

# Newsletter

## Ballina Flood Relief Scheme



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### WHAT STAGE IS THE STUDY AT?

In the period since the last Project Newsletter was issued (December 2023) the project steering group (comprising of Mayo County Council, the OPW and RPS) are progressing the scheme to planning.

### PROPOSED SCHEME TO PROGRESS TO PLANNING:

The preferred option progressing to planning comprises the following:

#### Moy

- Construction of new flood defence walls along banks of River Moy
- Surface water pumping stations installed to manage excess water during flood events.

#### Quignamanger

- Replacement of 0.9m diameter culvert with 1.5m diameter culvert

#### Bunree/Behy Road

- Replacement of existing culvert and open channel arrangement with a larger culvert.

#### Brusna

- Flood walls and embankments near Rathkip & Shanaghy

#### Tullyegan

- Flood walls and embankments to tie into the railway embankment.

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

What's happened since the last Project Newsletter?

- Completion of Draft EIAR
- Lodgment of the MAC Application
- Landowner Consultation

#### Draft EIAR Completed

A draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been completed and is under review. The EIA process ensures that any likely significant effect on the environment that the project may have is being assessed, so that people are aware of what those effects are likely to be. The EIAR will set out proposals to deal with any negative effects.

#### MAC Application Lodged

The Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application has been prepared for the Ballina Flood Relief Scheme and has been submitted to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, or MARA, for assessment. MARA is a new state agency established to streamline the consenting process for applications within the maritime area.

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### Landowner Engagement

As the footprint of the proposed scheme is known, the impacts on each property have been assessed.

Individual landowner maps are being prepared to inform upcoming landowner consultation.

Consultations with individual landowners will take place in advance of the planning submission to An Bord Pleanála. In the first instance, letters in the post can be expected by those impacted by the scheme.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Over the coming months, the design team will work on progressing the following:

- EIAR finalisation
- Landowner Consultation
- Compiling Planning Documentation

### Final EIAR

Following receipt of all comments, the EIAR will be updated and finalised for incorporation into the planning pack.

### Landowner Engagement

Mayo County Council and the project team will consult with all affected landowners and made aware of the temporary and permanent impacts of the scheme.

### Compiling the Planning Documentation

This includes compiling all the information and reports, including the AA Screening, NIS, EIAR, Planning Report, Preliminary design drawings and planning application.

The preliminary design includes finalisation of the finer detail of the flood defences, pumping stations and further development of the public realm enhancement areas.

## SCHEME STAGES:

### Stage I: Option Assessment, Scheme Development and Design

- Data Gathering /Topographical Survey (Complete)
- Hydrological Analysis & Hydraulic Modelling (Complete)
- Option Assessments & Preferred Option Selection (Substantially Complete)
- Environmental Assessment (EIAR) (Underway)

### Stage II: Planning / Development Consent

### Stage III: Detailed Construction Design and Tender

### Stage IV: Construction Supervision and Project Management

### Stage V: Handover

## OUTLINE PROGRAMME:

Stages	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Stage I: Option Assessment, Scheme Development and Design	Progress to date										
Stage II: Planning					Programmed activities	Contingency for ABP Approvals					
Stage III: Detailed Construction Design and Tender						Programmed activities	Contingency for ABP Approvals				
Stage IV: Construction Supervision and Project Management							Programmed activities	Contingency for ABP Approvals	Contingency for ABP Approvals		
Stage V: Handover										Contingency for ABP Approvals	Contingency for ABP Approvals

Legend: ■ Progress to date, ■ Programmed activities, ■ Contingency for ABP Approvals

Note: Timelines are the current best estimate but are subject to revision and approval

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