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Latest Overview

This is the eighteenth newsletter for the Ballybofey-Stranorlar Flood Relief Scheme. The main activities carried out since the previous newsletter include progressing the Options Report, Ground Investigations and Environmental Surveys.

Hydraulics

The baseline hydraulic model is used to assess the effectiveness of potential flood relief measures and the economic damage from flooding of property. The report on baseline hydraulics modelling is complete and identifies the properties at risk of flooding.

The results of the hydraulic modelling will continue to inform the options assessment and development of the flood relief scheme.

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) surveys are complete, with some additional survey works remaining to be completed in Ballybofey.

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 ground conditions in the areas where flood defences may be constructed.





River Finn - Ballybofey

Environmental

Ecological surveys have been undertaken throughout 2026, including otter and fish habitat surveys and breeding bird surveys. Draft reports have been prepared and are being reviewed.

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

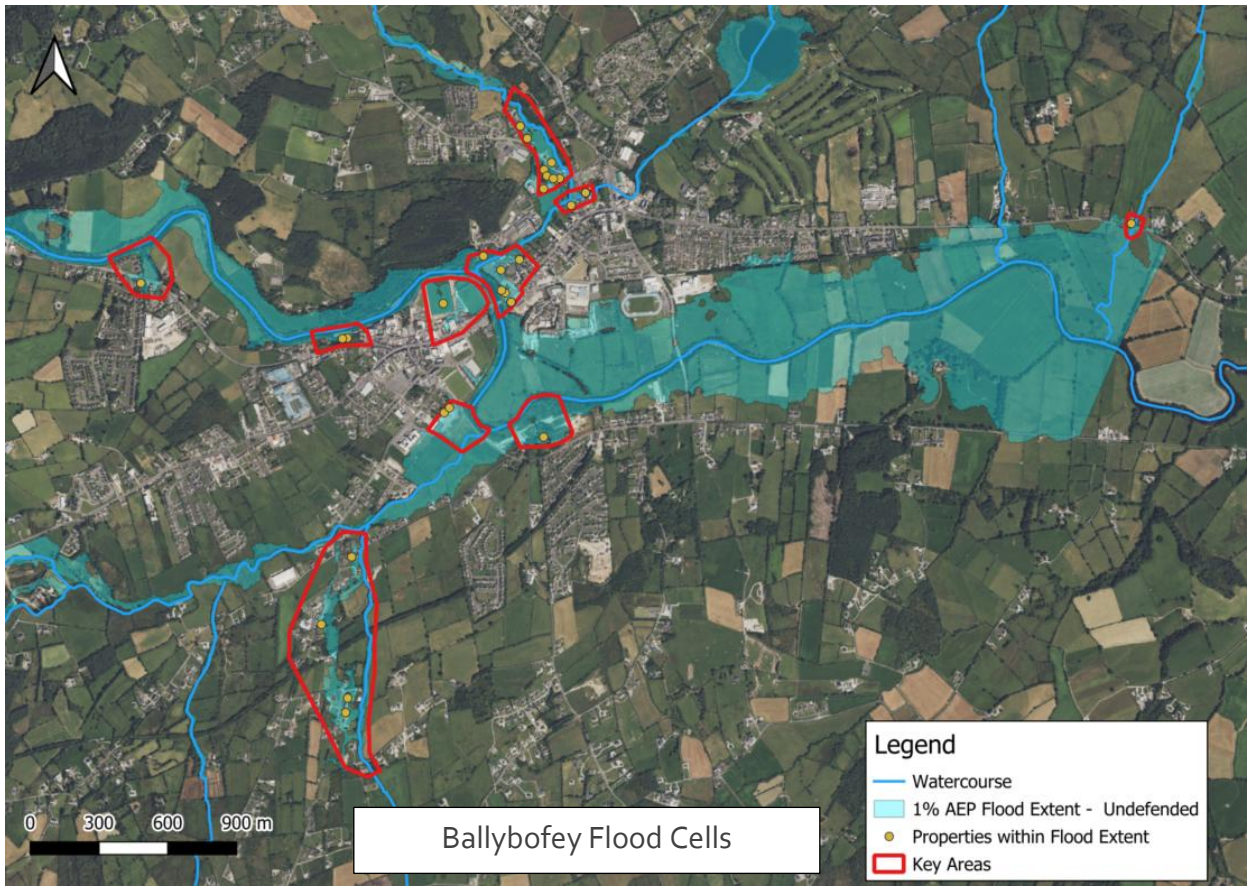
Tree and vegetation clearance works are proposed for 2027. These will provide access for surveys or other investigations needed to advance scheme designs. Tender documents have been prepared, and an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening is being finalised.

Optioneering

The detailed options assessment has progressed and is under consideration by the project team. The Options Report considers potential flood relief measures to help identify a suitable option for Ballybofey-Stranorlar.

The project team will continue to develop the options which will be presented to the public and stakeholders for consultation, helping to identify an emerging preferred option.

Upcoming public consultation details will be advertised in the newsletter and scheme website in advance.



What's Next?

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

- **Completion of ground investigations on site**
- **Complete top-up baseline ecological surveys**
- **Finalise options report**
- **Tree and vegetation clearance works contract**

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