

Baseline aquatics report for flood relief scheme Dundalk-Blackrock, Co. Louth



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1. OVERVIEW

Woodrow Sustainable Solutions Ltd (Woodrow) were engaged by Binnies on behalf of their client Louth County Council to undertake an ecological scoping exercise for a flood relief scheme which encompasses a number of locations from Dundalk to Blackrock, Co. Louth. There are several elements to the proposed project including:

- upgrades to existing hard defences
- construction of new hard defences
- creation of areas for water/habitat
- public amenity features, including viewpoints and upgrade/extension of existing trails to a create coastal greenway leading from north of Dundalk and south through Blackrock village

Aquatic assessments will determine baseline values for the receiving aquatic environment and also survey for protected aquatic species and their habitats.

The ecological scoping report (Woodrow, 2021. *Ecological scoping report flood relief scheme, Dundalk, Co. Louth*) states in relation to aquatic ecology (Section 3.2.2) that following surveys are required:

- *A macro-invertebrate survey indicating the Q value and associated chemical rating of streams within and draining the site in order to form an appropriate baseline.*
- *An ecological assessment of the streams/rivers within and draining the site (notability with respect to Salmonid suitability and possibly lamprey spawning beds).*

Figure 1 and **Figure 2** provide maps showing the proposed features for the flood relief scheme, including recreational features.

2. METHODOLOGIES

Methods to obtain information such as instream and visual surveys are described below. Desktop surveys were also used to gather information on watercourses.

2.1 Field survey methodologies

Aquatic assessments for Q-value assessments, salmonid and lamprey suitability surveys were carried out in November and December 2021, with three sample points undertaken in February 2022. The location of sample points are shown in **Figure 3**.

The methodology for aquatic assessments of the watercourses potentially affected by the scheme include:

- An ecological assessment of the streams/rivers within the site (notability with respect to salmonid/lamprey suitability).
- A macro-invertebrate survey indicating the Q-value and associated chemical rating of streams within the site in order to form an appropriate baseline.

Streams were assessed for salmonid and lamprey suitability following the Life Cycle Unit Approach (LCU) and guidance from Maitland (2003) within the site boundary.

Biological scoring of the streams within the site was carried out to provide for Q-values of each watercourse. This was undertaken using macro-invertebrate sampling (kick-sampling), a standard assessment methodology at locations within the survey area to form a baseline for appropriate monitoring. Basic water quality parameters were measured using a portable water meter to provide a baseline profile of chemical quality in the watercourses. These included temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen and conductivity.

The following guidance documents were used to inform the aquatic assessments:

- Toner, P., Bowman, K., Clabby, K., Lucey, J., McGarrigle, M., Concannon, C., Clenaghan, C., Cunningham, P., Delaney, J., O'Boyle, S., MaCarthaigh, M., Craig, M., & Quinn, R. (2005). Water Quality in Ireland 2001-2003. Environmental Protection Agency, Wexford
- Dept. of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (2005). The Evaluation of Habitat for Salmon and Trout. Advisory Leaflet No. 1, Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland. Available at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/evaluation-habitat-salmon-and-trout-advisory-leaflet>
- Maitland, P.S. (2003). Ecology of the river, brook and sea lamprey. Conserving Natura 2000 Rivers Ecology Series No. 4. English Nature, Peterborough.

2.2 Desktop study

A desktop study of the watercourses within the project area was undertaken to determine information on rivers/streams and any known protected water dependent species that may be recorded in these areas.

Information was obtained from sources such as the National Parks and Wildlife (NPWS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) and Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI).

