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PPD 2 Materials

1 Introduction

The OPW has carried out a Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study for the Lee Catchment, which includes the Owenacurra and Dungourney River catchments, as well as tidal flood risk.

Cork County Council has recognised that groundwater and pluvial flooding are also very significant sources of flood risk in Midleton. A robust flood scheme for the town needs to address these flood sources. The scheme is therefore to be developed to defend properties at risk from all four sources of flooding.

Cork County Council, acting as Agents for the OPW, has commissioned Arup to develop a Flood Relief Scheme for Midleton.

This report provides details and analysis of the Public Participation Day (PPD) held on 7thMarch 2020. This was the second public participation day for the project. The aim was to inform the public and stakeholders of the progress made since the project commenced, and to outline a suite of potential options to alleviate flooding in the Midleton Area.

2 Public Participation Day Arrangements

2.1 Public Participation Day—Presentation of Viable Options

A PPD was held on Saturday 7thMarch 2020 in the Midleton Park Hotel. It was held on a Saturday as it was thought that this would maximise the number of potential attendees.

The purpose of the PPD was to present a suite of potential options to the general public and to seek feedback in order to identify a preferred scheme. The PPD was held between 11am and 6pm for members of the general public. The objectives of the Public Participation Day were to:

- Provide an update on progress to date
- Outline the Present-Day Flood Extent based on hydraulic model analysis
- Provide information and an opportunity to comment on the Potential Scheme Options
- · Obtain other information relevant to the Scheme
- Outline the next steps of the Scheme

The PPD was attended and staffed by members of Arup's engineering and environmental teams, representatives of the Office of Public Works and Cork County Council including an architect. Scheme representatives were available to answer questions from the members of the public who attended, to explain the potential options presented, and to accept feedback and information from the attendees.

2.2 Presentation to Councillors

A presentation was made to elected representatives prior to the PPD consultation on 2ndMarch at the East Cork and Cobh Municipal District meetings.

2.3 Advertising of the Public Participation Day

The project team prepared publicity brochure, posters, and letters to stakeholders, newspaper and radio advertisements.

Advertising of the PPD was undertaken in the local printed press and on local radio shows in the week preceding the event, as follows.

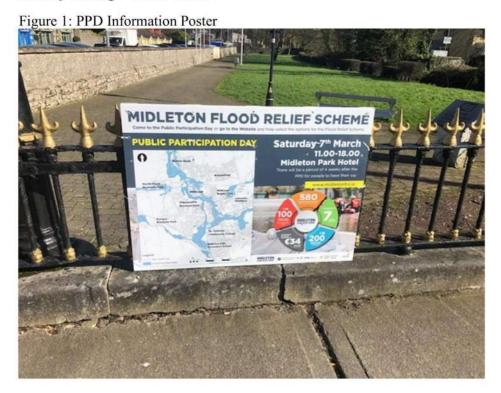
Advertisements in Local Press:

- East Cork Journal
- Irish Examiner

Advertisements on Local Radio:

- 96 FM
- C103

Information posters were located (10 no) throughout the town as shown in Figure 1 below. In addition, posters were put in place at bus and rail stops, and on railway carriage "arrow cards".



Invitations were sent to stakeholders and individuals who attended previous consultation days via email.

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The event was also publicised through the project website, the Cork County Council website, Irish Examiner website and CCC social media platforms (along with ECJ social media).

A number of articles written by various local and national news websites;

- East Cork Journal, 27-02-2020
- Irish Examiner, online article (Native content), (26-02-2020 to 06-03-2020)
- Irish Examiner, 09-03-2020
- https://www.c103.ie on 03/03/2020
- https://www.echolive.ie on 03/03/2020
- https://www.rte.ie on 04/03/2020
- https://www.thecork.ie on 06/03/2020

In addition, approx. 11,000 information leaflets were delivered to local residents.

2.4 Landowners Contact

A number of landowners who may not have been aware that they could be impacted by the options (for example, the upstream storage options) were contacted by letter prior to the PPD, inviting them to the PPD and directing to them to the website for further information.

3 Public Participation Day Materials

3.1 PPD2 Information Leaflet

A PPD Information Leaflet was produced for the scheme. This information leaflet outlined the PPD details, the level of protection the scheme will defend to, the number of properties defended and the estimated cost of the scheme. It included a map showing the present day flood extent of Midleton Town Centre and listed the potentially viable options that would be on display at the PPD. A copy of the information leaflet is attached in **Appendix A.**

3.2 PPD 2 Questionnaire

A questionnaire with pre-printed questions was provided to each attendee, in addition to the information leaflet. It provided an opportunity for members of the public to express their views on the potentially viable options presented at the PPD, in addition to other comments they may have had relating the scheme. A copy of the blank questionnaire is attached in Appendix A.

The return date for receipt of completed questionnaires was the 6 April 2020 however this was extended by 2 weeks, to April 22 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This extension was advertised on the project website, and on CCC social media. The East Cork Journal covered this extension on their publication on the 18-04-2020, as did the Irish Examiner on the 08-04-2020.

Information in addition to the questionnaires was also accepted on the day of the event or subsequently by post/email. A questionnaire with pre-printed questions was provided to each attendee. A copy of the blank questionnaire is attached in **Appendix A**.

3.3 PPD 2 Posters

The following posters were exhibited at the PPD:

- Scheme Objectives and Overview
- Public consultation process
- Fluvial Flood Extents
- Tidal Flood Extents
- Pluvial Flood Extents
- Preliminary Technical Assessment
- Area 1 Tir Cluain to Willowbank Options
- Area 2 Northern Relief Rd- Cork Rd Bidge Options
- Area 3 Town Centre and Bailick Rd Option
- Area 4 Lauriston and Rugby Club Options
- Area 5 Ballinacurra Options
- Area 6 Water Rock (inc. Dwyers Rd) Option
- Considerations of climate change
- Potential Future Developments
- Architectural Details

Copies of the posters are included in **Appendix A**.

3.4 PPD 2 Props

A scale model presenting a typical proposed defence wall cross section was displayed. A life size prop was also displayed demonstrating the likely maximum flood defence height, this was used to illustrate the defence height relative to attendees and the possible finishes that could be applied to a flood defence.

3.5 Project Website

The dedicated website was updated prior to the PPD. The website address www.midletonfrs.ie was publicised at the PPD, and attendees were informed that all information on display at the public exhibition, including information brochures, posters, questionnaires etc. would be available for download from the website.

It is intended to keep the website live for the duration of the scheme and for it to become a destination for interested members of the public to get project information and news and where project documentation can be made available for download.

4 Public Participation Day Outcome

4.1 Number of Attendees

Members of the public visiting the exhibition were invited to sign a visitors' list to enable a record of the number of attendees to be maintained. A total of 179 attendees signed the attendance list at the event in the Midleton Park Hotel. However, the total attendance was estimated to be approx.210 persons.

4.2 Public Response

It was considered that visitors to the PPD had, in the main, a good understanding of the proposals as presented at the exhibition. Feedback was generally positive. Most of those that attended had a particular interest in properties or lands in the study area and outlined the extent to which their properties had been affected by previous flood events.

There were a number of common topics the public raised as outlined below. Clarifications were also sought on the proposed options at particular locations across the study area. Most of these were reflected in the questionnaires and other submissions.

4.2.1 Common topics raised at the PPD

There occurring topics of public interest discussed with project representatives during the PPD are summarised below:

- Programme and construction start date
- Availability of Insurance
- Confirmation of Funding
- Climate Change
- Upstream Catchment Management / Natural Flood risk Management
- Dredging

A "Frequently Asked Questions" section has been added to the website with responses to these queries amongst others.

