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Ballina Flood Relief Scheme



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WHAT STAGE IS THE STUDY AT?

In the period since the last Project Newsletter was issued (March 2024) 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 Final EIAR
- Landowner Consultation
- Commencement of Planning Documentation

Final EIAR Completed

The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been reviewed by the project steering group. All comments have been addressed and the final EIAR is now complete. The EIA process has assessed the scheme for any likely significant effect on the environment and has set out proposals to deal with any negative impacts.

MAC Application Lodged

The Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application was submitted to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, or MARA, for assessment in March 2024. The scheme is currently awaiting a decision. MARA is a new state agency established to streamline the consenting process for applications within the maritime area.

Landowner Consultation

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

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Individual landowner maps have been 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 can be expected in the post in July 2024 by those impacted by the scheme.

If you receive a letter, please contact Mayo County Council via the contact details on the letter with any queries you may have.

WHAT'S NEXT?

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

- Landowner Consultation
- Compiling Planning Documentation

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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