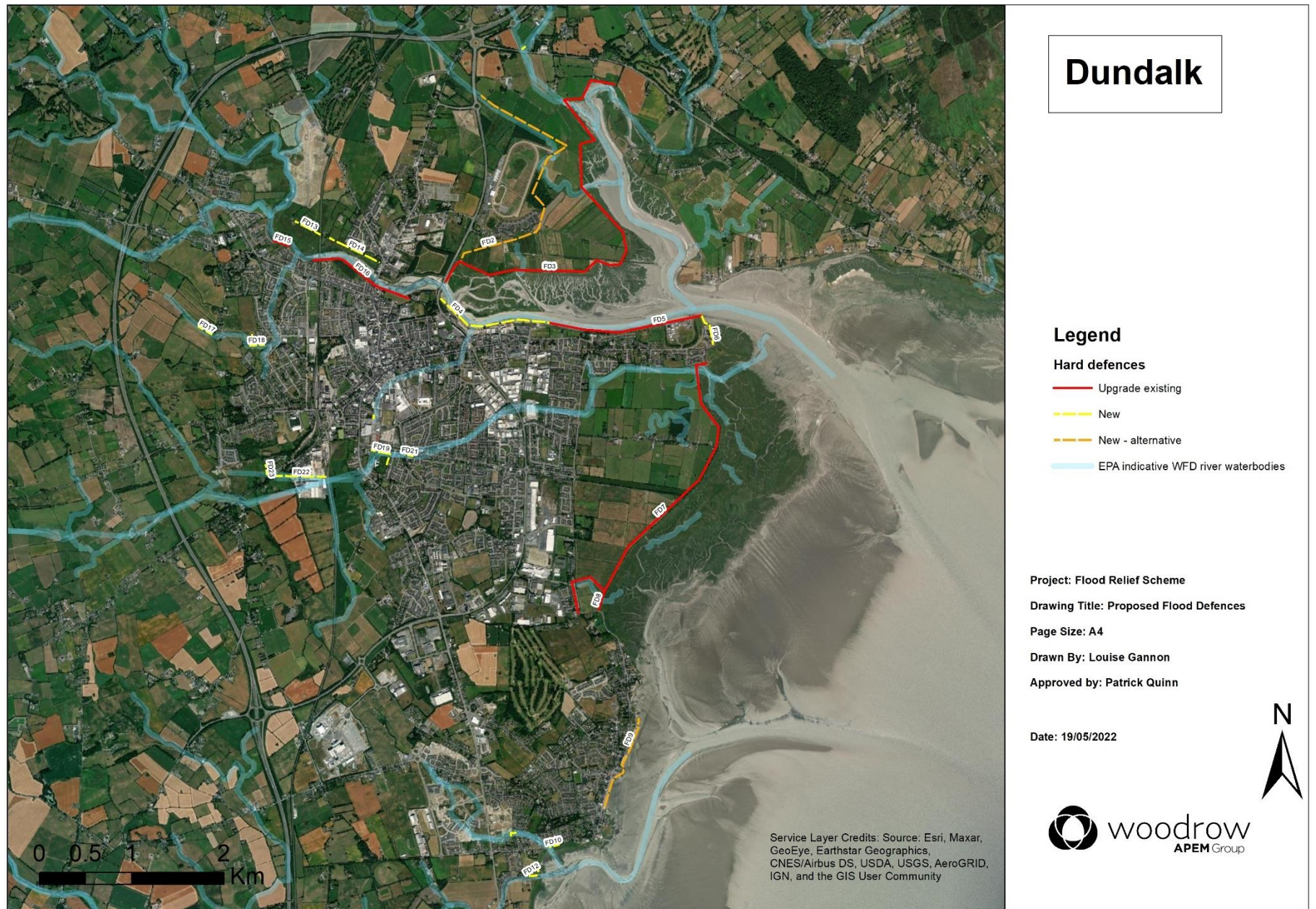
