

Athy Flood Relief Scheme

Preferred Option Public Participation Day



September 2026



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Kildare County Council and the Office of Public Works (OPW) welcome you to the third public participation day for the Athy Flood Relief Scheme.

Kildare County Council and the OPW want you to be part of the consultative process that is being carried out for the scheme.

The purpose of this public participation day is to provide:

- An update on the latest progress on the Athy Flood Relief Scheme.
- A presentation of the preferred option for the project including the size and layout of the proposed works.
- An explanation of the likely impacts during construction.
- An outline of the public realm and place-making benefits.
- Updates on the buildability and operation & maintenance arrangements.
- An opportunity to review the scheme and share your feedback.
- Time to speak with the project team and ask questions.

All feedback will be considered. Please refer to ‘What Happens Next?’ board for future opportunities to engage as the scheme progresses.



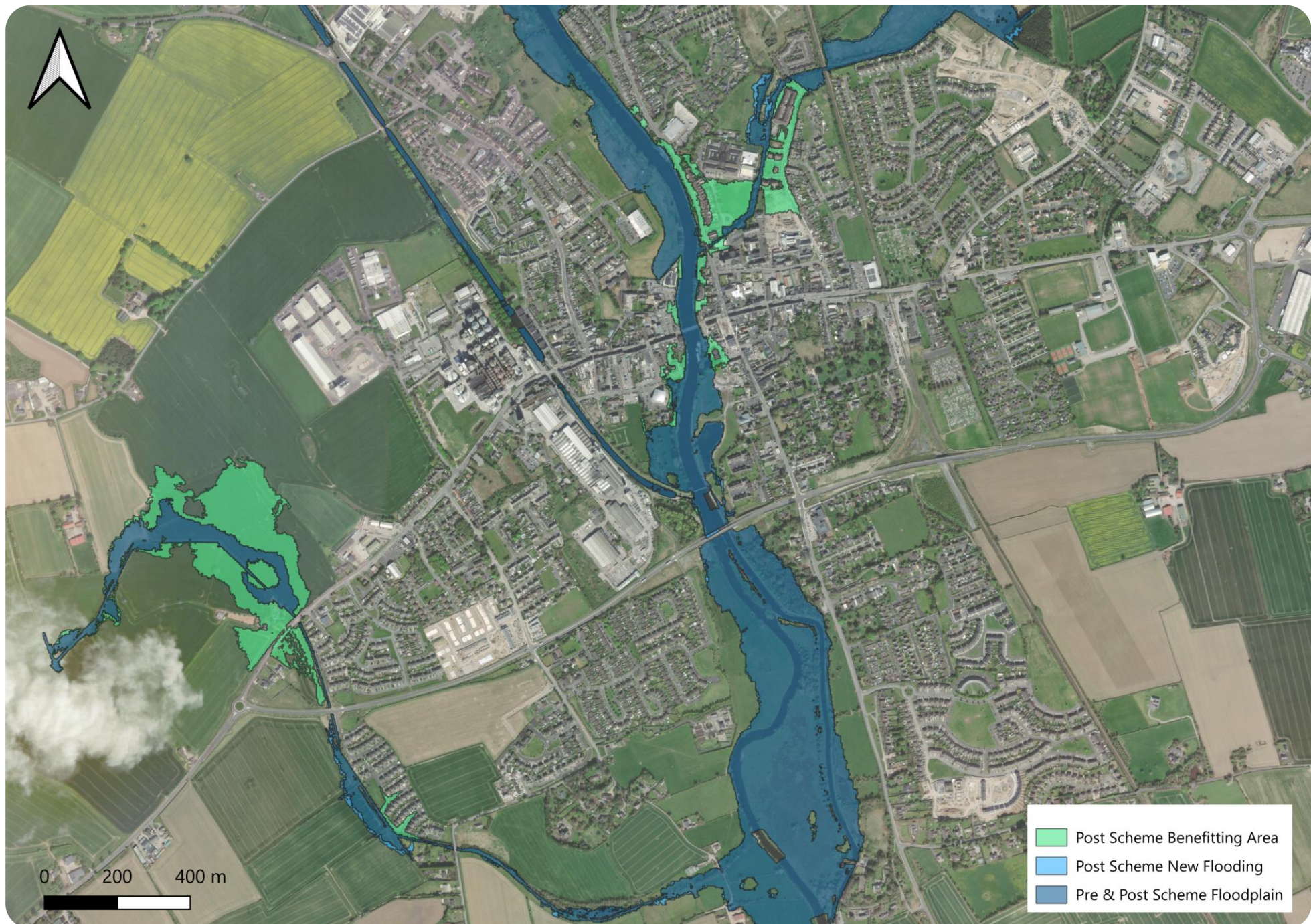
Photo Horse Bridge



Photo White Castle

The proposed scheme will benefit:

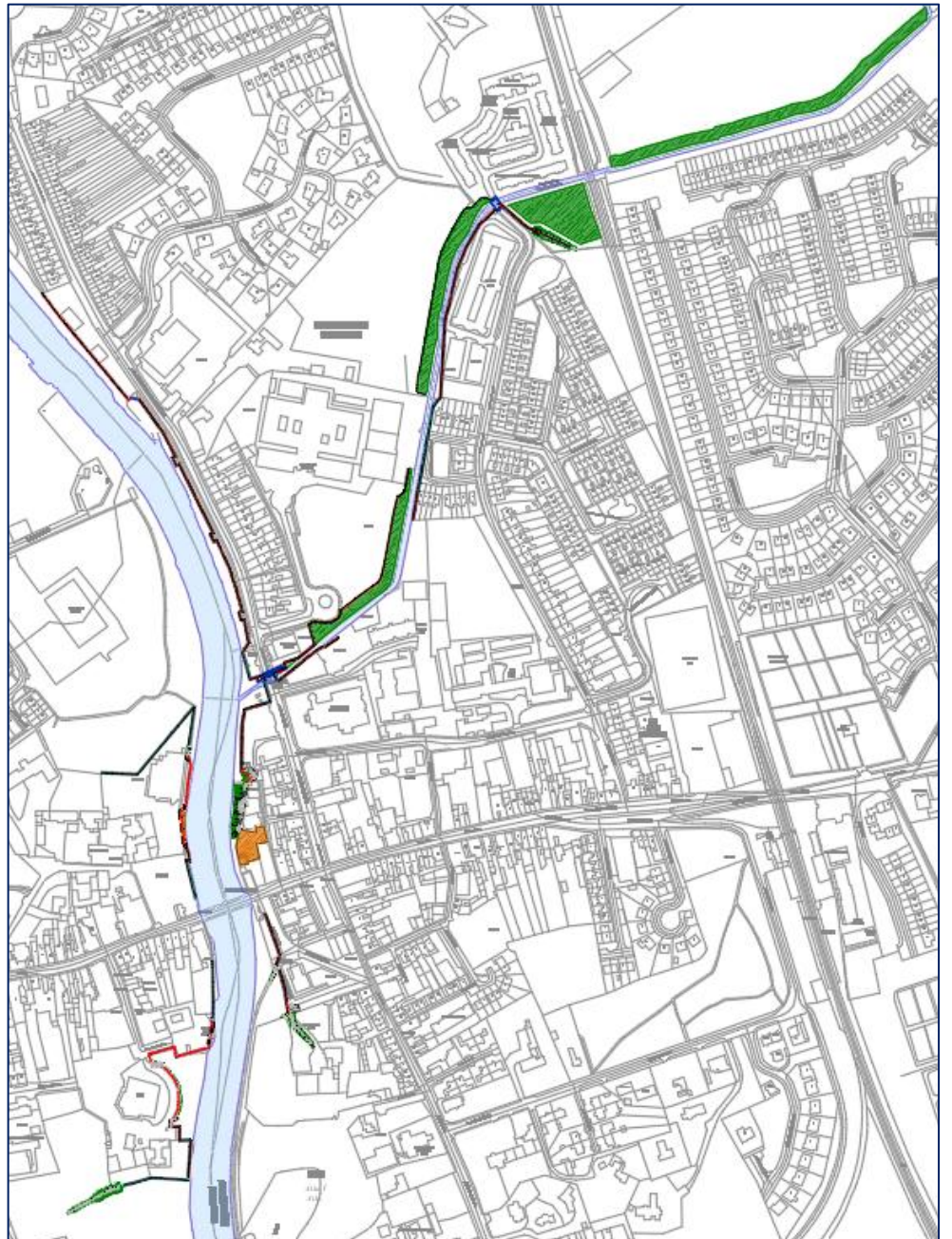
- **296** properties that are currently impacted by flooding.
- 38 commercial and 48 residential buildings currently at risk of flooding.
- Access to a further 10 commercial and 200 residential properties currently disconnected due to flooding.