4.2.2 Returned Questionnaires

By 20thApril 2020(the extended closing date for receipt of comments), a total of 67questionnaires were returned.

4.3 Analysis of Questionnaires

A total of 67completed questionnaires were received.

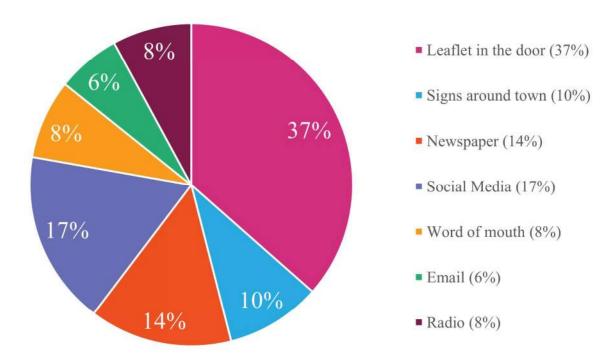
Outlined below is a summary of the information provided in the questionnaires.

4.3.1 Question 1 (Previous attendance)

When asked "Did you attend the first Public Participation Day held on 27th March 2017?" 37% of indicated they had while 63% of individuals indicated they had not or left the question unanswered.

4.3.2 Question 2 (PPD advertisement)

The breakdown of the responses to Question 2: "How did you hear about today's Public Participation Day?" are detailed below;



4.3.3 Question 3 (Areas of interest)

In order to assess the geographical areas in which people were most interested in, attendees were asked "What part of the study area have you a particular interest in?". This question was aided with a map to indicate the extent of the areas.



A number of responses indicated an interest in more than one area of the scheme. Analysis of this questions resulted in the below findings;



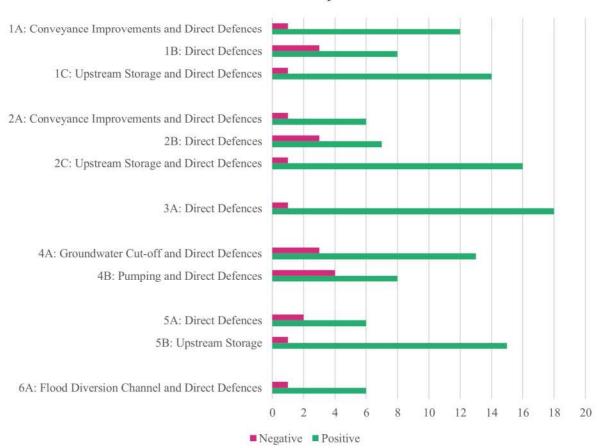
4.3.4 Question 4 (Preferred Option)

The purpose of question 4 was to assess which of the technically viable options presented were preferred. The outcome of this question will be used to inform the public perception section of the Multi Criteria Analysis.

It is noted that;

- Some responses indicated a preference to several of the options presented
- Some indicated a preference to options in areas they did not state they had an interest in (Question 3)
- One individual responded negatively to all the options across all areas presented at the PPD. They were advocating for solely Natural Flood Risk Management.

The analysis of the Question 4: "Of those presented and of interest to you, please indicate the option(s) you preferred?" is detailed below.



Public Preference of Options Presented

Area 1: (Tir Cluain to Willow Bank)

1C: Upstream Storage and Direct Defences received 14 positive responses and 1 negative response resulting in a net of 13 positive responses. There was a slight

preference for 1C: Upstream Storage and Direct Defences over 1A: Conveyance Improvements and Direct Defences (net of 11 positive responses). 1B: Direct Defences received 8 positive responses and 3 negative responses resulting in a net of 5 positive responses.

Despite 23 responses indicating an interest in this area (Question 3), 28 individuals indicated their option preference(s).

Area 2: (Tir Cluain to Willow Bank)

There was a significant preference for 2C: Upstream Storage and Direct Defences (net of 15 positive responses). 2A: Conveyance Improvements and Direct Defences received a net of 5 positive responses. While 2B: Direct Defences received a net of 4 positive responses.

Despite 14 responses indicating an interest in this area (Question 3), 23 individuals indicated their option preference(s).

Area 3: (Town Centre and Bailick Rd)

There was one technically viable option presented for Area 3. Analysis of the questionnaire showed 18 individuals responded positively to option 3A: Direct Defences with one individual responding negatively, a net of 17 positive responses.

28 responses stated they were interested in Area 3 (Question 3) however only 18 individuals expressed an opinion on the option presented.

Area 4: (Lauriston Estate/ Rugby Club)

There was an overall preference for 4A: Groundwater Cut-off and Direct Defences over 4B: Pumping and Direct Defences. There were 13 positive responses to 4A while 3 responded negatively, a net of 10 positive responses. 4B received 8 positive and 4 negative responses, a net of 4 positive responses.

18 individuals stated they were interested in Area 4 (Question 3) however 21 individuals expressed an opinion on the options presented.

Area 5: (Ballinacurra)

There was a significant preference for 5B: Upstream Storage (net of 14 positive responses) over 5A: Direct Defences (net of 4 positive responses) in the Ballinacurra area.

Despite 9 responses indicating an interest in this area (Question 3), 18 individuals indicated their option preference(s).

Area 6: (Water Rock including Dwyer's Rd)

There was one technically viable option presented for Area 6. Analysis of the questionnaire showed 6 positive responses to option 6A: Flood Diversion Channel and Direct Defences with one negative response, a net of 5 positive responses.

Despite 2 responses indicating an interest in this area (Question 3), 7 individuals indicated their option preference(s).

4.3.5 Question 5 (Environmental, Social, Visual, Heritage and Archaeological)

Question 5 was an opportunity for the public to give comments on the potential options presented;

"Having reviewed the details of the potential options, we would appreciate any comments you may have, for example, with regards to Environmental, Social, Visual, Heritage and Archaeological matters"

The responses to this question detailed a range of themes, including but not limited to;

- Natural Habitats
- Tidal Barrier
- Public Realm improvements
- Environmental impacts
- · Finishes of defences
- · Impacts on tourism

4.3.6 Question 6 (Other comments)

A number of topics were raised by the public in response to Question 6: "Please let us know if you have any other comments". The most common topics are listed below;

- Local drainage issues
- Clearing of debris from the water courses
- Climate Change
- Dredging
- Programme
- Passive scheme- no manual intervention required

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Responses to these common questions will be added to "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the project website.