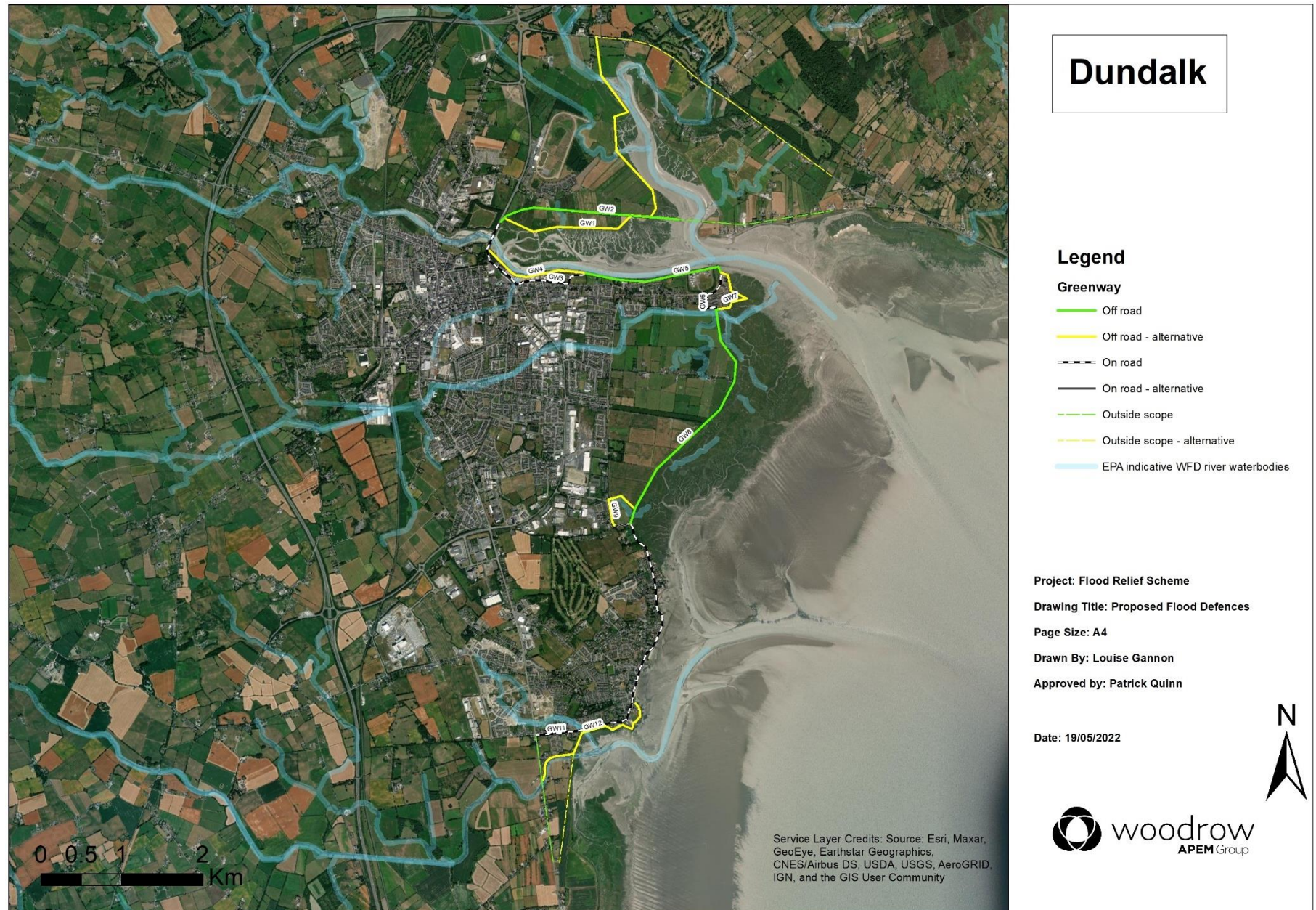