Proposed Scheme



Bennets Stream Defences

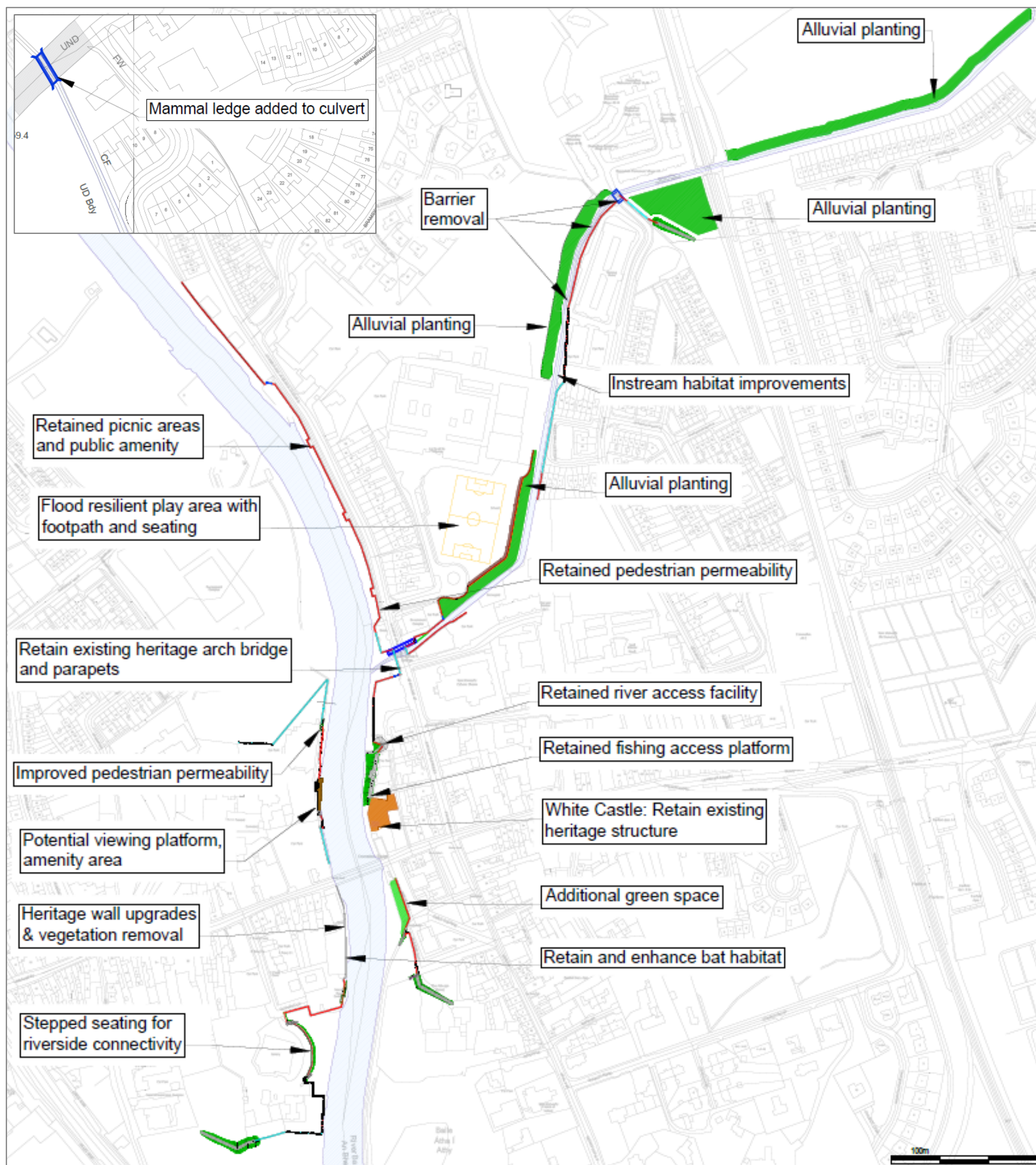


River Moneen and Barrow Defences

Proposal	Definition	Length (m)	No.
Culvert works	Improving or replacing a pipe or tunnel that carries water under a road or path.	84	3
Flood wall	A wall built to stop flood water entering an area.	1648	21
Wall upgrades	Repairs or changes made to an existing wall to make it stronger or higher.	763	12
Flood gate	A gate that can be closed to stop flood water from passing through.	10	2
Embankment	A raised bank of earth to hold back flood water.	236	5
Land Raising	Adding soil to make the ground level higher, creating a barrier to flooding.	35	1



Tangential Benefits

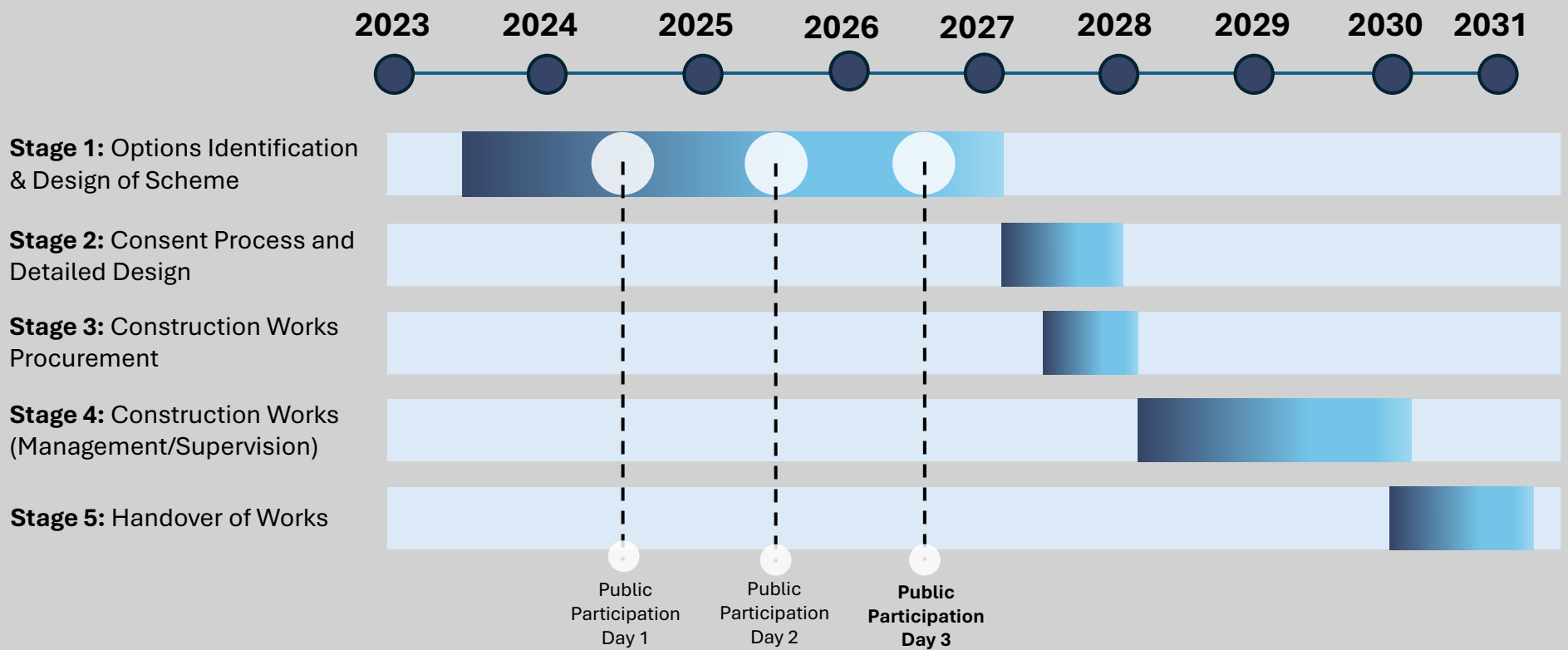


What Happens Next?