4.4 Other Submissions Received

In addition to the returned questionnaires, 23other submissions were received by post/email following the PPD. These comprised of the following:

- Submission from O'Farrell's Funeral Home
- Submission from local resident suggesting tidal barrier
- Submission from Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Submission from Blackpool Developments Ltd. regarding Areas 2 and 6
- Submission from local resident regarding Area 4 Lauriston
- Submission from local resident regarding Area 5 Ballinacurra
- Submission from Ballyvodock Road Residents Group
- 2No. submissions from Irish Distillers Limited, Midleton
- Submission from Midleton 'My Town, My Plan'
- 11 emails from individuals which stated they were opposed to all options presented (4 of which were received after the deadline)

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Appendix A

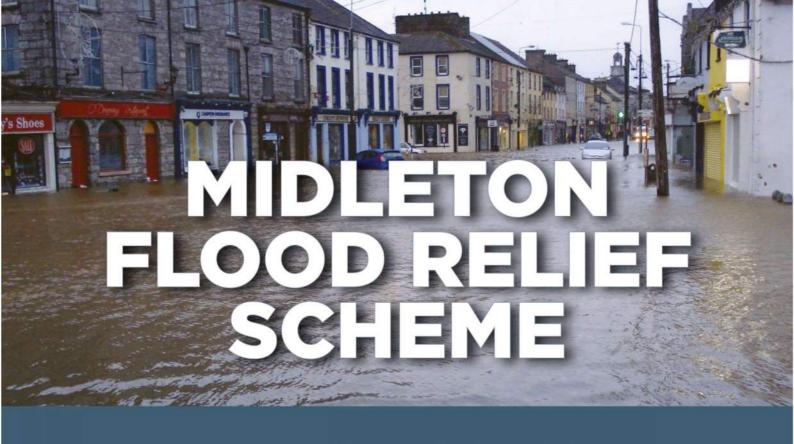
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A1 Information Leaflet

A copy of the PPD Information Leaflet is provided overleaf.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DAY

Saturday 7th March **Midleton Park Hotel** 11.00-18.00















INTRODUCTION

Cork County Council, working with the Office of Public Works, has commissioned Arup to develop a Flood Relief Scheme for the Midleton Area, including Water Rock and Ballinacurra. The purpose of the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme is to assess and develop a viable, cost effective and sustainable Flood Relief Scheme to alleviate flooding in the Midleton Area.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This is the second public participation day for the project.

Our aim is to inform the public and stakeholders of the progress made since we began this project, and to outline a suite of potential options to alleviate flooding in the Midleton Area.

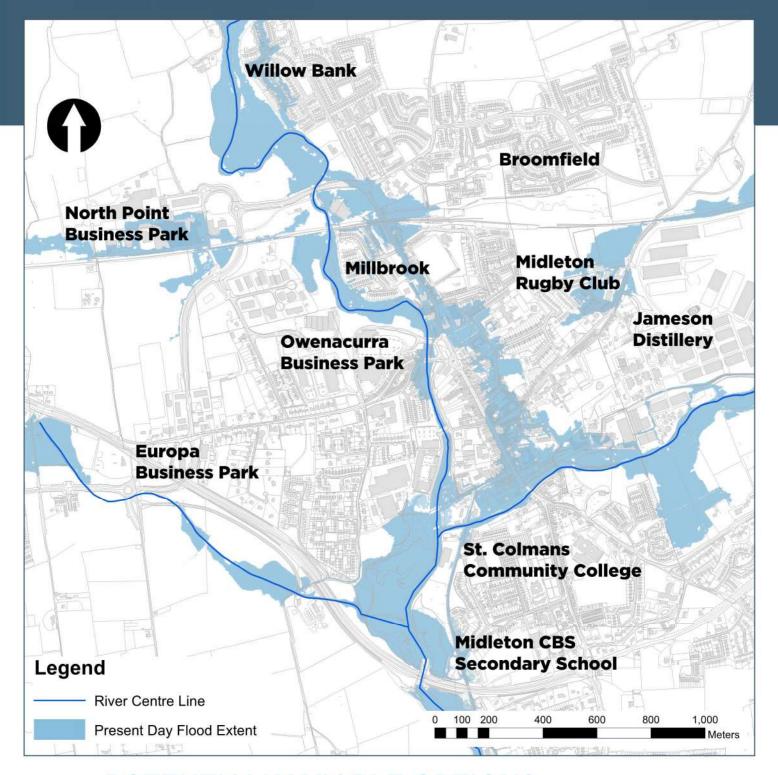












POTENTIALLY VIABLE OPTIONS

As part of the ongoing project work, a series of flood risk management measures have been identified and developed by Arup.

These potentially viable options will be presented at the Public Participation Day and include the following:

- Upstream storage
- Direct flood defences
- Diversion channels or culverts
- Conveyance improvements
- Pumping

A combination of some of these measures will be brought forward to make up the proposed Flood Relief Scheme.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

All comments received in response to this Public Participation Event will be examined by Cork County Council and the Office of Public Works and will be considered when developing the Emerging Preferred Option for the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme.

A further Public Participation Day will be held once the Emerging Preferred Option has been identified.

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT

Cork County Council and the Office of Public Works want to consider all viewpoints in relation to the Options being proposed. This is your opportunity to take part and make your views and comments known. Following this public participation event, the Emerging Preferred Option will be developed and the scheme will be finalised. Time spent communicating your views on the proposed options is appreciated.

The general public and all interested parties are invited to give their opinions on the proposed options. Please examine the range of proposed options on display at the Public Participation Day and online on the project website www. midletonfrs.ie and let your views be known before **Monday 6th April 2020** by:

- Completing and returning the Questionnaire at the Public Participation Day, or
- 2. Emailing us at midletonfrs@arup.com, or
- 3. Writing to the address below

Contact Us

All queries, questionnaires and comments in relation to this project can be addressed to:

Bairbre O'Breasail Project Manager Arup One Albert Quay Cork

Tel: +353 (021) 422 3200 Email: midletonfrs@arup.com

www.midletonfrs.ie









A2 Questionnaire

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Midleton Flood Relief Scheme PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DAY NO.2 OPTIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please complete this questionnaire and return to Bairbre O'Breasail, Arup, One Albert Quay, Cork, T12 X8N6, or midletonfrs@arup.com by Monday 6th April 2020)

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1. Did you attend the first Public Participa	tion D	ay held on 23 rd March 2017? Yes 🗆 No 🗆
2. How did you hear about today's Public	Partic	ipation Day?
3. What part of the study area have you a	parti	cular interest in (indicate with 🗸)?
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Area 2: (Northern Relief Rd to Cork Rd Bridge)		
Area 3: (Town Centre and Bailick Rd)		Area 4
Area 4: (Lauriston Estate/ Rugby Club)		Area 3
Area 5: (Ballinacurra)		Area 6
Area 6: (Water Rock including Dwyer's Rd)		Area 5

4. Of those presented and of interest to you, please indicate the option(s) you preferred?

Area 1: (Tir Cluain to Willow Be	ank)	
1A: Conveyance Improvements and Direct Defences	Yes	No
1B: Direct Defences	Yes	No
1 C: Upstream Storage and Direct Defences	Yes	No
Area 2: (Northern Relief Rd to Cork F	Rd Bridge)	
2A: Conveyance Improvements and Direct Defences	Yes	No
2B: Direct Defences	Yes	No
2C: Upstream Storage and Direct Defences	Yes	No
Area 3: (Town Centre and Bailic	k Rd)	
3A: Direct Defences	Yes	No
Area 4: (Lauriston Estate/ Rugby	Club)	
4A: Groundwater Cut-off and Direct Defences	Yes	No
4B: Pumping and Direct Defences	Yes	No
Area 5: (Ballinacurra)	* *	3 10
5A: Direct Defences	Yes	No
5B: Upstream Storage	Yes	No
Area 6: (Water Rock including Dwy	ver's Rd)	- A
6A: Flood Diversion Channel and Direct Defences	Yes	No











5. Having reviewed the details of the potential options, we would appreciate any comments you may have, for example, with regards to Environmental, Social, Visual, Heritage and Archaeological matters:	
6. Please let us know if you have any other comments:	
Name (optional):	
Address (optional):	
Email (optional): Phone (optional):	
I agree to Cork County Council using my contact details to inform me regarding this scheme.	
Signed:	
Privacy & Data Protection:	
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Personal information collected by Cork County Council is done so in order for us to engage with you in relation to the Midleton Flood Relief Scheme. Legally we can process this information as you have given your consent by signing this form. If you wish to remove your name from this list email midletonfrs@arup.com. The protection of your personal data is a key priority for the Council and your data will be processed in line with our Privacy policy which is available at https://www.corkcoco.ie/privacy-statement-cork-county-council or hardcopy from our offices at County Hall, Carrigrohane Road Cork, Ireland. Should you have any questions about our privacy policy or the information we hold about you please contact us by email to dpo@corkcoco.ie or write to us at Data Protection Officer, Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road Cork, Ireland.