Figure 1. Dundalk-Blackrock: Locations of proposed flood defences and where existing feature will be upgraded



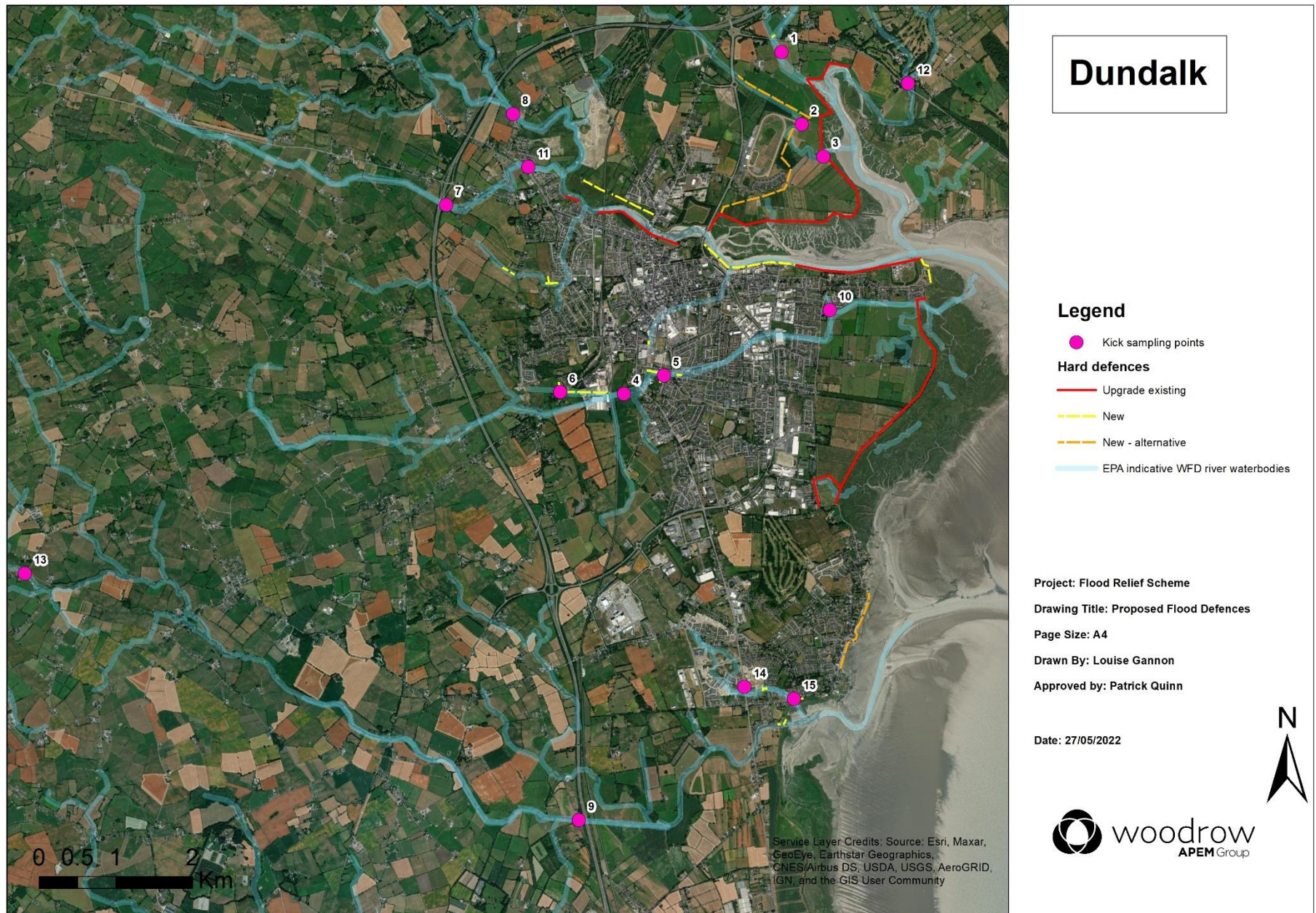


Figure 3. Q-value sampling sites

3. DESKTOP

3.1 Castletown River and tributaries

The Castletown River (EPA Code:06C01) at Dundalk is a 5th order river and is located within the Castletown_SC_020 sub catchment which is within the Newry, Fane, Glyde and Dee (06) catchment. The EPA has classified the water quality within the Castletown River as 'Moderate' within the project footprint during the 2013-2018 monitoring cycle. The latest round of Q-value sampling which took place in 2020 and assigns a value of Q3-4 (Moderate water quality) and Q4 (Good water quality) for the Castletown River in and around the Dundalk area. The EPA have also assigned a risk rating for the Castletown River as 'At Risk', this means that the watercourse is at risk of deteriorating further or failing to meet 'Good' water quality status in the future.

