

Athy

Flood Relief Scheme

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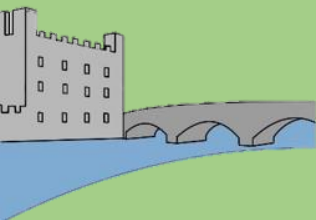
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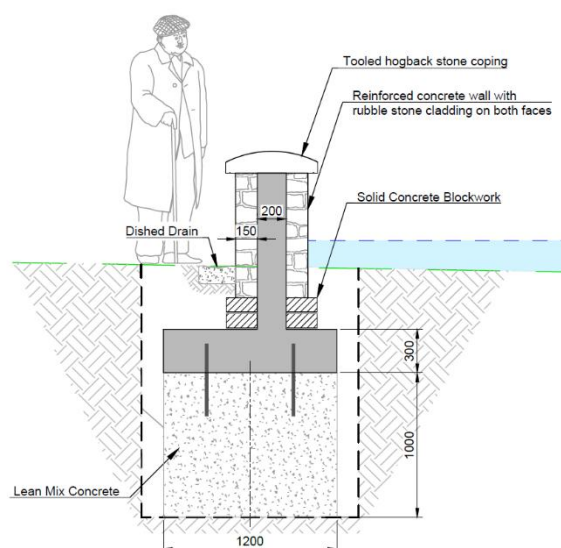


PROGRESS TO DATE

Preferred Option

Following the second Public Participation Day, the shortlist of potential options was refined to identify an emerging Preferred Option. Over the last couple of months, the design team has progressed this option to a level of detail suitable for planning.

The preferred option for the Athy Flood Relief Scheme will be presented at Public Participation Day 3, marking an important milestone in the development of the scheme. This event will give the public an opportunity to view the emerging preferred solution, understand the thinking behind it, and hear about the next steps as the project continues to progress.



Barrow Quay Wall Proposed General Arrangement

Public Participation Day 3

The third Public Participation Day is planned for the **10th of September 2026**.

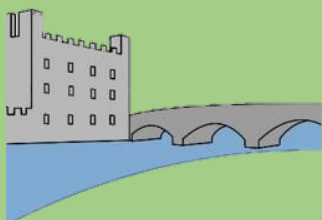
The purpose of this third participation event is to give interested individuals an overview of the project and the proposed flood alleviation measures, and to provide further opportunity for the public to review and comment on the preferred option prior to seeking the relevant planning approvals.

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>

Additional Benefits

Beyond flood mitigation, wider benefits have been carefully considered and integrated into the proposed scheme where possible.

These include an enhanced viewpoint on the riverbank at Edmund Rice Square, ecological enhancement along the banks and floodplain of Moneen River, and improved useable green space around the Athy Library and along Barrow Quay. These proposals aim to further enhance the functionality, accessibility, and the environmental value of the project.



Stakeholder Collaborative Workshop #3

The third Collaborative Workshop for the Athy Flood Relief Scheme was held on the 26th of March 2026. It brought together key stakeholders to review the latest project progress, discuss the developing design, and outline the next steps. Updates were also provided on the ongoing ecological and archaeological assessments. The workshop helped to gather feedback and maintain close engagement with stakeholders as the project moves forward through Stage 1.

Archaeological Surveys

Archaeological surveys continue to play an important role in informing the scheme design. A Wade Survey was carried out in April 2026, to identify potential historic features within the Moneen River and Bennets Stream, while a Dive Survey was carried out in June 2026 along the River Barrow through Athy. The rich archaeological history of Athy was evident throughout the survey with confirmation of old quay walls and steps into the River Barrow.

Further Archaeological Survey including Slit Trench investigations will be completed to inform detailed design of the scheme.



Wade Survey at Moneen River



Dive Survey in River Barrow

NEXT STEPS

Ground Investigation

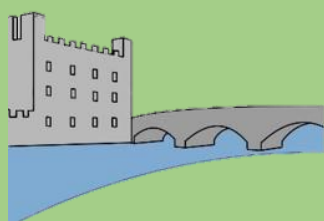
A contractor will be appointed in Q4 2026 to complete detailed ground investigation. The findings from the investigation will help to inform the detailed design process, ensuring that the proposed infrastructure is designed and constructed in a safe, efficient and sustainable manner.

Planning Process

The project is continuing to progress through the pre-planning process, with a range of supporting documents currently being prepared. This includes the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), which evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed scheme and identifies measures to avoid, reduce or mitigate impacts where necessary.

In parallel, the design team has continued to prepare scheme drawings, technical assessments and reports to support the planning application, and to ensure the scheme is developed in line with environmental, engineering and regulatory requirements.

The project is currently on track to lodge a planning application in Q1 2027



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