A3 Posters

Copies of the posters are provided overleaf.

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Scheme Objectives and Overview



Viable, Cost-effective and Sustainable Flood Relief Scheme

Cork County Council has commissioned Arup to assess and develop a viable, cost-effective and sustainable Flood Relief Scheme.

The Project Team includes Cork County Council (CCC), the Office of Public Works (OPW) and Arup (Consulting Engineers). Shown is an indicative flow chart outlining the process from inception through to construction for the Flood Relief Scheme.

Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment

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CFRAMS Study Flood Risk Assessment and Management



Prioritisation of Scheme



December 2015 Flood Event



Construction



Indicative Flow chart

Detailed Design and Procurement 2022



Statutory Consent Process 2021



Development of Scheme Midleton FRS commenced December 2016





Public Involvement

The purpose of this Public Participation Day (PPD) is to:

- · Provide an update on progress to date
- Outline the Present Day Flood Extent based on hydraulic model analysis
- Provide information and an opportunity to comment on the Potential Scheme Ontions
- Obtain other information relevant to the Scheme
- · Outline the next steps of the scheme

Members of the project team are present today to answer any questions you have, or take note of any relevant information. A questionnaire is available for you to complete and return with your comments, or please email us at midletonfrs@arup.com

Following this public consultation, there will be further opportunities for involvement through attendance at future information days, when updates on the scheme progress will be presented.























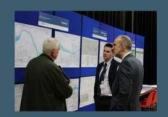
Public Consultation Process



Stakeholder Input and Consultation

An important element of the Scheme involves consultation with all interested parties including the public to give their views on the viable options, thereby influencing the decision-making process. All comments are considered and, where relevant, further updates to the options will be carried out.





Public Participation Day No.1

23rd March 2017

- Constraints study explained
- Overview of potential
- · Your views were sought



What has happened since?

- Hydrology Analysis and Hydraulic Modelling
- Development of Viable Options



Public Participation Day No.2





What happens next?

- Multi Criteria Analysis taking into consideration feedback from the public
 Detailed Geotechnical Investigations
- Development of Emerging Preferred Option



Public **Participation** Day No.3



What happens then?

- Scheme Review
 Production of Scheme Documentation
- Environmental Impact Assessment



Statutory Consent **Process**

And then?

- Detailed DesignProcurement and Construction







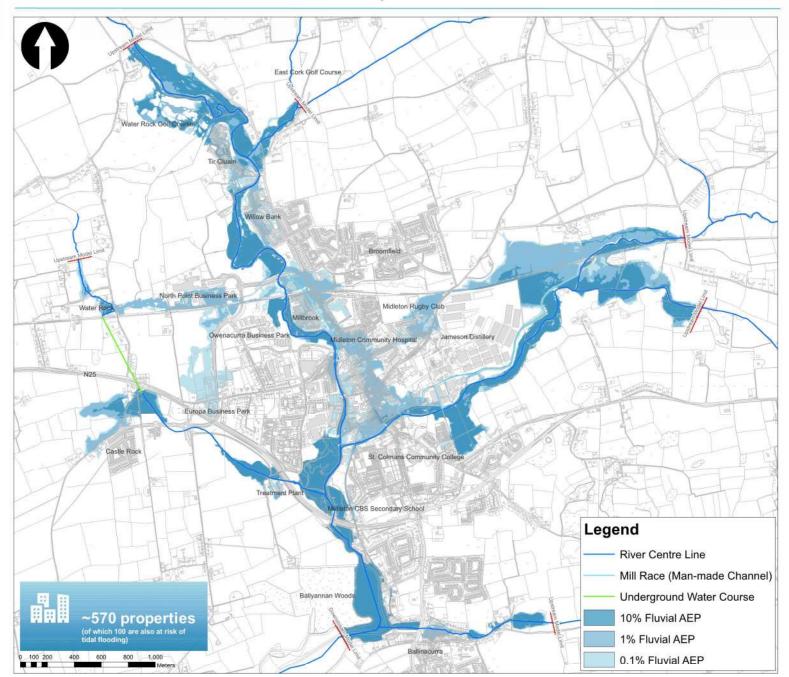




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Predictive Fluvial Flood Extent Map



Fluvial (River) Flooding

Fluvial flooding occurs when rivers and streams break their banks and water flows out onto the adjacent low-lying areas.

The fluvial flood risk to Midleton Town is from the Owenacurra River, its tributaries (Elfordstown and Glenathonacash Streams), the Owenacurra Millrace and the Dungourney River.

The fluvial flood risk to Ballinacurra is from the Ballinacurra Stream.

The fluvial flood risk to the Water Rock area is from the Water Rock Stream.

The 'predictive' flood map shows areas that are predicted to be flooded during a theoretical or 'design' flood event with an estimated probability of occurrence. In other words, a computer model has predicted that these areas would flood in a design flood event. It is not based on flood records from actual flood events in the past.

The map refers to flood event probabilities in terms of a percentage Annual Exceedance Probability, or 'AEP'.

Annual Exceedance Probability	Odds of Occurrence in a Given Year	Return Period (Years)
10% (High Probability)	10:1	10
1% (Medium Probability)	100:1	100
0.1% (Low probability)	1000 : 1	1000

Annual Exceedance Probability Definition

The size of a flood is described in terms of its probability (or how likely it is to occur).

Take the example of the 1 in 100 year flood:

The 1 in 100 year flood is the same as the 1% AEP flood.

This is a large flood with;

·Very large volumes of flood water

Very high flood levels

•A large area of land, not normally covered by water is covered by flood water

But the probability (or likelihood) of this flood occurring is low;

•Every single year there is a 1 in 100 chance or 1% probability of this flood occurring

And compare to the example of the 1 in 10 year flood:

The 1 in 10 year flood is the same as the 10% AEP flood.

This is a much lower sized flood with;

during the 1 in 100 year flood

- •A volume of flood water, greater than normal conditions, but much less than during the 1 in 100 year flood
- Flood levels higher than normal conditions, but much less than during the 1 in 100 year flood
 An area of land not normally covered by water is covered by flood water, but much less than

And the probability (or likelihood) of this flood occurring is much higher than the 1 in 100 year flood; •Every single year there is a 1 in 10 chance or 10% probability of this flood occurring













Predictive Tidal Flood Extent Map (in combination with Fluvial Event)



Tidal/ Coastal Flooding

Tidal flooding may occur during a surge event in the Atlantic Ocean.

The 'predictive' flood map shows areas predicted to be flooded during a theoretical or 'design' flood event with an estimated probability of occurrence, rather than information for actual floods that have occurred in the past.

Annual Exceedance Probability	Odds of Occurrence in a Given Year	Return Period (Years)
10% (High Probability)	10:1	10
0.5% (Medium Probability)	200:1	200
0.1% (Low probability)	1000:1	1000

The map refers to flood event probabilities in terms of a percentage Annual Exceedance Probability, or 'AEP'. This represents the probability of an event of this, or greater, severity occurring in any given year. These probabilities may also be expressed as odds (e.g. 200 to 1) of the event occurring in any given year. They are also commonly referred to in terms of a return period (e.g. the 200-year flood), although this period is not the length of time that will elapse between two such events occurring, as, although unlikely, two very severe events may occur within a short space of time.