Tributaries of the Castletown River located within the project boundary include:

- According to EPA indicative mapping the Ramparts stream (3rd order stream) flows through the centre of Dundalk and joins the Castletown River at the mouth of the Dundalk Harbour. Rath06 (1st order stream) is an adjoining section of channelised stream flowing through The Brewery Business Park. There is a highly modified channel (unnamed stream 06_318) that flows east adjacent to Rampart Lane before veering north to join the estuary at Dundalk Port. Historically this was the channel taken by the Ramparts stream, which has been culverted to the south and north of the Tesco supermarket. The open section of 06_318 may still be fed by the Ramparts stream or as shown by the EPA mapping, the Ramparts stream may have been redirected, underground to join with stream originally called the Blackwater River (now called Ramparts). Before the Ramparts stream (Blackwater River) reaches the coast there is a flood gate, where it is joined by a stream network (Marsh_South) that flows through coastal farmland (formally marshland) and a drain that backs the coastal embankment.
- Cunnigar stream (1st order stream) flowing through in the Castletown suburb of Dundalk (north-eastern part of Dundalk) and joins the Castletown River at the upper reaches of the estuary.
- The majority of tributary Castletown06_1052 flowing into 06_1089 (1st & 2nd order stream) flows under housing estates in the Farranderg part of Dundalk and joins the Castletown River just west of the Castletown Bridge. Upper sections of the tributary 06_1052 has limited flow under normal conditions.
- Both the Raskeagh (3rd order stream) and Culfore (1st order stream) flow into the Ballymascanlan River estuary, which joins the estuarine water of Dundalk Harbour along the old railway line.
- Dowdalls_Hill watercourse (1st order stream) is formed by two short streams that flow through Marsh North (south of Dundalk Racecourse) that cross under the old railway line and flow into the estuarine waters of Dundalk Harbour.

These streams have been assigned a risk rating for water quality as 'At Risk' or under 'Review'. Q-value assessments by the EPA have been carried out on these streams according to EPA mapping and are assigned values of 'Moderate' to 'Poor'.

3.2 River Fane

The River Fane (EPA Code: 06F01) is a 4th order river and is located within the Fane_SC_020 sub catchment, which is within the Newry, Fane, Glyde and Dee (06) catchment. The River Fane flows into Dundalk Bay south of Blackrock. The EPA has classified the water quality within the River Fane as 'Good' within the project footprint during the 2013-2018 monitoring cycle. The latest round of Q-value sampling which took place in 2020 and assigns a value of Q3-4 (Moderate water quality) and Q4 (Good water quality) for the River Fane in and around the Dundalk area. The EPA have also assigned a risk rating for the River Fane as 'At Risk', this means that the River Fane is at risk of deteriorating or being at less than Good status in the future.

3.3 Haggardstown stream

The Haggardstown stream (EPA Code: 06H08) is a 1st order stream and is located within the Castletown_SC_020 sub catchment which is within the Newry, Fane, Glyde and Dee (06) catchment. This stream runs along the western suburbs of Blackrock and flows into Dundalk Bay at the southern part of the village. The EPA has classified the water quality within the Haggardstown stream as 'Unassigned' within the project footprint during the 2013-2018 monitoring cycle. No Q- value assessments have been carried out on this stream by the EPA and so no Q-value score is available. The EPA have assigned a risk rating for the Haggardstown stream as 'Not at Risk'.

3.4 Protected Species

The proposed Dundalk flood relief works is within 1 no.10km grid square (J00). **Table 1** shows the results of Article 17 reporting from the NPWS¹ and the NBDC² grid search for protected species within this area.

Table 1. Protected species table

Species	10-km grid square J00	
	NBDC	NPWS
Salmon	No	Yes*
Freshwater pearl mussel	No	No
White-clawed crayfish	No	No
Brook lamprey	No	Yes*
River lamprey	No	Yes*
Sea lamprey	No	Yes*

*Current distribution and range of species³

Inland Fisheries Ireland research and monitoring of the Castletown River⁴ and River Fane⁵ has recorded salmon, trout, lamprey and eel during fish population surveys conducted in 2017 and 2018 as part of the Eastern River Basin District River surveys.

The National Biodiversity Data Centre notes European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) in the project area (10km Grid J00), as recorded during the eastern river basin district river surveys. European eel is listed on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list of species being of critically endangered and threatened with extinction⁶.

3.5 Consultation

Inland Fisheries Ireland during informal consultation had no response at the time of writing.