All feedback received in response to the Public Participation Day 3 will be examined by Kildare County Council, OPW and Tetra Tech. This feedback will help inform the final design prior to commencing the planning application process.

Next Steps:

- Finalising a scheme design suitable for planning submission.
- Completing environmental assessments that are required for the application.
- Lodging the planning application in Q1 of 2027.



HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Feedback and submission can be made from the 10th of September to the 8th of October on <https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/athy/home/> or alternatively completed feedback forms can be returned by post or email.



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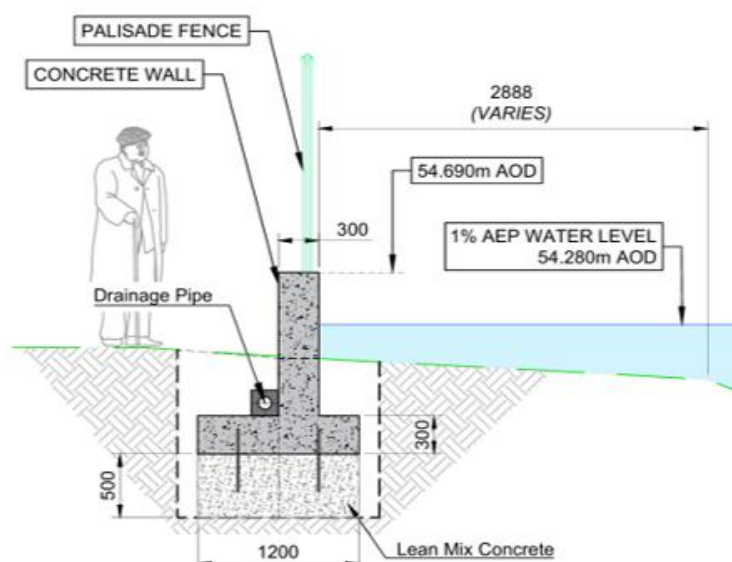
Stanhope Street to Marian Shrine Grotto



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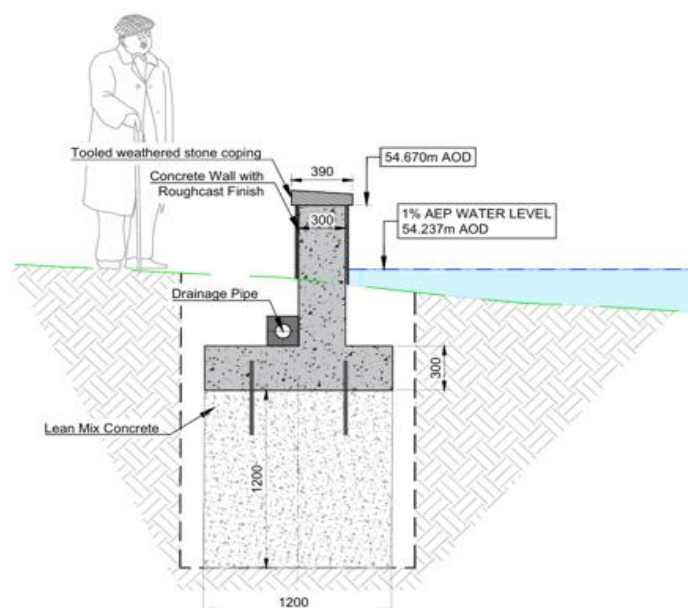
Elements proposed to manage flooding on the left bank of the River Barrow upstream of the Rathstewart Bridge:

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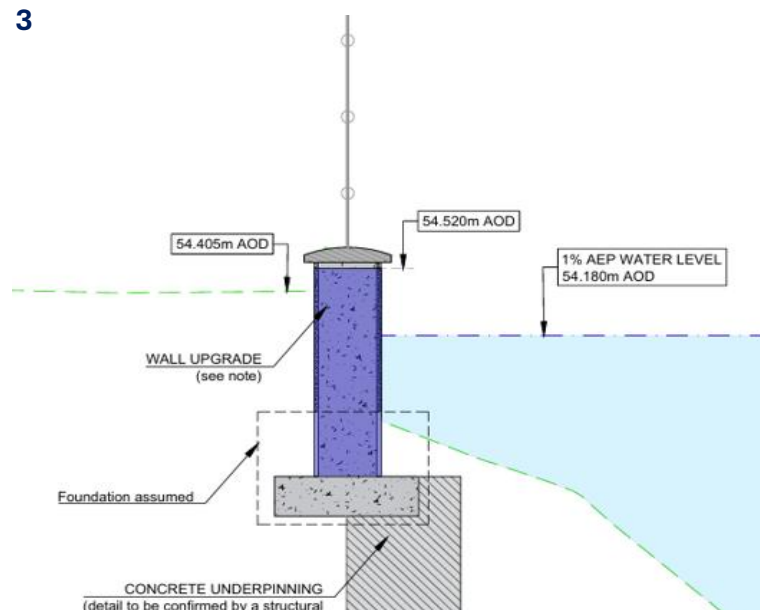
Replacing existing palisade fence with a new 140m-long combined concrete flood wall with fence at the Sports Hub and a flood gate.

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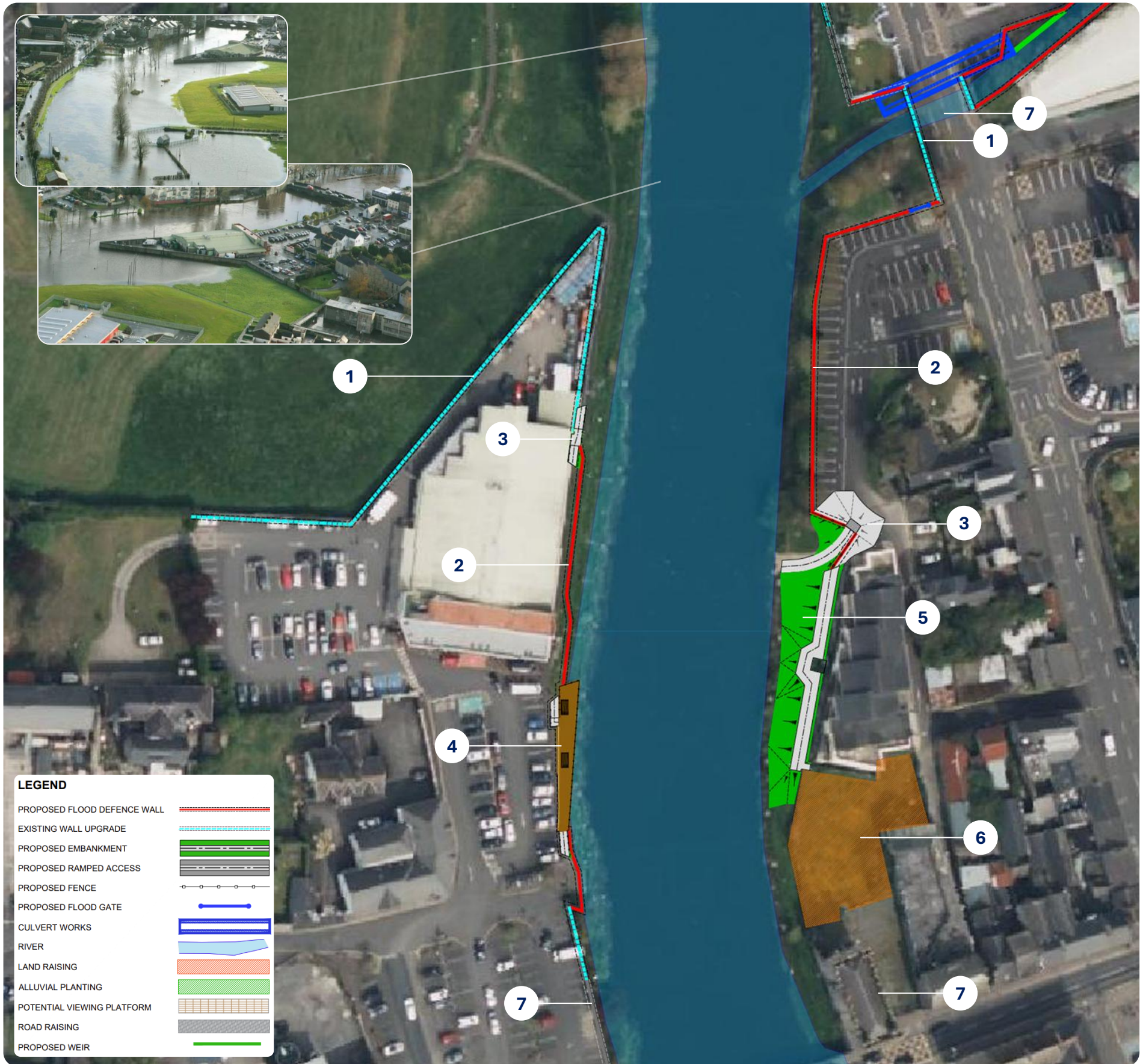
A 290m-long roughcast rendered flood wall along Stanhope Street. Picnic areas will be retained.

