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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 briefing note, optioneering workshops were held with LCC and OPW to discuss the list of emerging options, the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) was revised, and the Site Investigation works have commenced.

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 April 2025, the Project Team advanced on the optioneering process, organised internal technical workshops with LCC and the OPW and refined the list of options. The focus is currently to engage with key stakeholders such as Uisce Eireann and National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS), to ensure that the scheme will minimise its impact on the environment while being able to provide the required level of protection. The inclusion of climate change adaptation considerations is also critical to ensure a long-term strategy for Dundalk and Blackrock.

Additionally, Site Investigation works commenced in June 2025 and have continued progressing through the summer. To date, the majority of the window samplings, dynamic probes and trial pits have been completed, and the team is now working on the required slit trenches and boreholes.

The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal was also revised in June 2025 and provided up to date information regarding the key environmental constraints in the project area, including invasive species and protected areas.

Additional environments works are also being procured, including a geomorphological assessment to assess the impacts on the rivers' sediments regime, water quality and ecological status, and a wintering bird survey to update the previous one.

These assessments and surveys, alongside the technical discussions held with key stakeholders, will inform the analysis of the options and the selection of a preferred option for each area.

NEXT STEPS

The Geomorphology Assessment is expected for the end of the year, while the site investigation works should be completed shortly after the summer.

The finalisation of the shortlisting of options for each area is expected in the coming months, with a collaborative workshop is planned in October for Blackrock and December for Dundalk.

These will be followed by Public Participation Days, one expected in November 2025 for Blackrock and one expected in February 2026 for Dundalk, where residents and stakeholders will be consulted on the options proposed and to provide feedback that will be used for the determination of a preferred option.



STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The Project Team has consultations with several stakeholders planned for the coming weeks. This will inform the optioneering and be included in the selection of the preferred option.



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PROJECTED KEY MILESTONE DATES—DUNDALK FRS

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

