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Latest Overview

This is the eighteenth newsletter for the Ramelton Flood Relief Scheme. The main activities carried out over recent months include progressing the Options Report, drainage assessment, ground investigations and environmental surveys.

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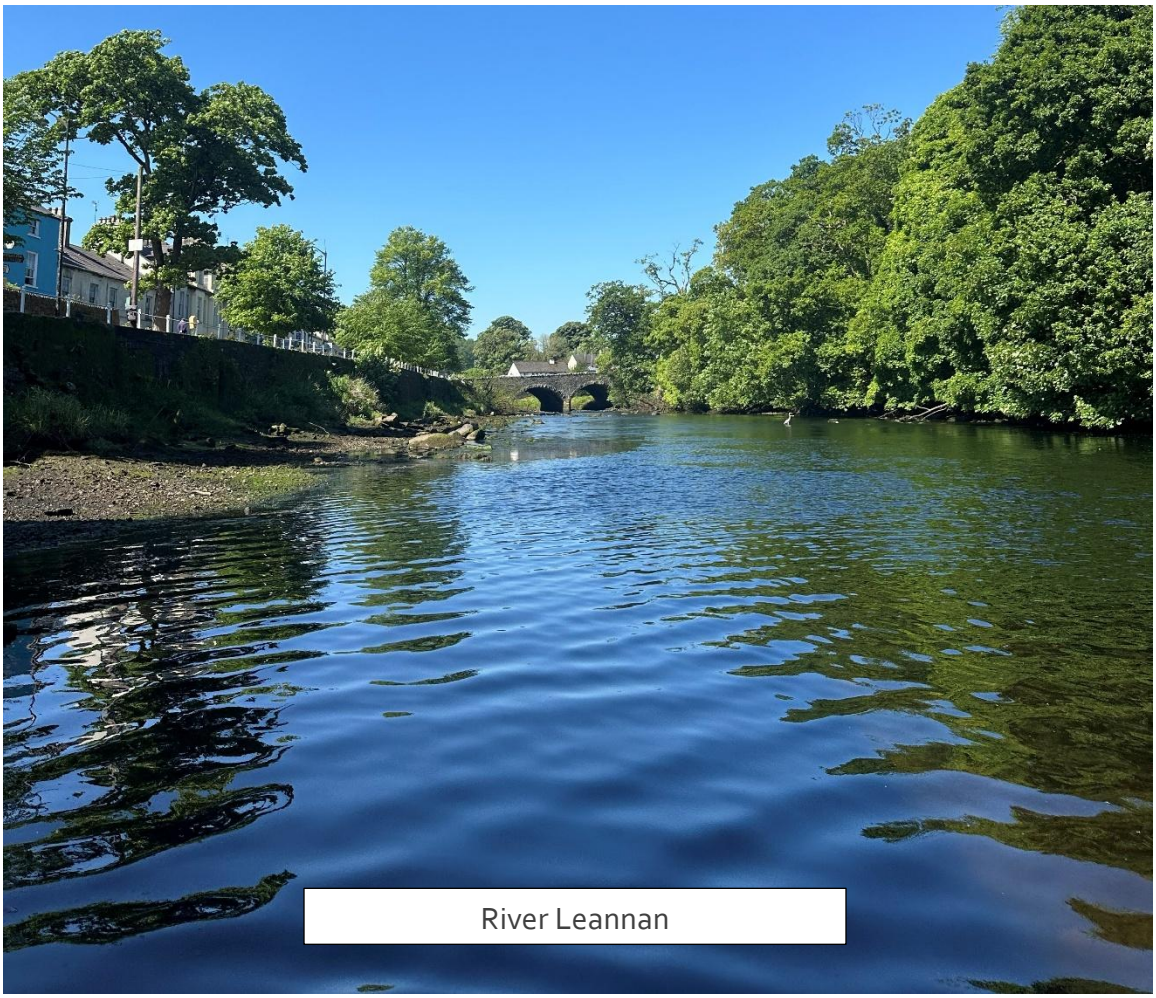
The project team has been reviewing drainage information for Ramelton and assessing the need for ancillary work to manage surface water flows impacted by the proposed coastal and fluvial flood relief measures.

Surveys & Investigations

Ground investigations have commenced on site as part of the flood relief scheme. These works will provide further information on ground conditions to inform the development of flood relief options.

Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) is complete, with some additional survey works remaining to be completed in Ramelton.

Ground investigation works are expected to continue over the coming months. The reported findings will be used to inform the seepage analysis and assess the underlying foundation conditions for the design of the flood defences.



River Leannan

Environmental

Ecological surveys have been undertaken during 2026, including otter and fish habitat surveys and breeding bird surveys. Draft reports have been prepared as part of the environmental assessment work.

Bat surveys are complete, with reporting to follow. Trees, terrestrial habitats and mammal surveys are progressing. Wintering bird surveys are being planned. These surveys will inform the options assessment and environmental assessments required for the planning stage.

Cultural heritage assessments are also progressing, including consideration of historic structures and features within the scheme area. Landscape and visual assessment is ongoing. These assessments will inform the further development of the scheme.

Optioneering

The detailed options assessment has progressed, and the Options Report is being updated. A design workshop was held in August 2026 to discuss potential flood relief measures, and the outcomes are being considered as the options are developed.

Further drainage assessment and updated survey information will be considered in the updates to scheme Options and Stage 1 Final Report.

A Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application has been prepared and will be submitted to MARA in the next few weeks. Public consultation will be held to inform the options assessment and confirmation of the preferred scheme.

Details of the public consultation provided in advance.



Ramelton Quay Wall

What's Next?

Over the next few months, the Project Team will be working on:

- **Finalise ground investigations**
- **Finalise baseline ecological surveys**
- **Finalise Options Report**
- **Progress cultural heritage assessments**
- **Progress the marine consent application**

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