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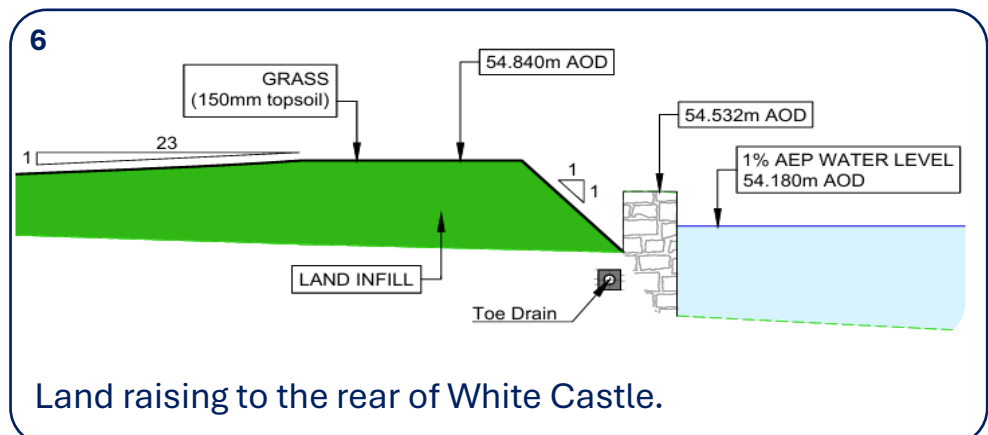
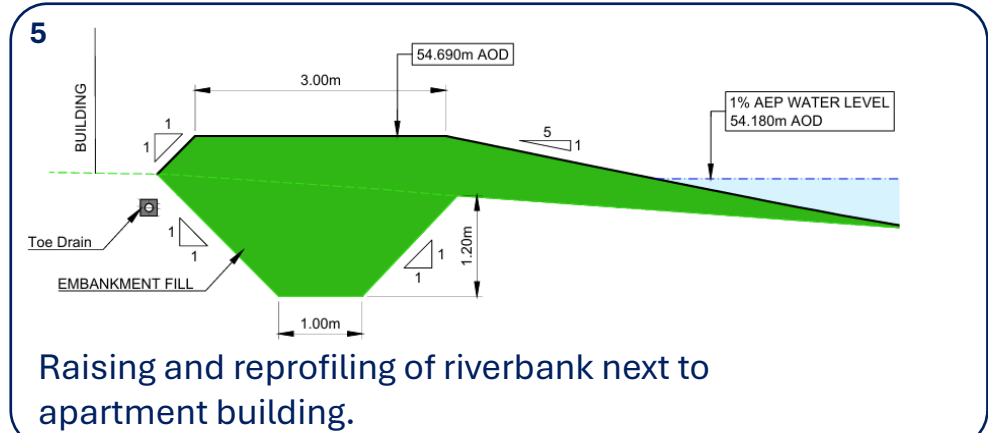
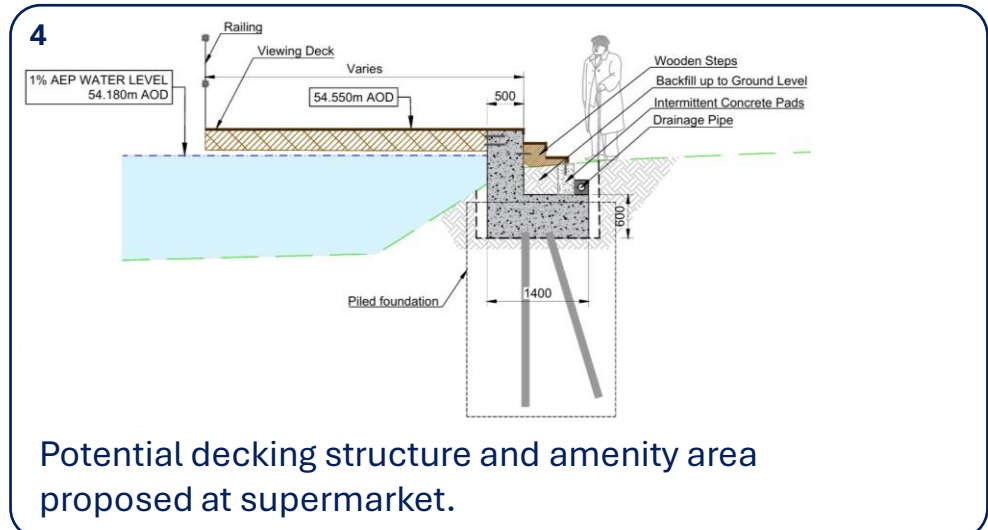
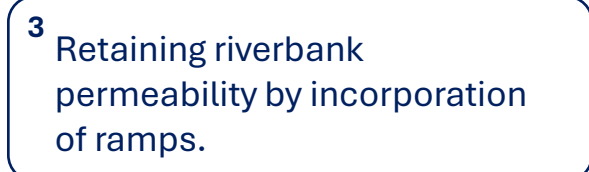
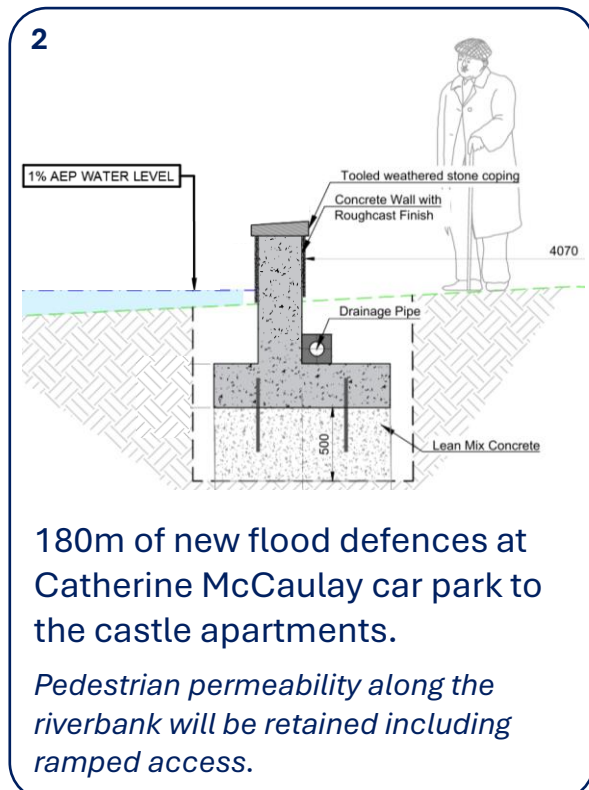
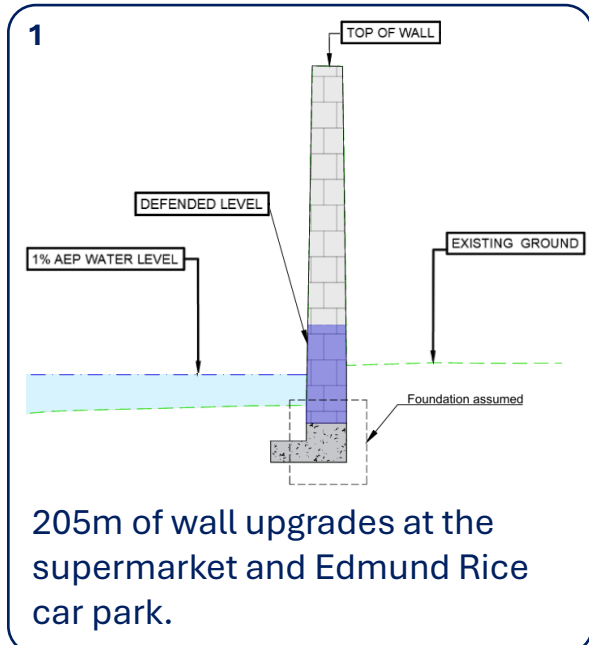
Stabilisation and reconstruction of a 40m-long existing wall at Marian Shrine.

