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## Relevant Links



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Office of Public Works



**Laois County Council**  
Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois



**Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí**  
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# PORTARLINGTON FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

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## PROJECT NEWS

Binnies and Nicholas O'Dwyer, together with the OPW, Laois and Offaly County Councils, are progressing with Stage I of the Portarlinton Flood Relief Scheme (FRS), which includes the Identification and Development of a Preferred Option to alleviate flooding.

The Hydrology and Hydraulic Studies are ongoing, with focus on validation and verification of their outcomes based on local knowledge and records.

Environmental surveys and assessments are in progress. Various site visits from 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties and the Consultants' teams are expected to take place in the Study Area in the coming months.

## CURRENT PROGRESS

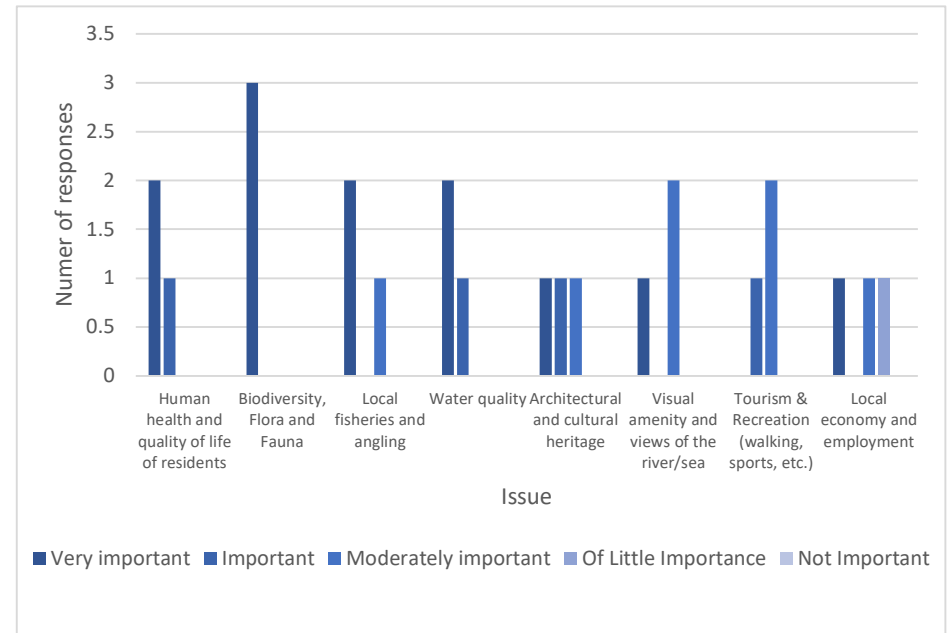
Detailed environmental and ecological surveys are scheduled to be completed by early Autumn, with focus on the ones with critical seasonality. The CCTV surveys are ongoing. Input from Topographical and Geotechnical Investigation (GI) Surveys will also be required at a later stage of the Project. GI Surveys are intrusive and are required to help understand the geology and groundwater of the Study Area. Currently, the Consultants' teams are progressing with the GI and additional topographical scope.

Work has progressed with the production of updated flood maps. As the hydraulic modelling is being finalised, work is progressing on the development of the potential options to alleviate flooding risk. Results from the initial optioneering will be further assessed against multiple criteria (incl. technical ability, social, economic, environmental).

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

**Conclusions of Public Consultation Day No.1:** The first public consultation event was successfully undertaken despite Covid-19 constraints. The material was advertised on various platforms including the Project's Website, YouTube, Facebook, and Local Media.

10no. submissions were received in total via questionnaires and emails. The majority of the submissions (70%) have been received via the project's email address with the remaining 30% of the submissions received through questionnaires in the boxes left in Portarlinton or online.



## NEXT STEPS

**Environmental and Landscape Assessments:** Binnies/NOD will continue to focus on providing the relevant environmental information to support the optioneering of the scheme design. Landscape Architects have visited the site and undertaken the baseline survey, with viewpoint locations identified for further discussion with the Planning Departments of the Local Authorities.

**Preliminary Option Screening:** An initial screening process is undertaken to identify potential flood relief measures/options, which could be implemented to provide the required level of flood protection to the Scheme Area. From the initial screening, the flood risk management measures will be identified as being viable or non-viable with the viable options being carried forward for further technical assessment.



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Figure 2 Aerial imagery of flooding in Portarlington in Aug. 2008

## PROJECTED KEY MILESTONE DATES

The next projected key milestones can be found below:

DATE	MILESTONE	INFORMATION
Summer 2022	Environmental Surveys	Completion of seasonal surveys.
	Hydraulics Report	Completion of Hydraulic Analysis
Autumn 2022	Public Consultation Day no.2	To present the draft options and to inform the identification and selection of a Preferred Scheme.
	Options Development	Develop and design the Scheme Emerging Options

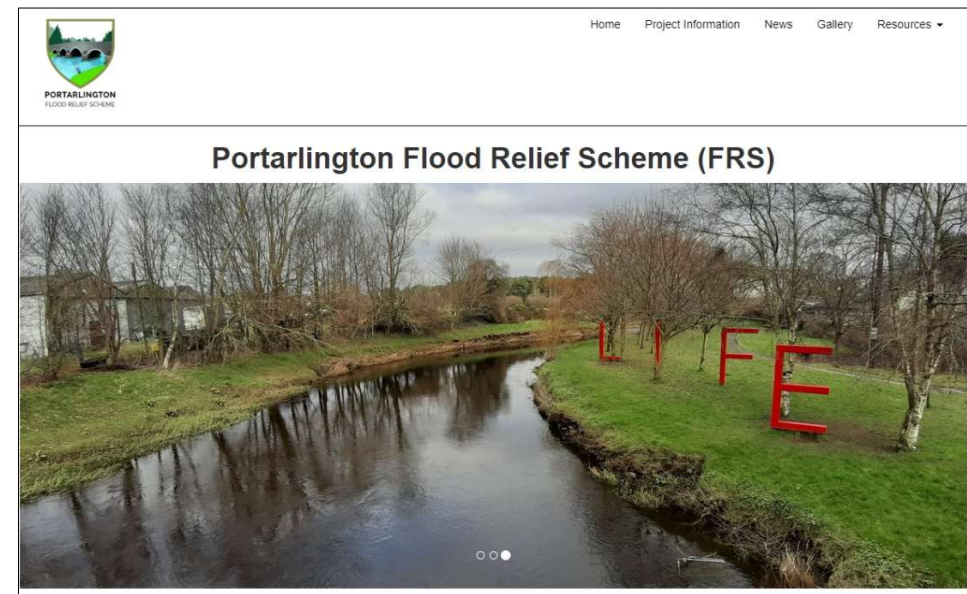


Figure 3 – Portarlington FRS – Project Website



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