¹ NPWS (2019) Article 17 Reporting https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/NPWS_2019_Vol3_Species_Article17.pdf

² NBDC <https://maps.biodiversityireland.ie/Map>

³ NPWS (2019) Article 17 Reporting https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/NPWS_2019_Vol3_Species_Article17.pdf

⁴ IFI (2017) http://wfdfish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/ERBD_Castletown_2017.pdf

⁵ IFI (2019) http://wfdfish.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ERBD_Fane_2018-2.pdf

⁶ IUCN <https://www.iucnredlist.org/species/60344/152845178>

4. FIELD SURVEY RESULTS

4.1 Salmonid suitability survey

4.1.1 Castletown River

The entire section of the Castletown River within the project footprint is tidal, this habitat is not suitable for spawning or juvenile salmon to inhabit. Adult salmon migrating to spawning grounds further upstream in the catchment will use this river in the spring and summer runs. Smolts, which have lived their juvenile life in freshwater will also use the Castletown River in the spring smolt runs heading to sea. **Figure 4** shows salmon habitat suitability mapping and the Castletown River is illustrated in Plate 1 in Appendix I.

4.1.2 Castletown River tributaries

The tributaries of the Castletown River (Ramparts, Rath06, 06_318, 06_1052 flowing into 06_1089, Cunnicar, Dowdalls Hill, Raskeagh and Culfore) within the project area are not suitable for salmonids to exist. These streams are urbanised with artificial stone banks, litter grills, which prevent passage and there are also subterrain sections, including the Castletown_06_1089 and Rampart streams. There were sections noted as silt laden or choked with vegetation, including the Rath06 stream - see Plate 3 in Appendix I. Sections of these streams at the coast are subject to tidal influence, in particular Dowdalls Hill and Culfore, which does not provide suitable habitat for spawning or juvenile salmon.

As shown in **Figure 4**, these streams were assessed as offering sub-optimal habitat for salmonids to use. The tributaries are illustrated in Plates 2-6 in Appendix I.

4.1.3 Haggardstown stream

The Haggardstown stream is within the project area and flows into Dundalk Bay at Blackrock. This stream is urbanised, silt laden and choked with vegetation and, as shown in **Figure 4**, the entire watercourse offers sub-optimal habitat for salmonids to use. Sections of the stream are illustrated Plates 9-10.

4.1.4 River Fane

As shown in **Figure 4**, the River Fane has suitable habitat for all life stages of Salmonids to exist. Spawning, juvenile and adult salmonids have the potential to exist within the River Fane. The area where works are proposed is tidal and no spawning or juvenile habitat exists at this location, however migrating salmonids heading and coming back from migrations will pass this point of the river during these life cycle stages. Sections of the River Fane are illustrated in Plates 7-8.

4.2 Lamprey suitability survey

4.2.1 Castletown River

As indicated by **Figure 5**, the Castletown River is suitable for lamprey to exist on passage during its adult life stage. Sea and River lamprey will enter the river to spawn and also once juveniles metamorphose into adults, they themselves will travel down the Castletown River and head to the estuary or sea. See Plate 1 for example of silt deposits in river.

4.2.2 Castletown River tributaries

Lamprey use habitat similar to salmon to spawn. Due to the lack of passage and the urbanised setting of these streams within Dundalk, there is no optimal lamprey habitat available, which is shown by habitat suitability mapping in **Figure 5**. Images of the streams are provided in Appendix I - see Plates 2-6.

4.2.3 River Fane

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4.2.4 Haggardstown stream

The Haggardstown stream within the project area is not suitable for lamprey to exist. As illustrated by Plates 9-10 in Appendix I, this stream is urbanised, silt laden and choked with vegetation and as shown in **Figure 5** this stream is sub-optimal habitat for lamprey to use.

4.3 Q-values

Woodrow ecologists carried out Q-value assessments on the watercourses within the project footprint and to assign a Q-value to these sample sites within the watercourse. Baseline water quality parameters were also taken using a field water quality probe.

Figure 3 shows the distribution of the kick sampling locations in relation to the potential areas of flood relief works and coordinates for each point are provided in the results tables (see Table 2).

