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PROGRESS TO DATE

Environmental Surveys

Baseline Ecology Surveys and Bat Roost Confirmation Surveys were completed in full at the end of September 2025. Detailed topographical surveys and tree surveys were completed throughout the town in December. Underwater archaeology surveys will take place along the River Barrow, Moneen River and Bennett's Stream in February 2026.



Stream on the Moneen River

Public Participation Day #2

The Scheme's second Public Participation Day took place on the 7th of July 2025 at the Athy Community Library from 12:00pm to 7:00pm. The purpose of the day was to give interested members of the public an overview of the project and proposed flood alleviation measures. Visitors were offered the opportunity to provide input regarding key issues and constraints that might affect the Scheme and points of local importance that might constrain the design and/or viability of the proposed flood alleviation measures. The event received a total of 17 visitors, including two local councillors.



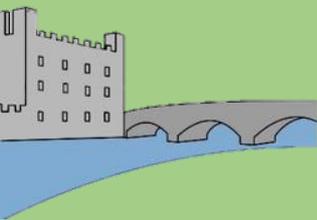
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Preferred Option Selection

Following the second Public Participation Day, the shortlist of potential options was refined to identify an emerging Preferred Option to take through to planning and construction. The Preferred Option then underwent further development to determine the benefit cost ratio of the Scheme, its construction, and its operation and maintenance. Through this analysis, and following further feedback from stakeholders, a final Scheme design has been developed.

Multi Criteria Analysis

RPS completed a multi criteria analysis of the Scheme's potential options. This analysis included a review of the number of properties impacted by flooding, the economic benefit gained from the Scheme, the environmental impact of the Scheme, and the estimated overall cost of the Scheme including operation and maintenance. This multi criteria analysis helped determine the feasibility of each option and narrow down a preferred option for the Scheme.



Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

A site walkover of the Scheme area with KCC Cultural Heritage Team and the National Monuments Service (NMS) took place in November 2025. KCC and NMS provided valuable consultation for implementing the Scheme while minimising its impact on the heritage and archaeology of Athy. The walkover included visits to the historical Moneen Lane Bridge, Rathstewart Bridge, White’s Castle, and conjectural historical town wall locations.

NEXT STEPS

Further Environmental Surveys

Further environmental surveys will continue through winter 2026. This includes underwater archaeology surveys, archaeology geophysical surveys, detailed ground investigation (GI) surveys and utilities surveys.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Several Public Consultation Events and Stakeholders Workshops are to be held over the duration of the project.

The first and second Public Participation Days were held on 27th of February 2024 and 24th of

July 2025, respectively. A third Public Participation Day is planned for early 2026. This will provide further opportunity for the public to review and comment on the proposed Scheme prior to seeking the relevant planning approvals.

Information regarding past and upcoming events can also be found under *Project Information* on the Athy Flood Relief Scheme Website at <https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/athy/home>

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