident Association	—
92	Wood Dale Residents association	Resident Association	—
93	Woodfields Residents Association	Resident Association	—
94	Woodlawn Park Grove Residents Association	Resident Association	—
95	An Chomhairle Ealaíon	Arts Council	Director, Public Affairs
96	Bord Na Móna	Renewable energy, sustainability, resource recovery	Chairman
97	Chambers of Commerce	Commerce	President
98	Department of Public Expenditure and Reform	Central portal	—
99	Eastern & Midlands Climate Action Regional Office	Climate action and environment	Director of Services
100	Forest Service	Forests	—
101	Local Authority Waters Programme	Local water issues	Community Officer - Wicklow/Dublin
102	Marine Institute	Marine resources	Board Member
103	River Trust	Rivers	Chief Executive
104	Water Policy Advisory Committee	Water resources	Chair
105	The National Water Forum	Water resources	—
106	Sustainable Water Network Ireland (SWAN)	Sustainable waterways	—
107	Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment. Waste Policy & Resource Efficiency.	Waste issues	Regional Technical Officer, Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Management Office
108	OPW		Engineer from OPW east region construction management
109	OPW	Environmental issues	Environmental liaison to project team
110	DLRCC Parks	Biodiversity / Parks	Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
111	DCC Parks	Biodiversity / Parks	Senior Executive Parks Superintendent
112	DCC	WFD / ecology	Executive Engineer
113	DLRCC	Archeology and Heritage	Conservation officer
114	Dublin South City East	Environmental Health	Environmental Health Officer (function of the HSE)
115	Dublin South City West	Environmental Health	Environmental Health Officer (function of the HSE)
116	Clondalkin	Environmental Health	Environmental Health Officer (function of the HSE)
117	Tallaght	Environmental Health	Environmental Health Officer (function of the HSE)
118	Dun Laoghaire	Environmental Health	Environmental Health Officer (function of the HSE)
119	n/a	design/flood risk	n/a
120	Paper Mill, Clonskeagh	Flood measures at Clonskeagh Bridge	Development Managers for the site at Paper Mill

Appendix C – Posters

See Project Website Public and Stakeholder Engagement - Public Participation Event for Posters

Appendix D – Attendance List (redacted)

RIVER DODDER FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME PHASE 3
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EVENT (2:30pm - 8:00pm)
22nd June 2023 @ Dropping Well, Milltown Road, Dublin
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Appendix E – Questionnaires Returned

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Comment on proposed flood alleviation measure in your area:

THIS SEEMS OK TO ME. THE GATE ACCESS BEING REMOVED IS OK, NO ONE USES THAT GATE. IMPORTANT TO KEEP PRIVATE ACCESS TO THE REMAINING GATE, ALL RESIDENTS USE IT DAILY.

Comment on proposed flood alleviation measures in other area:

CAN WE AVOID CREATING ANY LATE NIGHT DARK ALLEYS PLEASE THAT WILL BE UNSAFE FOR LONE WALKERS.

Locations with Options

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Comment on the preferred flood protection measure:

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Helen Autochs
 86 Shanagarry
 autochs@aol.com

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Comment on proposed flood alleviation measure in your area:

Wall OK for benefit of all
 But trees are an issues while bushes would be beneficial for the river

Comment on proposed flood alleviation measures in other area:

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Comment on proposed flood alleviation measure in your area: On Bankside, our concern is heavy rain + flooding coming down our cul-de-sac from Dunbrum Rd. If the flood alleviation scheme is to prevent water pouring to Bankside Cottages from the River Dodder, can

Comment on proposed flood alleviation measures in other area: this same scheme facilitate/incorporate flood alleviation for Bankside Cottages due to water coming down from Dunbrum.

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C3 Wants bushes removed behind the Orwell Gardens

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Comment on proposed flood alleviation measure in your area:

Please be kind & not suggesting anything as to removing all the trees I (Liam) am

Comment on proposed flood alleviation measures in other area:

please note that will bring the bridge at grade with the other bridge across into the canal

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