

RIVER DEEL (CROSSMOLINA) Flood Relief Scheme

Project Newsletter



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Project Update



The **Construction Stage** of the River Deel (Crossmolina) Flood Relief Scheme has commenced. **Kevin "Boxer" Moran T.D.**, the Minister of State for the OPW with Special Responsibility for Flood Relief, marked the Commencement of Construction at a ceremonial sod-turning event held in Crossmolina Town on Friday, the 7th of March 2025.



The project, which is designed to protect **73 homes** and **43 businesses** from severe flooding, is part of the Government's strategy under Project Ireland 2040, funded through the 2030 National Development Plan (NDP), which has allocated **€1.3 billion** for flood relief measures.



The **Office of Public Works (OPW)** is undertaking the construction of the scheme directly, which is scheduled to take four years. Work will be split up into several zones to minimise disruption to the public and take account of seasonal, environmental restrictions.

The OPW's **Main Site Compound** for the project is being set up on the Crossmolina to-Castlebar **R315** Regional Road.



Ongoing Work



The vast majority of the planned pre-construction archaeological test-trenching, totalling **10 kilometers** in **linear length**, has been completed across the project area (**photo below**). A handful of areas of interest identified for further archaeological assessment are progressing in consultation with the National Monuments Service (NMS).

Pre-construction environmental assessments have been undertaken; and environment control and protection measures have been installed in various areas where required.



Upcoming Works

Much of the upcoming works in the **next six months** will be occurring at the eastern side of the scheme, in the **Mullenmore** area - refer to the accompanying map on the next page. The order in which the major works **(1)** to **(4)** are programmed to take place in are:



① **New Lake Road Construction**

Construction will commence on the new Lake Road, which needs to be diverted to accommodate the drainage channel.





② Existing Lake Road Local Widening

A section of the existing Lake Road will be widened to facilitate the works and required traffic diversions.

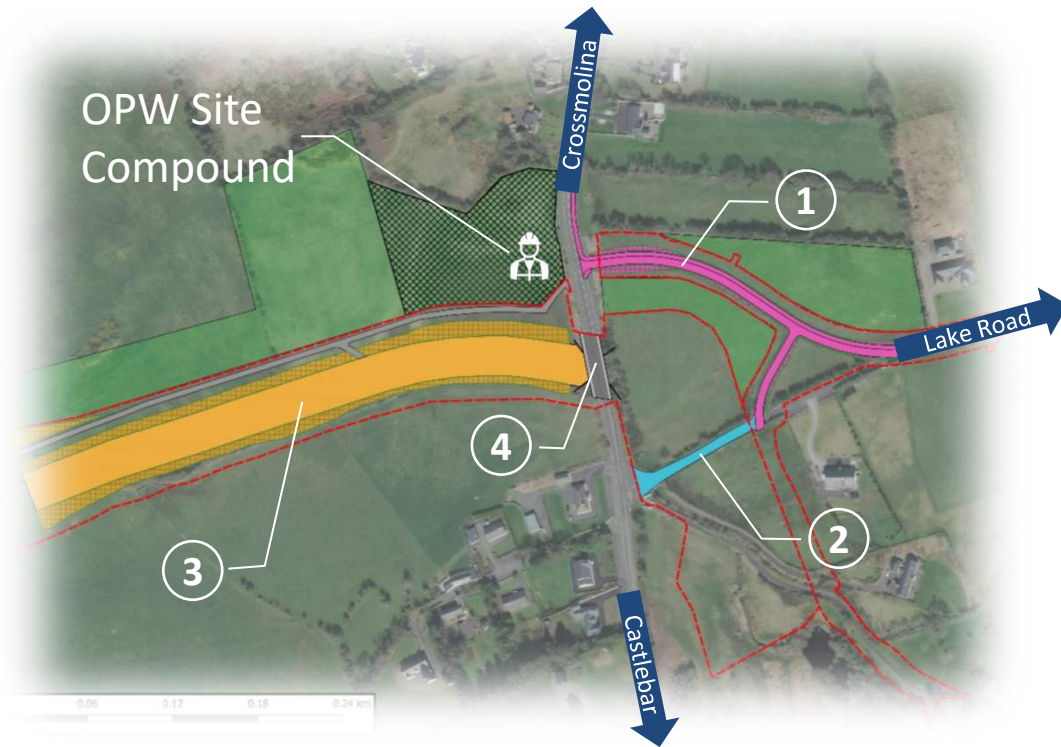
③ Drainage Channel Excavation

The 1km drainage channel that will divert excess flood waters away from Crossmolina Town involves the excavation of approximately **170,000m³** of material. The excavation of a section of this channel will commence.



④ New Mullenmore Bridge (R315)

A bridge will be required over the drainage channel. As this will require a temporary closure of the R315, it will not commence until a temporary diversion is available via a section of the new Lake Road. Some accommodation works will commence soon; including, utility diversions, etc.



Additional Information



Additional information and further updates can be found on the Project Website:

www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/crossmolina



For those accessing this Newsletter through the Project Website, browse the various webpages for more information on the scheme.



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