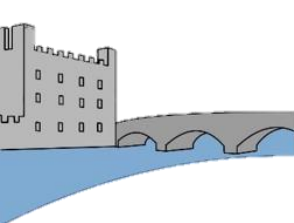
Area north of Cromaboo Bridge



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Elements proposed to manage flooding on the left and right banks of the River Barrow upstream of the Cromaboo Bridge:



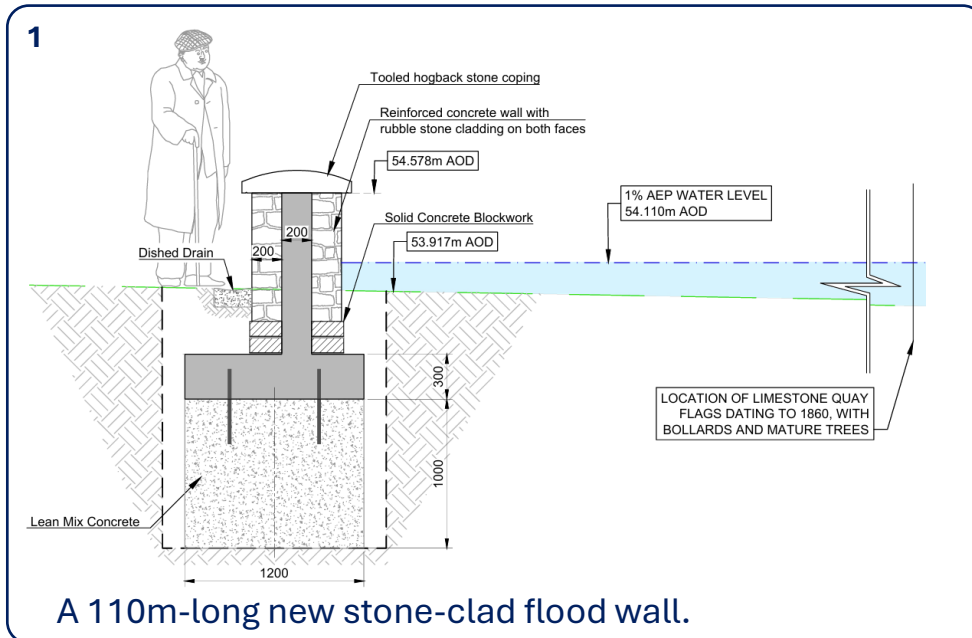


Barrow Quay to Abbey Grounds



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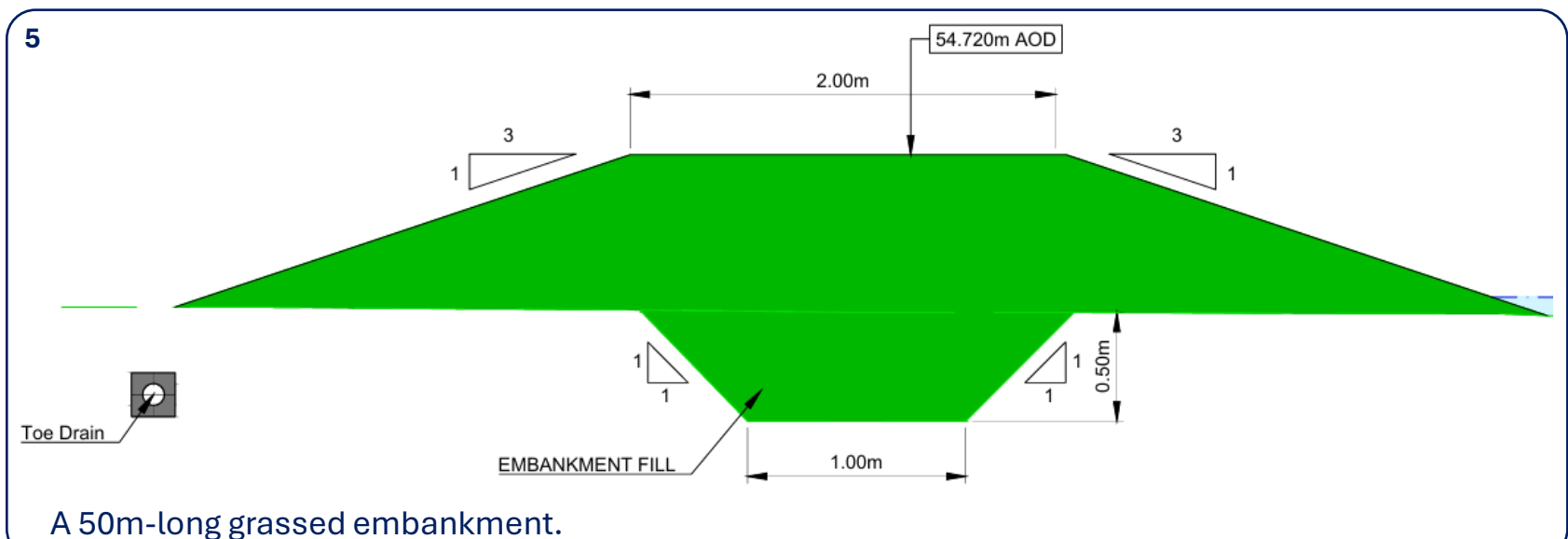
Elements proposed to manage flooding on the left bank of the River Barrow downstream of the Cromaboo Bridge:

