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# Ramelton Flood Relief Scheme



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## Latest Overview

This is the fifteenth newsletter for the Ramelton Flood Relief Scheme. The main activities carried out since the previous newsletter include optioneering and environmental activities.

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# Hydraulic Modelling

The Ramelton Flood Relief Scheme hydraulic model has been developed and tested. A Hydraulic Report has been prepared for the Ramelton Flood Relief.

# Surveys and Investigations

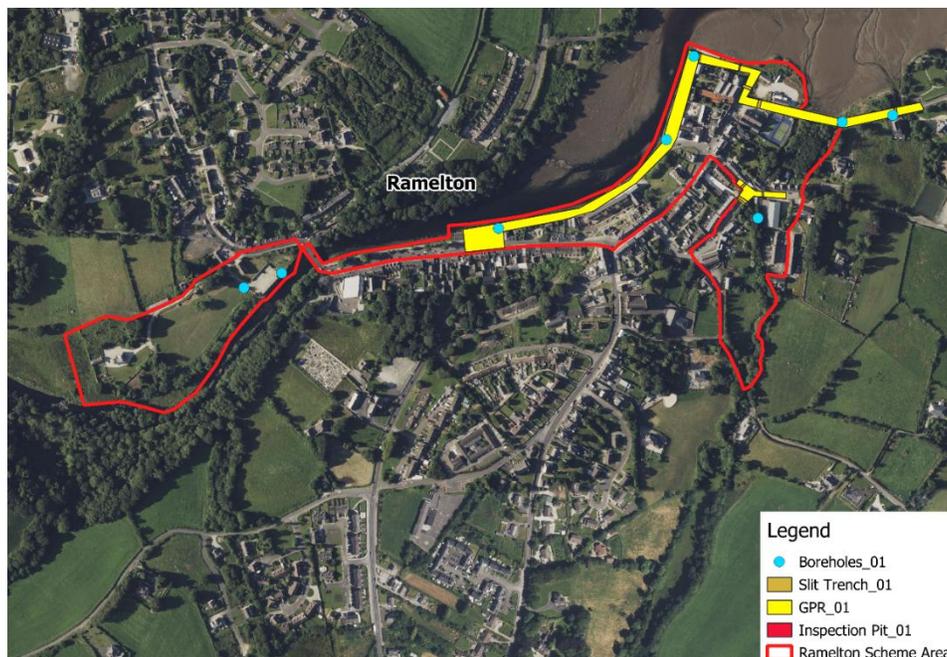
In the last reporting period, the project team finalised the ground investigation contract scope of works which was then advertised for tender. The tenders are being assessed, and works are expected to commence in early 2026. Following appointment, the contractor will apply for an archaeological license from National Monuments and any required road opening and closing licenses.

Affected landowners will be contacted in advance to discuss the proposed investigation works and to arrange access.

The Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening reports have been finalised. These assess potential effects of the ground investigations on the surrounding environs.

The ground investigations will commence on site in early 2026. The works include Cable Percussion Boreholes, follow-on Rotary Core, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), Slit trenches, and Inspection Pits.

On-site works are approximately a 5-week period.



# Optioneering

The project team have completed the initial screening of potential flood relief measures. The hydraulic model was used to evaluate viable measures for each flood cell. Measures have been combined into options, these options are being tested in the model to identify height and extent requirements of the flood defences. The Options Report was updated in tandem with option modelling. The project team are now conducting multi criteria analysis, buildability and environmental assessments on each option to finalise the Options Report.

An Options Workshop was held on the 17th of October with a number of stakeholders to discuss the positions and types of defences in each option. Ayesa will prepare the options to be presented to the public and stakeholders for consultation, helping to identify an emerging preferred option for Ramelton.

# Environmental Activities

The project team are identifying additional ecological surveys that will be required during spring 2026.

Once the emerging preferred option is known specialist environmental survey scoping, including noise & vibration, air quality, and landscape & visual will progress.

The Nature-based Solutions Report is being updated to new mapping and client review.

## What's Next?

Over the next few months, the Project Team will be working on:

- ➔ Finalise Options Report
- ➔ Top-up ecological surveys
- ➔ Hydraulic Modelling of Flood Relief Options.
- ➔ Ground Investigation Commencement on-site.



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