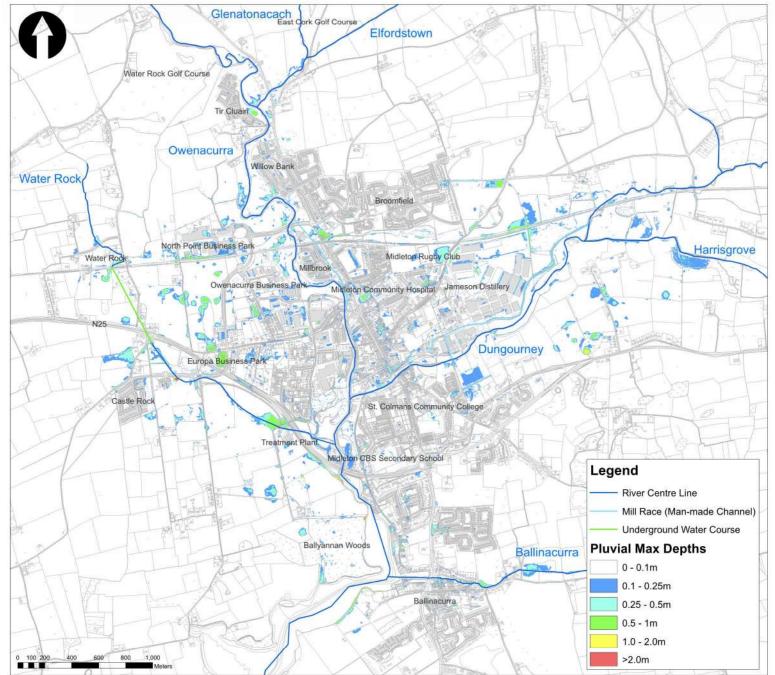








Predictive Pluvial Extent Map



Scale 1:7,000

Pluvial Flooding

Pluvial flooding occurs when the capacity of the local urban drainage network is exceeded during periods of intense rainfall. At these times, the rain water can collect at low points and cause flooding.

The 'predictive' flood map shows areas that are predicted to be flooded during a theoretical or 'design' flood event with an estimated probability of occurrence. In other words, a computer model has predicted that these areas would flood in a design flood event. It is not based on flood records from actual flood events in the past.









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Preliminary Technical Assessment of the Flood Alleviation Engineering Measures 2 of 2



Non Viable Measures (not included in Options Development)

The measures found to be unviable as part of the Preliminary Technical Assessment are detailed below and on sheet 1 of 2.







Direct defences greater than 3.5m for Water Rock Stream at Water Rock House (upstream of cave

Not considered viable for following reasons:

- Excessively high defences required and are located adjacent to existing residential properties
- Negative impact on landscape and visual
 Limited scope for climate change adaptability

Dredging

Dredging of the river bed is not technically viable in the tidally dominated reach as the maximum water level of the tide will still be reached regardless of how much the elevation of the bed may be reduced. Dredging in the <u>fluvially dominated</u> reach is deemed viable in combination with other measures and has

Dredging as an isolated measure in the fluvially dominated reach is not considered viable for the following reasons:

Significant negative environmental impact

Extensive underpinning of the existing bridges would be required which would be technically very challenging

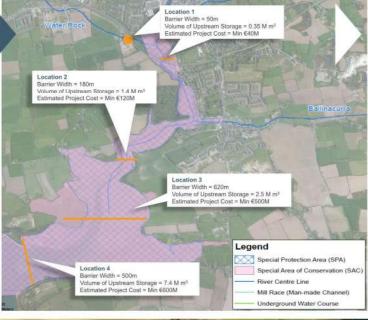
Tidal Barrier

A tidal (or storm surge) barrier is a fully or partly moveable barrier structure which is located across a river or estuary. It can be closed temporarily to prevent the ingress of a tidal surge upstream of the barrier in order to reduce the frequency and severity of tidal flooding. During normal conditions, the barrier is kept open to allow for tidal exchange and

A key technical consideration of implementing a barrier is to ensure there is a sufficient volume upstream of the barrier for storing water from the Owenacurra and Dungourney rivers when the barrier is closed to prevent

Circa 2.6M m³ of storage for water from the rivers is required for a 1 in 100 year fluvial flood event. Four tidal barrier locations were investigated as shown.

The available storage volume upstream of each barrier location assumes water can be stored to a level of 2.5mOD (existing threshold of flooding at Bailick Road).



Viability of a Tidal Barrier

Not considered viable for a number of

- Direct defences still required to protect the areas of the town that are at risk from both
- fluvial flooding and tidal flooding i.e. Lower Main St and Baby Walk area.

 2. Tidal barrier project cost estimates are significantly greater than the total economic benefit of the scheme.
- Owenacurra estuary is a European designated site Special Area of Protection (SPA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Construction of a tidal barrier would result in significant environmental impacts.

However, due to the increasing tidal risk associated with rising sea levels in an extreme future climate scenario, a tidal surge barrier or tidal barrage located within the East and West Passage of Cork Harbour will be considered as part of the Climate Change Adaptation strategy of the scheme









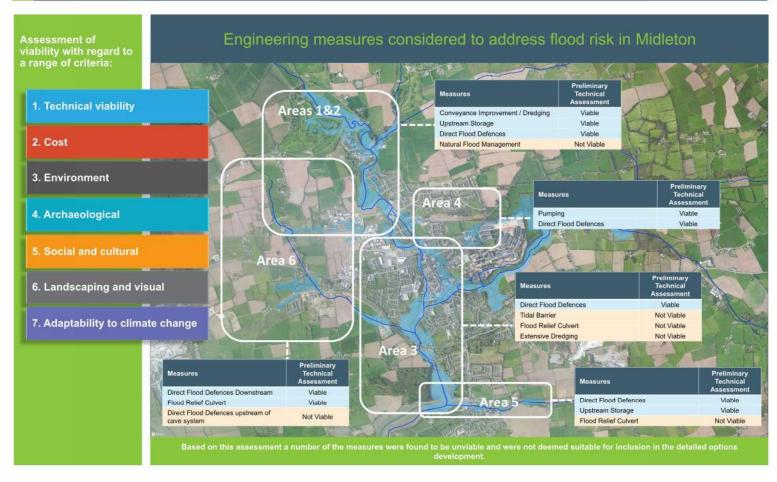


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Preliminary Technical Assessment of the Flood Alleviation Engineering Measures 1 of 2





Non Viable Measures (not included in Options Development)

The measures found to be not viable as part of the Preliminary Technical Assessment are detailed below and on sheet 2 of 2.







Flood diversion culvert for the **Dungourney River**

- Not considered viable for following reasons:
 Significant clashes with existing services
 Negative environmental impacts during isolation of channel to facilitate flow diversion
- Significant disruption during constructionSignificant works required upstream of the diversion

Flood diversion culvert for the Ballinacurra

Not considered viable for following reasons:

- Significant clashes with existing services
 Negative environmental impacts during isolation of channel to facilitate flow diversion
 Significant disruption during construction
 Significant works required upstream of the diversion

Natural Flood Management (NFM)

NFM is the alteration, restoration or use of small scale localised landscape features to reduce flood risk by storing flow.