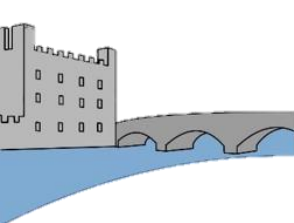


2 Retaining riverbank pedestrian permeability by incorporation of ramps.

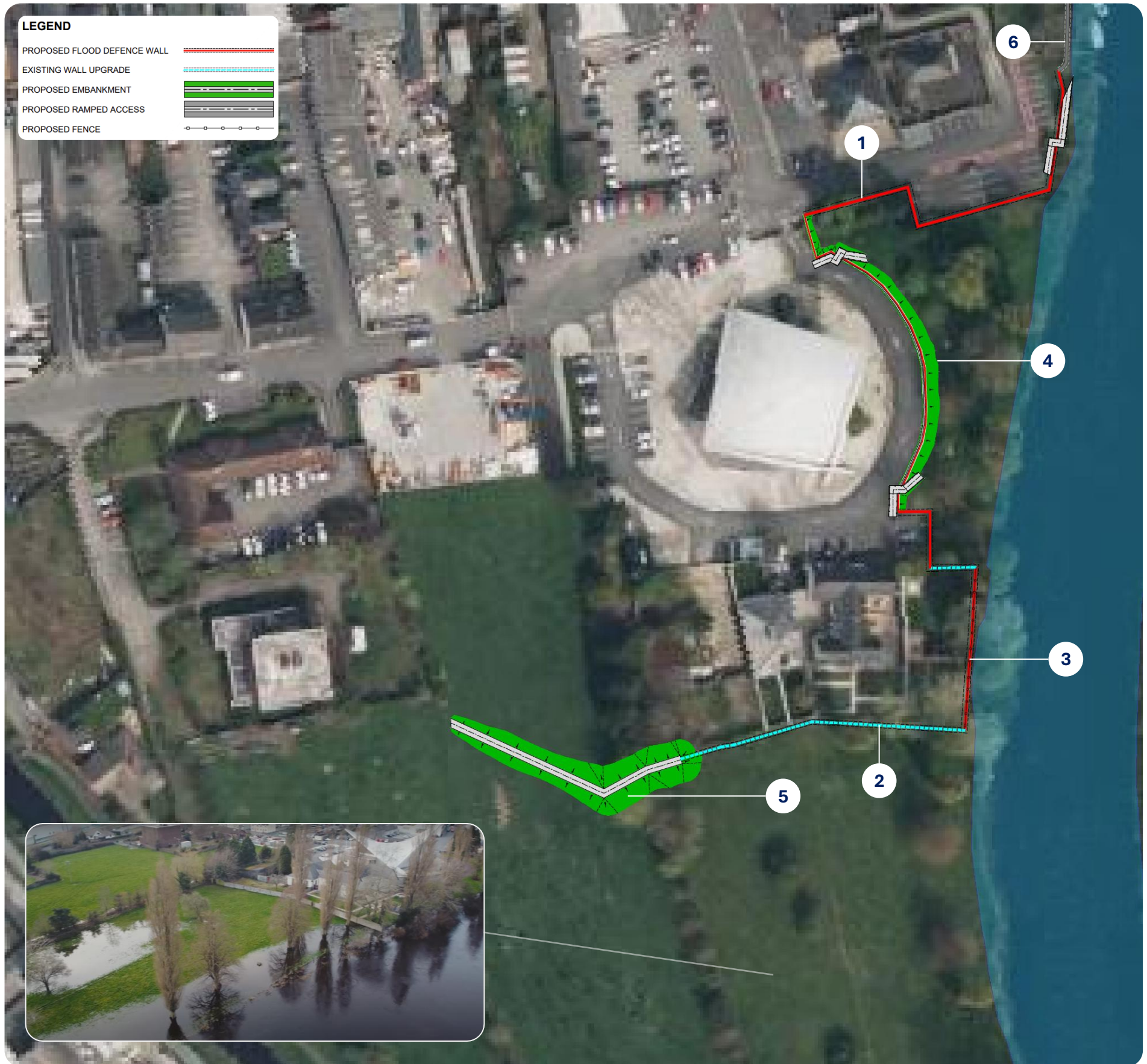
3 Replacing existing parking spaces and informal trading area with extended amenity green space.

4 Retaining heritage structures.



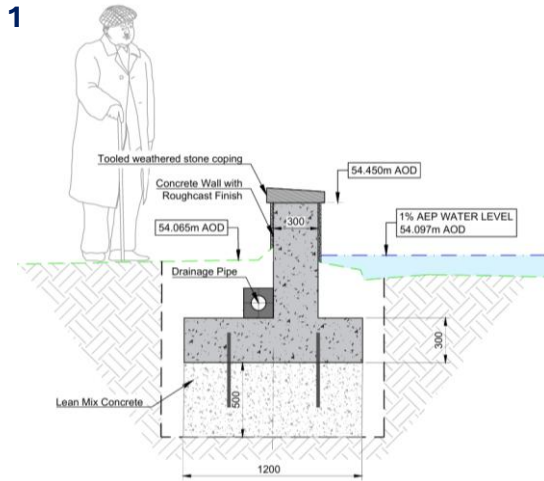


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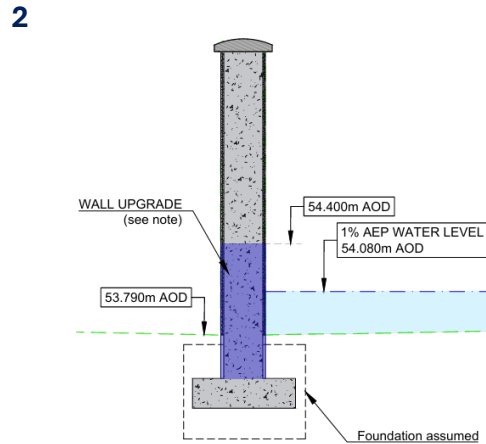


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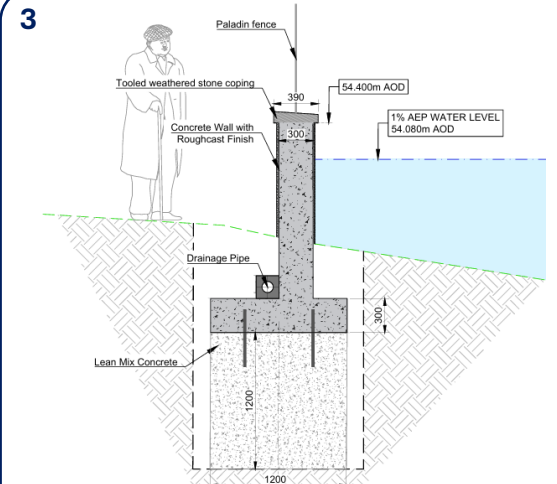
Elements proposed to manage flooding on the right bank of the River Barrow downstream of the Cromaboo Bridge.



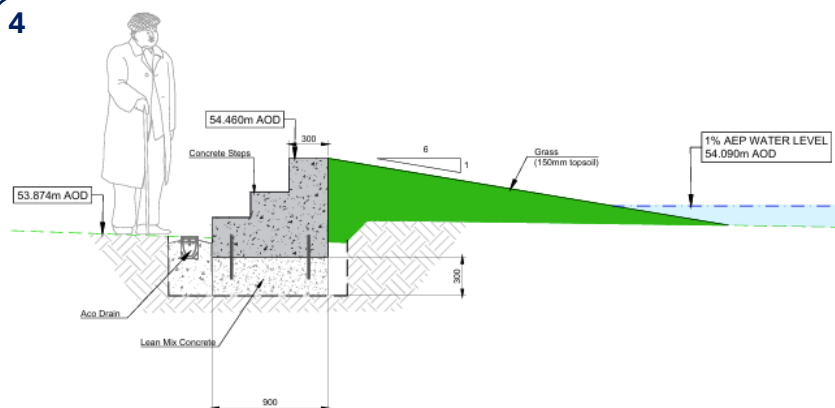
246m of new flood walls.



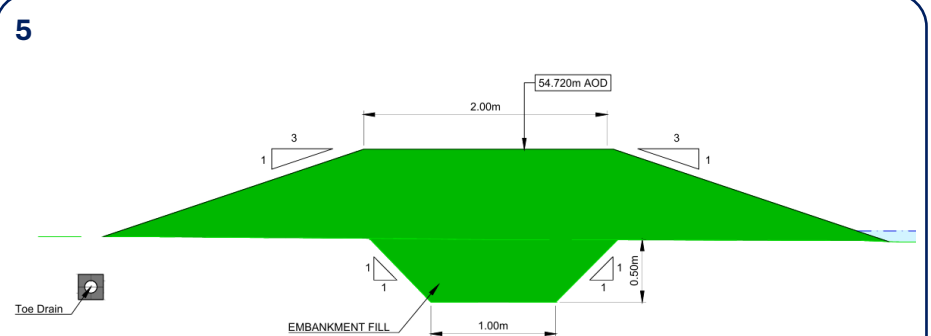
Existing wall upgrades to rear of properties.



