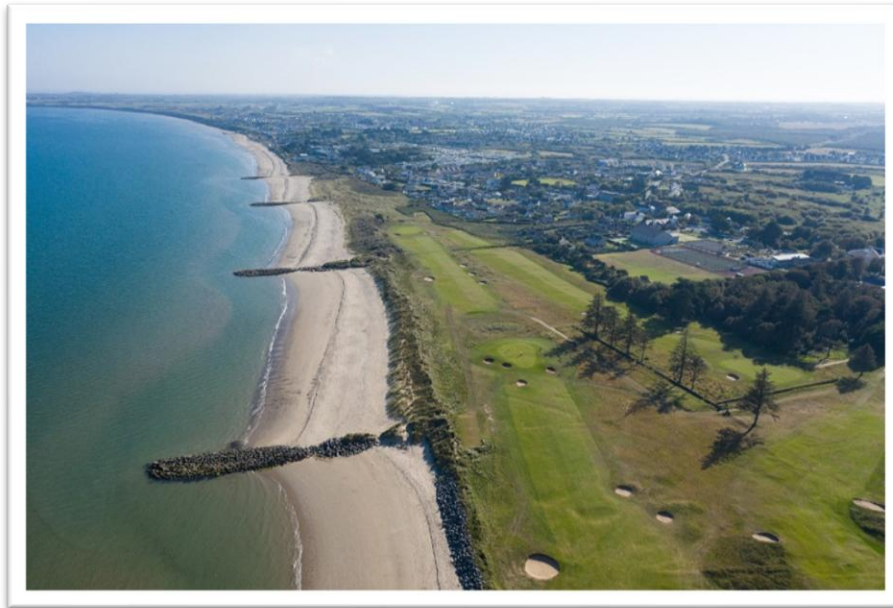


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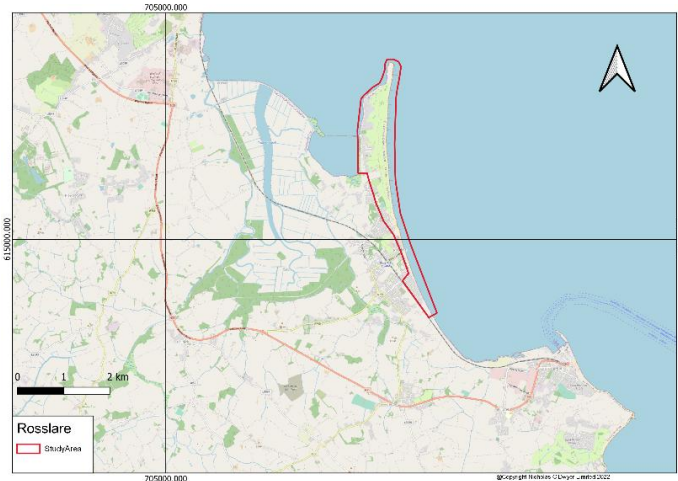
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SCHEME AREA

The scheme area is outlined by the red border on the map.



The scheme area consists generally of Rosslare Strand extending around Rosslare Point to the inner bay area by Burrow Road.

SCHEME TIMELINE

The project stages are:

- Stage 1 – Options assessment, scheme development, and preliminary design,
- Stage 2 – Consent processes and detailed design,
- Stage 3 – Tender preparation, process and award,
- Stage 4 – Construction,
- Stage 5 – Handover of works.

The duration for Stage 1 (options assessment, scheme development, and preliminary design) has been increased due to the complexity of the environment in which the options are being considered.

The east side and west side schemes will progress separately through the consenting, tendering, and construction stages as separate elements of the project.

East Side Timeline

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Stage 1							
Stage 2							
Stage 3							
Stage 4							
Stage 5							

Currently the scheme has an emerging preferred option for the erosion protection on the east (Rosslare Strand) side and will be proceeding to public participation regarding this option on August 20th 2026 in the Coast Rosslare Strand Hotel.

West Side Timeline

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Stage 1							
Stage 2							
Stage 3							
Stage 4							
Stage 5							

It is expected that the public participation for the west (Burrow Road) side emerging preferred option will take place during Q4 2026.

The west side (Burrow Road) flood defences are proceeding towards the emerging preferred option but additional environmental surveys were required due to the presence of Habitats Directive protected Annex 1 Habitats in close proximity to the road.

PROGRESS

East Side Erosion Protection

The initial outline design for the east side protection has been finalised and will be exhibited at the public participation event in the Coast Rosslare Hotel on 20th August from 4pm to 8pm.

This is an opportunity for comments to be made regarding the emerging preferred option so that the final design will include consideration of any additional comments.

There was severe erosion during January 2026 which is threatening Kellys Resort and it is expected that interim works will be carried out in Q4 2026 to stabilise this area.



1: Erosion at Kellys Resort in January 2026

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West Side Flood Protection:

The close proximity of habitats which are protected under the EU Habitats Directive has necessitated additional consultation with the NPWS to determine what level of disturbance is acceptable in this area.

As a result of the consultations additional habitat surveys have been carried out to confirm the precise locations of the Annex 1 habitats and the final design will be prepared to avoid causing significant impacts to these habitats.

The results of this habitats survey are expected in late July and the outline design of the flood protection will then take place. The emerging preferred option will be exhibited for public participation in Q4 2026.

Surveys:

Environmental background surveys are ongoing including a update of the breeding birds survey in summer 2026.

A drone survey of the beachfront is being commissioned for use in the design of the works for planning consent.

NEXT STEPS

The East Side Public Participation Day will take place on 20th August 2026 in the Coast Rosslare Strand Hotel from 4pm to 8pm.

The west side Public Participation Day will take place on Q4 2026 once the outline design is prepared.

A marine usage license (MUL) application has been submitted to allow for additional surveys within the area below the high tide line. This will enable additional surveys such as bed grab samples, underwater archaeology, and habitat sampling to be carried out to further inform the environmental reporting and the scheme design.

Planning:

Separate environmental reports and planning packs will be prepared for the east side and the west side and the tendering and construction of defences for each side will proceed separately as and when the required approvals are received.

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