Not considered viable for the following reasons:

- Not effective for large flows and therefore can not offer the required standard of protection of the scheme In combination with other measures, it would require
- extensive change of use of large tracts of private land, thus requiring significant landowner agreements.

 Difficult to achieve logistically both for construction and
- maintenance in the long term



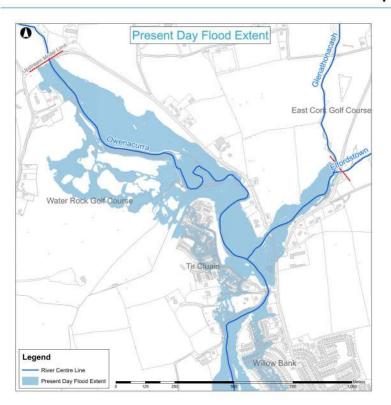


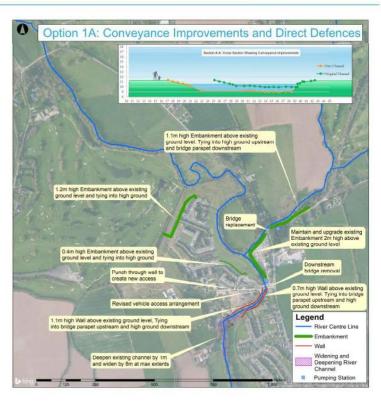


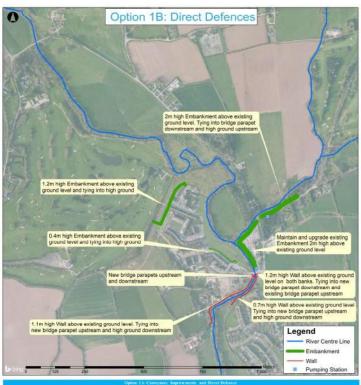


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Area 1: Tir Cluain to Willowbank Options











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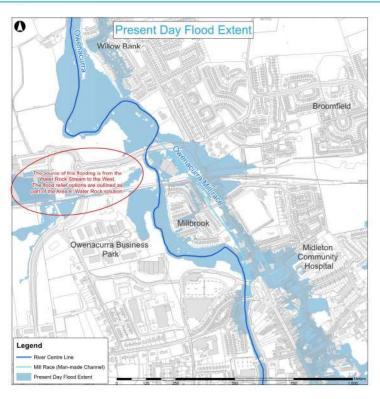




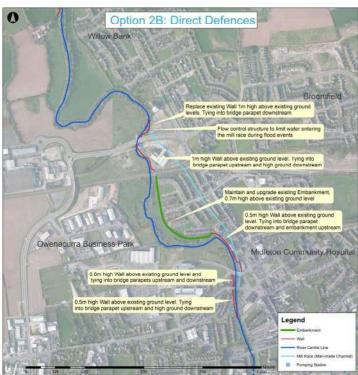


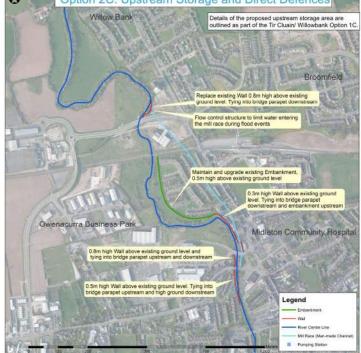
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Area 2: Northern Relief Rd to Cork Rd Bridge Options









This option involves the improvement of the river flow	Biodiversity/Water Quality
(conveyance) and construction of direct defences.	Construction works have the potential to result in: Tree Removal where bankside works proposed
In this area, the main proposed works are as follows:	Impact on Bat Habitat where tree/scrub removal or bridge works proposed
Wall replacement at site north of Northern Relief Rd	Impact on Bird Habitat where tree/scrub removal proposed
Flow control structure at mill race entrance on site	Impact on Otter Habitat where bankside works proposed
north of Northern Relief Rd	Impact on Water Quality of salmonid river where instream works/drodging works proposed
Removal of minor bridge downstream of Northern	 Impact on Fisheries Habitat where flow control structure proposed
Relief Rd	
 Wall at rear of River Wharf (typ. 0.5m high) 	Visual
 Wall between Tesco bridge and Cork Rd bridge (typ. 	Potential for visual impacts/change in character of landscape to nearby residents and the public due to
0.8m high)	Tree Removal and/or location of Flood Defences in the Public Realm
 Wall at The Woodlands (typ. 0.5m high) 	
	Archaeological/Architectural Heritage
Estimated Project Cost for Area 1 and Area 2:	Construction works have the potential to impact:
€9.5-10.5 million	Cork Road Bridge which is listed in the RMP (CO076-106) and NIAH (20830013).

comparison to Option B. Impact on Bird Habitat where tree/scrub removal proposed Impact on Otter Habitat where bankside works proposed		
In this area, the main proposed works are as follows • Impact on Water Quality of salmonid river where instream works proposed		
Wall replacement at site north of Northern Relief Impact on Fisheries Habitat where instream works proposed Rd		
Flow control structure at mill race entrance on site Visual	Visual	
north of Northern Relief Rd Potential for visual impacts/change in character of landscape to nearby rosidents are	d the public due t	
 Wall at rear of River Wharf (typ. 0.3m high) Tree Removal and/or location of Flood Defences in the Public Realm 		
Wall between Tesco bridge and Cork Rd bridge (typ.		
0.8m high) Archaeological/Architectural Heritage		
 Wall at The Woodlands (typ, 0.5m high) Construction works have the potential to impact. 		
Cork Road Bridge which is listed in the RMP (CO076-106) and NIAH (20830013).		
Estimated Project Cost for Area 1 and Area 2:		
68.5-9 milion Access/Amenity		
Temporary loss of amenity at Water Rock Golf Course upstream during flood even	la.	

this area, the main proposed works are as follows: Wall replacement at site north of Northern Relief Re Flow control Structuren et mil race entrance on site north of Northern Relief Rd Wall at rear of River Wharf (typ, 0.5m high) Wall between Tesco bridge and Cork Rd bridge (typ, 0.8m high)

Estimated Project Cost for Area 1 and Area 2: 68.5-9 milion

Archaeological/Architectural Heritage
Construction works have the potential to impact:
Cork Road Bridge which is listed in the RMP (CO076-106) and NIAH (20830013).



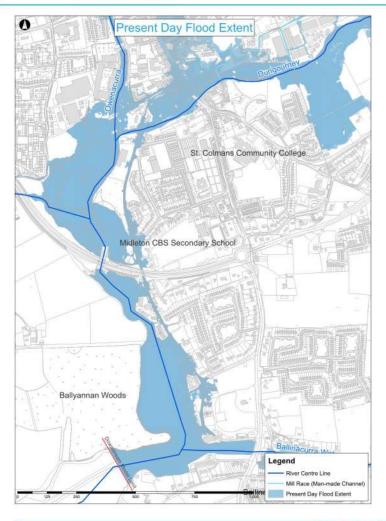


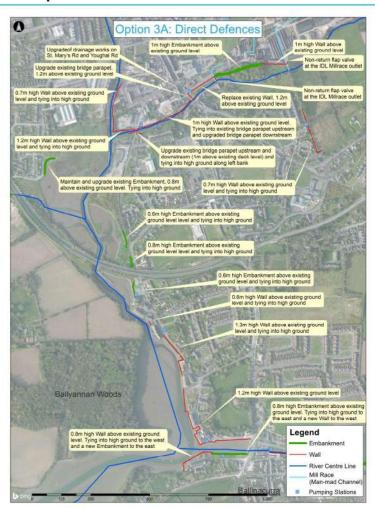




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Area 3: Town Centre and Bailick Road Option





Option 3A - Direct Defences Only

This option involves the construction of direct defences.