New flood walls next to properties.

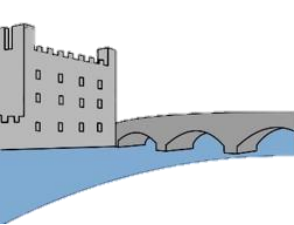


Stepped connection for improved riverside engagement and maintaining existing setting.



A 60m-long grassed embankment.

6 Heritage wall maintenance, with bat habitat retained.

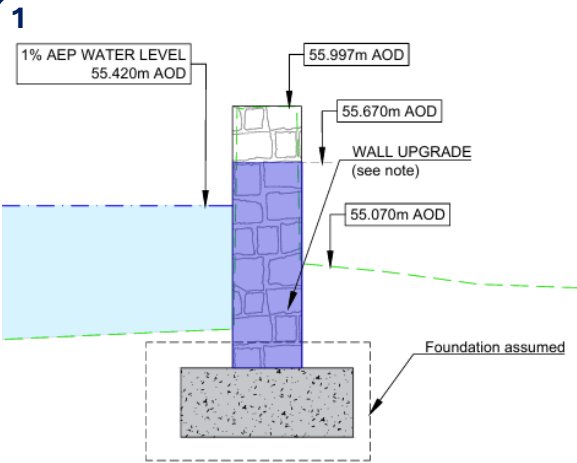


Moneen River (Clonmullion Area)

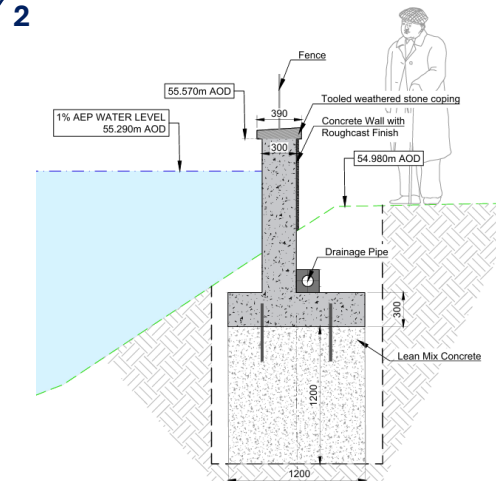


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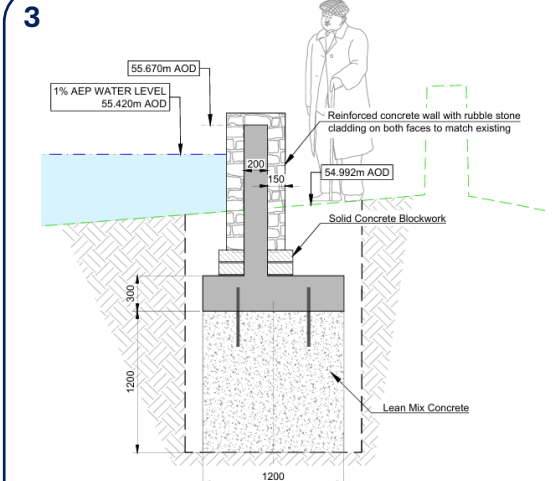
Elements proposed to manage flooding on the Moneen River in the Clonmullion area:



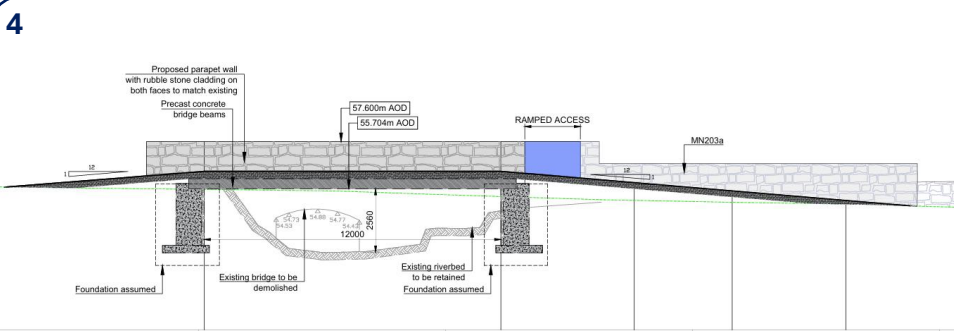
30m of wall upgrades.



New flood walls.

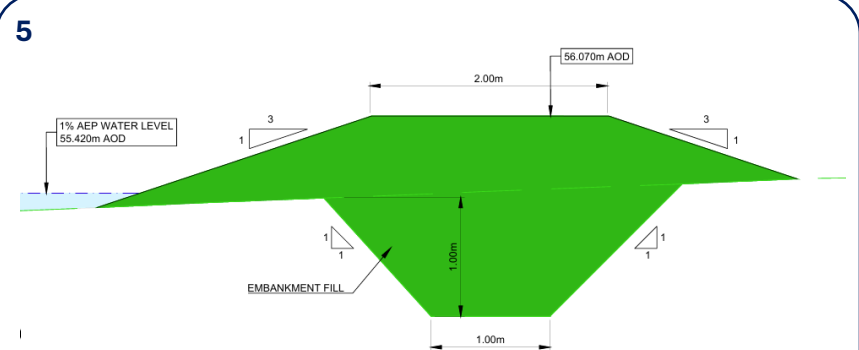


New flood walls



Replacement of the Moneen Lane Bridge with a larger structure to improve conveyance.

A photographic record will be taken prior to demolition, and a temporary access will be provided for residents during construction.



A new 43m-long grassed embankment.

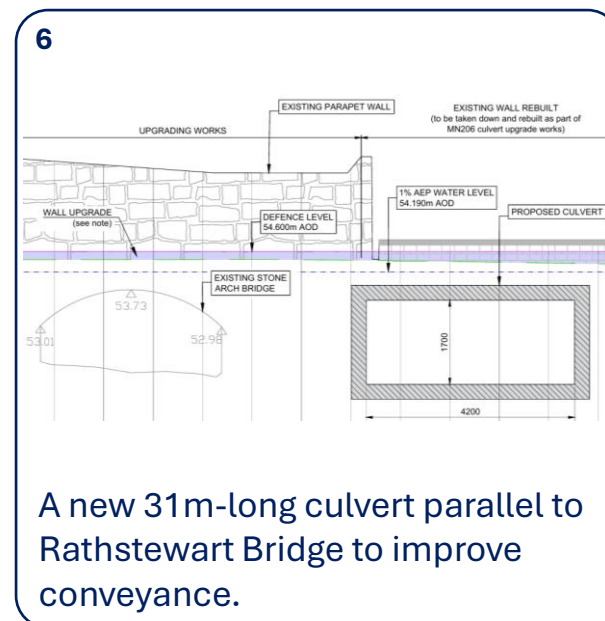
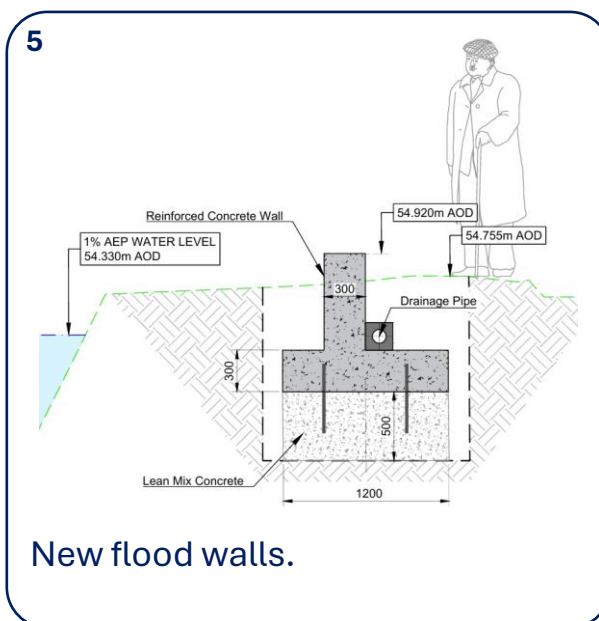
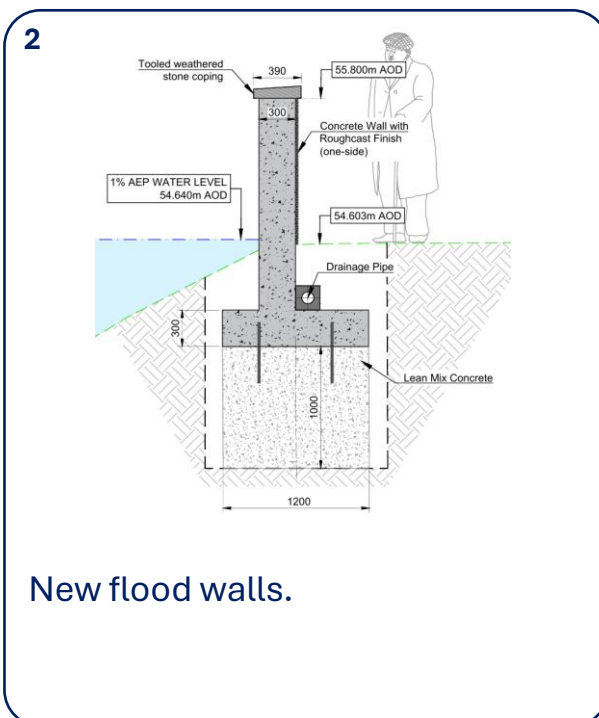
6 Environmental and habitat enhancement through alluvial planting and creation of riparian buffer zones.

