

The Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme

Welcome



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Overview

Welcome to the first public consultation day for the Limerick City and Environs Flood Relief Scheme. The purpose of this opening public consultation is to get your view on the key issues that the scheme should address and highlight points of local importance that may aid in the design of potential flood alleviation measures.

Limerick City and County Council wish to give full consideration to all public opinions and information available during the Feasibility Stage. Information will be gathered through a questionnaire which is provided in the Virtual Consultation Room

Background

Historically, flooding in the Shannon dates to the early 20th century, with records documenting damage from floods and the inundation of lands and properties in Limerick City and the surrounding area. More recently, Limerick has been subject to numerous flood events such as that of February 2014, December 2015 and that caused by Storm Brian in 2017. Currently, there are a series of existing historical embankments that cover stretches of land along the Shannon River, these embankments are non-engineered embankments and any flood protection they offer is a by-product of their original use.

The initial Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) study was undertaken on the Shannon Upper and Lower River Basin from 2012 to 2017 and the report was published in 2018. The purpose of this study was to identify the risk areas, and flood management plan options. Limerick City was included in the study and an initial flood management plan was developed.

Limerick is at risk from flooding from both fluvial (river/streams/lakes) and coastal (sea/tidal/coastal) sources. With the ongoing impacts of climate change, the intensity and frequency of extreme rainfall and tidal events may cause unprecedented flood impacts on Limerick City and its Environs, with existing defences potentially being overtopped and rendered obsolete.

Your view

By participating in this initial Public Consultation, sharing your comments/concerns/local knowledge and filling out the questionnaire, your information will be used to inform the key issues that are to be considered in the Flood Relief Scheme. Key issues such as the options to manage the flood risk in the area, the points of local importance that might constrain the design and/or viability of any potential flood alleviation measures, and the collection of information on any flood events that have occurred since the initial (2018) Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study



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