Description

In this area, the main proposed works are as follows:

- Embankment at People's Park (typ. 1m high)
- Wall replacement (typ. 1.2m high) and Lewis Bridge parapet upgrade works at Baby Walk
- Wall at rear of Funeral Home (typ.1.2m high)
- Wall at ESB site (typ. 0.7m high)
- Embankments at Choctaw Memorial Park on Bailick Road (typ. 0.6 and 0.8m high)
- Walls along Bailick Rd (typ. 1.2-1.3m high)
- Embankment at South Quay (typ. 0.8m high)

Estimated Project Cost for Area

€14.5-15.5 million

Biodiversity/Water Quality

Construction works have the potential to result in:

 Impact on the Cork Harbour SPA and Great Island Channel SAC due to construction of Embankments at Choctaw Memorial Park

Constraints

- Tree Removal where bankside works proposed
- Impact on Bat Habitat where tree/scrub removal or bridge works proposed
- Impact on Bird Habitat where tree/scrub removal proposed
- Impact on Otter Habitat where bankside works proposed
- Impact on Water Quality of salmonid river where instream works proposed
- Impact on Fisheries Habitat where instream works proposed

Visua

Potential for visual impacts/change in character of landscape to nearby residents and the public due to Tree Removal and location of Flood Defences in the Public Realm

Archaeological/Architectural Heritage

Construction works have the potential to impact:

- The Lewis Bridge which is a Protected Structure (PS 40) listed in the Midleton Local Area Plan (2013).
- The bridge is also listed in the RMP (CO076-073002), and NIAH (20830067).
- Midleton House which is a Protected Structure (PS 51) listed in the Midleton Local Area Plan (2013). It is also listed in the NIAH (20830097).
- Gasworks complex (late 19th century) which is listed in the RMP (CO076-115)
- Quayside warehouse which is a Protected Structure (PS00517) on the Cork County Development Plan (2014). The
 warehouse is also listed in the RMP (CO076-111) and (NIAH 20907624).
- Charleston Maltings which is a Protected Structure (PS 00521) on the Cork County Development Plan (2014). The maltings is also listed in the RMP (CO076-074) and NIAH (20907627).
- Maltings listed in the RMP (CO076-080).
- Wall to the south of Midleton Distillery complex which is Protected Structure (PS 1) in Midleton LAP (2013). The
 distillery complex is also listed in the RMP (CO076-025) and NIAH (20830052-065). The outbuilding (NIAH
 20830064) and warehouse (20830060) lie adjacent to a proposed wall in this area.
- Burnt Mound which listed in the RMP (CO076-138) located c. 50m to the southwest of a proposed embankment.
 This RMP site will not be impacted by proposed works but similar subsurface sites may exist in this low-lying area.



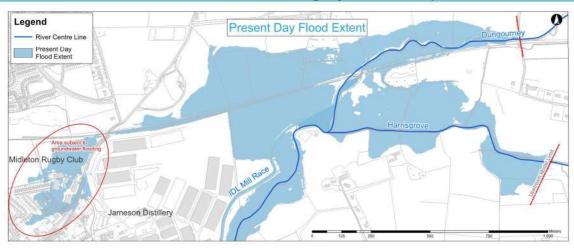


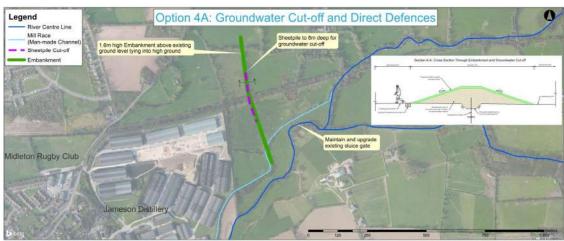




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Area 4: Lauriston Estate/ Rugby Club Options







Option 4A- Cut-offs and Overland Direct Defences	
Description	Constraints
This option involves the construction of direct defences for flavial flood and groundwater cut-offs. In this area, the main proposed works are as follows: Enbankment east of IDL site (typ. 1.6m high) Sheetpile to 8m depth for groundwater cut-off Estimated Project Cost for Area 4: 62-2.5 million	Biodiversity/Water Quality Construction works have the potential to result in: Tree Removal where bankside works proposed Impact on Bat and Bird Habitat where tree/scrub removal proposed Impact to groundwater regime within the gravel aquifer (however impact to limestone aquifer, and therefore impact to groundwater abstraction, is considered to be negligible) Visual Potential for visual impacts/change in character of landscape due to location of Flood Defences across proposed Greenway. Archaeological/Architectural Heritage Bunt mound (CO076-134) and fullacht fia (CO076-026) lie c. 100m and 80m respectively outside the proposed embankment. These sites will not be impacted by development works but similar subsurface sites may exist in this low lying area. Access/Amenity Potential impact to amenity value of the proposed Greenway (former Midleton to Youghal trainline).

This option involves the construction of direct defences and pumping station.	Biodiversity/Water Quality Construction works have the potential to result in: Tree Removal where bankside works proposed
In this area, the main proposed works are as follows:	Impact on Bat and Bird Habitat where tree/scrub removal proposed
 Embankment east of railway line bridge (typ. 1.6m 	Visual
high)	Potential for visual impacts/change in character of landscape due to location of Flood Defences across proposed Greenway.
Pumping station	
	Archaeological/Architectural Heritage
Estimated Project Cost for Area 4:	Proposed works will not impact on any known/recorded archaeological or architectural sites in this area
€0.5-1 million	
	Access/Amenity
	Potential impact to amenity value of the proposed Greenway (former Midleton to Youghal trainline).



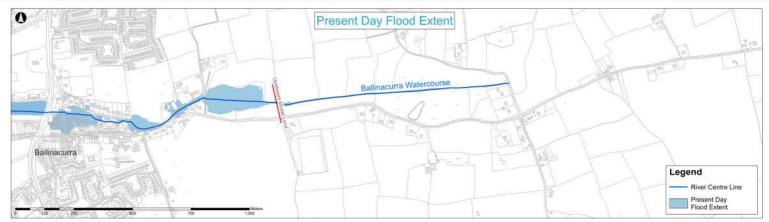


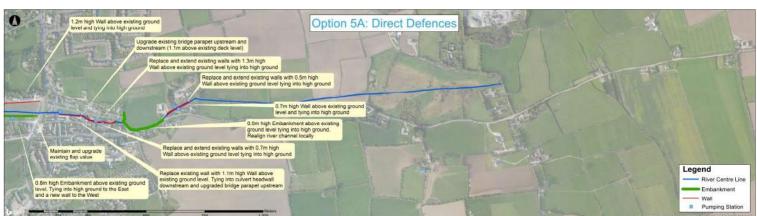




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Area 5- Ballinacurra Options







Description Description Constraints This option involves the construction of direct Construction works have the potential to result in:

proposed

construction of direct defences.