7 Barrier removal for improved fish passage and localised instream improvements.

Moneen River (Rathstewart Area)



Elements proposed to manage flooding on the Moneen River in the Rathstewart area:



7 Environmental enhancement through alluvial planting and instream habitat improvements. Alluvial planting will continue upstream of the railway.



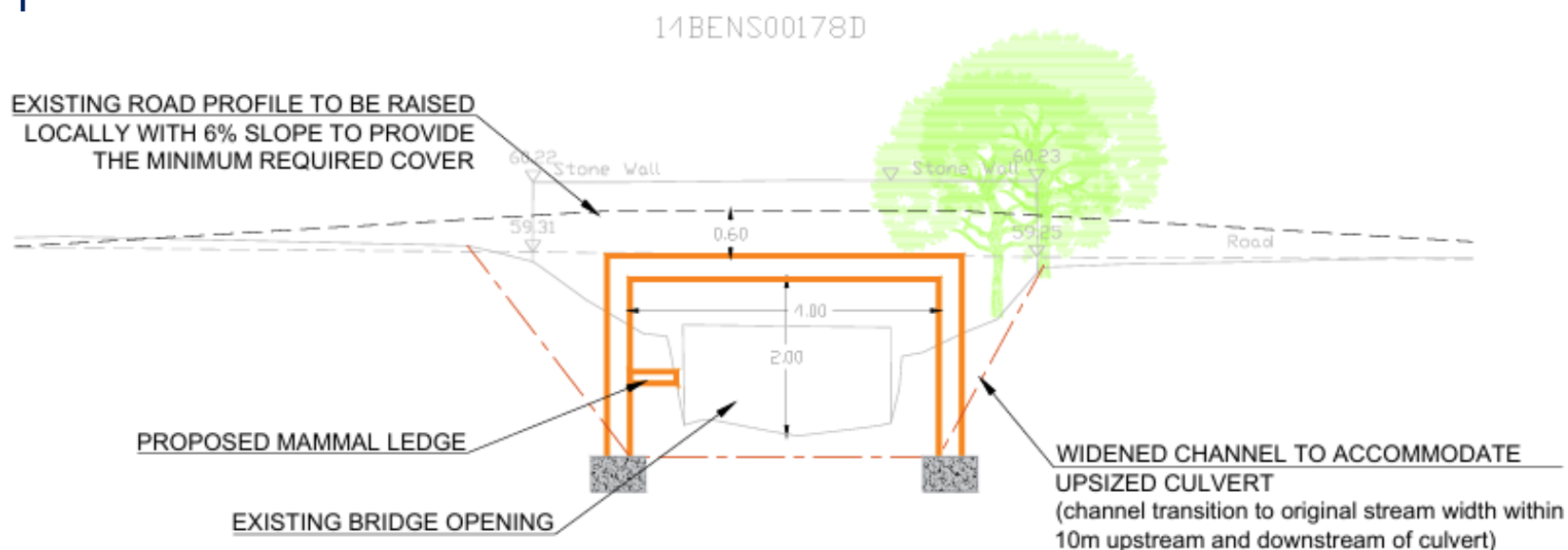
Kilkenny Road to Corrán Ard



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Elements proposed to manage flooding on Bennets Stream:

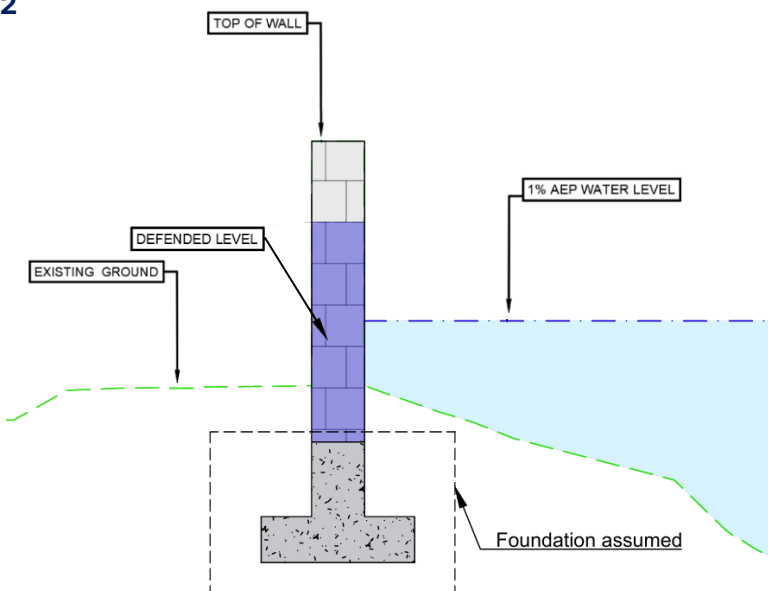
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A replacement 18m-long culvert to improve conveyance.

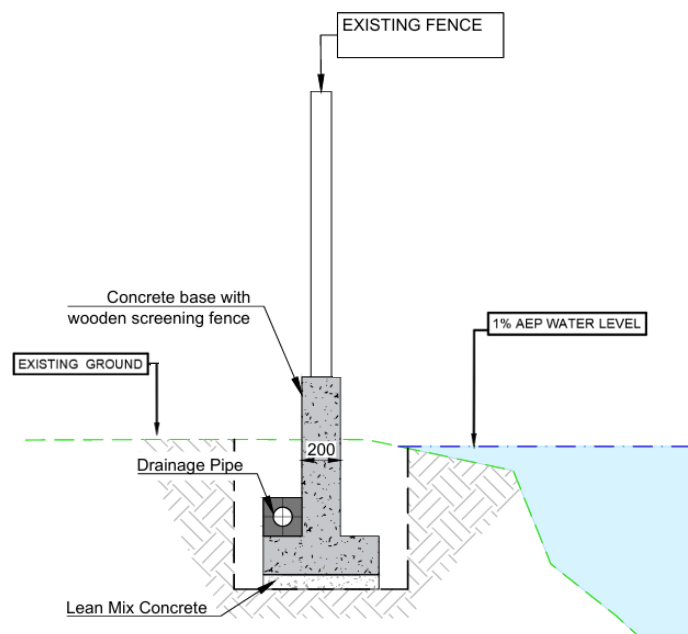
Mammal ledge proposed at upgraded culvert.

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260m of flood wall upgrades.

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55m of new flood walls.