In this area, the main proposed works are as follows:

- Replacement of existing walls at Lower Rd (typ. 1.1m high)
- Replacement and extending existing walls @ Gearagh Rd (typ. 1.1m)
- Realignment of channel at Kearney's Cross

Estimated Project Cost for Area 5: €5-5.5million Potential for visual impacts/change in character of landscape to nearby residents and the public due to Tree Removal and location of Flood Defences in the Public Realm

Tree Removal where bankside works

Impact on Bat and Bird Habitat where

Impact on Water Quality of river where

Impact on Fisheries Habitat where instream

tree/scrub removal proposed

instream works proposed

works proposed

Visual

Archaeological/Architectural Heritage

Proposed works will not impact on any known/recorded archaeological or architectural sites in this area

Description

This option involves the construction of an upstream storage area to store flood water during a flood event.

In this area, the main proposed works are as follows:

- West Embankment north of Geragh Rd (typ. 2m high)
- East Embankment north of Geragh Rd (typ. 1.3m high)
 Flow Control Structure
- Realignment of channel at Kearney's Cross

Estimated Project Cost for Area 5:

€1-1.5million

Option 5B-Upstream Storage

Biodiversity/Water Quality

Construction works have the potential to result in:

- Tree Removal where bankside works proposed
- Impact on Bat and Bird Habitat where tree/scrub removal proposed
- Impact on Water Quality of river where instream works proposed
- Impact on Fisheries Habitat where instream works proposed

Visual

Potential for visual impacts/change in character of landscape to nearby residents due to Tree Removal and location of Flood Defences

Archaeological/Architectural Heritage

Construction works have the potential to impact:

- Fulacht Fia listed in the RMP (CO076-064) adjacent to a proposed embankment (2m high). Additional subsurface fulachta fia/features may be present in this low-lying area close to the stream. Burial which is listed in the RMP (CO076-052) within
- Burial which is listed in the RMP (CO076-052) within proposed upstream storage area.
- Tower house listed in the RMP (CO076-051) situated to the north of a proposed embankment (1.3m high).
 Potential visual impact by embankment.

Access/Amenity

Temporary disruption to farmland use within the storage area during a flood event.





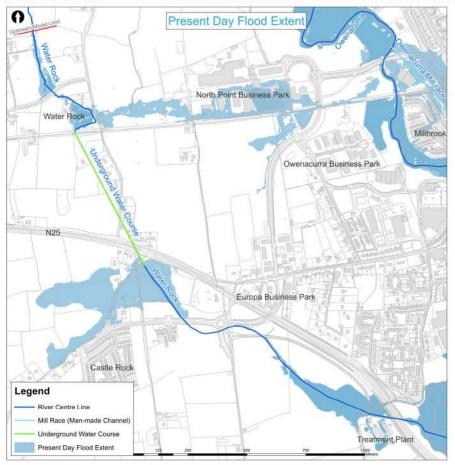


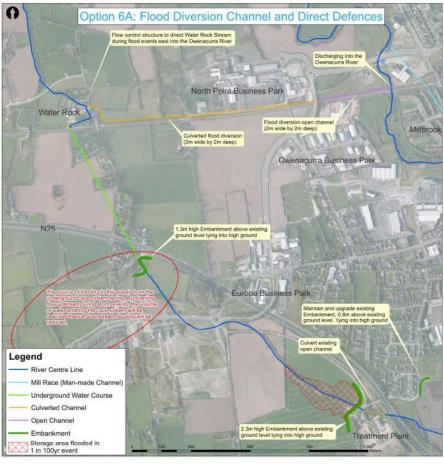




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Area 6: Water Rock (including Dwyer's Road) Option





Option 6A- Flood Diversion Channel and Direct Defences

Description

This option involves the construction of flood diversion channel/culvert to divert the watercourse during a flood event, and direct defences downstream.

In this area, the main proposed works are as follows:

- Flood Diversion Channel and Culvert from Water Rock stream to Owenacurra
- Upgrade of existing Embankment at Dwyer's Rd., (typ. 0.8m high)

Estimated Project Cost for Area 6: €14-15 million

Constraints

Biodiversity/Water Quality

Construction works have the potential to result in:

- Tree Removal where bankside works proposed
- Impact on Bat and Bird Habitat where tree/scrub removal proposed
- Impact on Water Quality of river where instream works proposed
- Impact on Fisheries Habitat where instream works proposed
- Impact on the Cork Harbour SPA and Great Island Channel SAC due to construction works for upgrade of existing embankment at Dwyer's Rd.

Visual

Potential for visual impacts to nearby residents due to Tree Removal and location of Flood Defences

Archaeological/Architectural Heritage

Proposed works will not impact on any known/recorded archaeological or architectural sites in this area.











Consideration of Climate Change



Climate change adaptation strategy

It is important that the Present Day scheme options are considered in the context of a longer term strategy which is flexible and adaptive to changes in the climate and its potential impact on flood risk.

The following presents the Climate Change Adaption Strategy options associated with the options considered for the present day scheme in each area.

Option 6A:CC3

Upstream Storage

Option 6A:CC1 Direct Defences upstream

Option 5B:CC2

Option 5B:CC1 Upstream

Storage

Option 6A:CC2 Adaptation of Direct Defences





Current Flood Scheme Options



Future Climate Change Adaptation Options





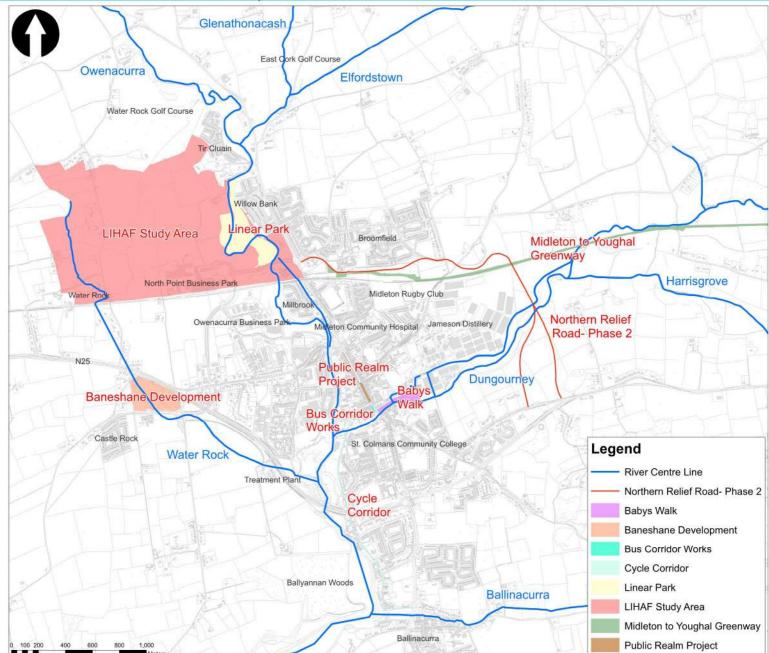




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Potential Future Developments in Midleton



Potential Future Developments

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This poster shows potential future developments in Midleton, which are being progressed by other CCC departments. We will continue to engage with these projects to integrate the Flood Relief Scheme into the overall development of Midleton; with a particular emphasis on improvements in the areas of Amenity, Environment and Biodiversity.









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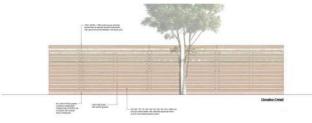




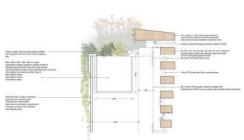


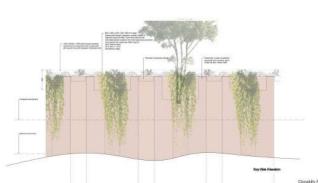
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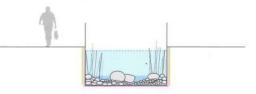






























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