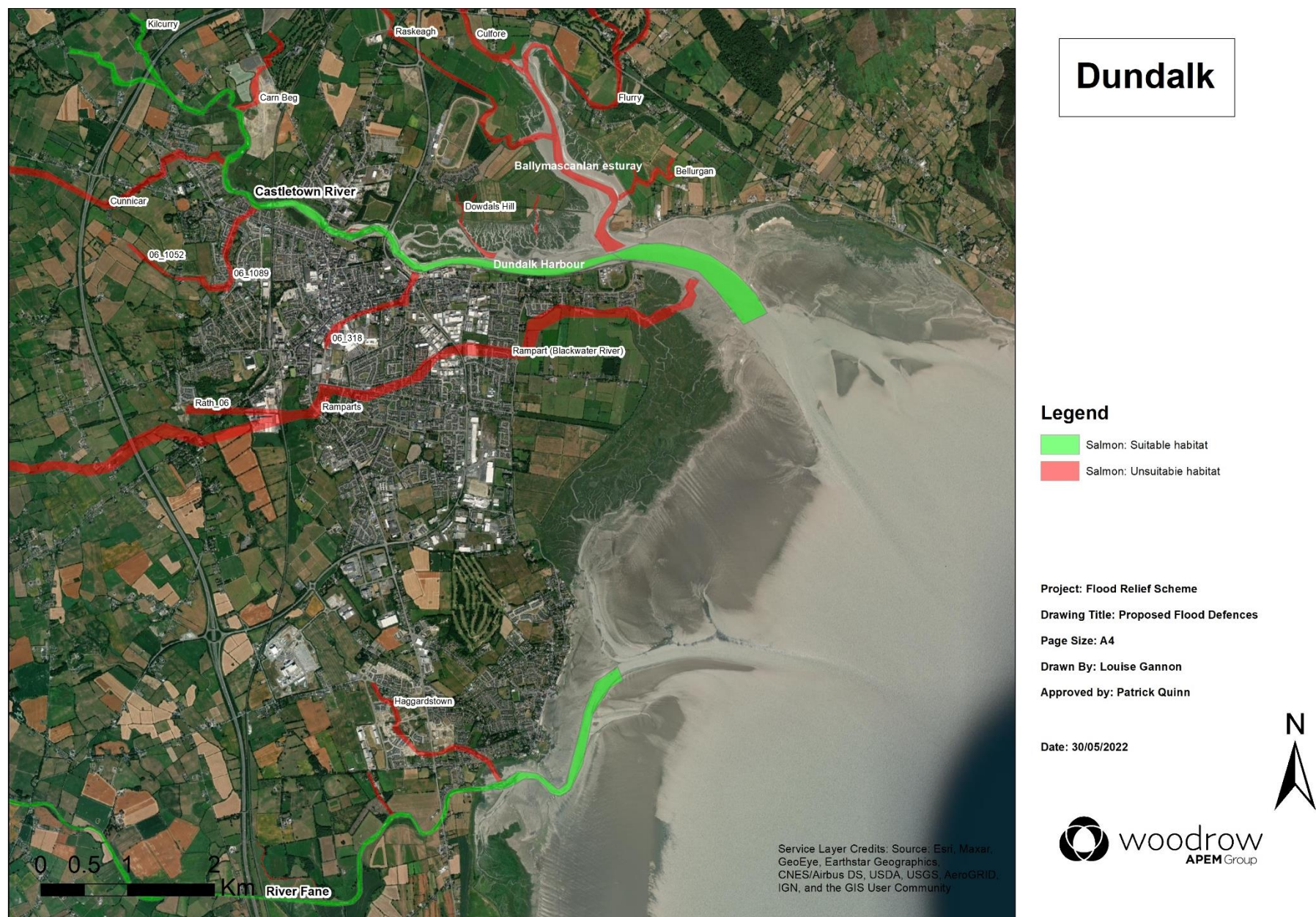
Table 2 shows the results of the Q-value assessments and their assigned scores and status.

Table 3 lists the parameter values recorded during these surveys. **Appendix II** provides tables showing the raw data for water quality collected during surveys.

As listed in **Table 2**, for the watercourses assessed Q-value assessments range from 'Bad' water quality to 'Good'. Only the Flurry River was scored as having good water quality status (see Sample Point 12 in Table 2) and this stream is out of the core study area directly affected by the proposal.

Baseline chemical parameter analysis of the watercourses are what would be expected within these systems with pH levels in the range of 7 to 8 and dissolved oxygen levels between 7 and 11mg/l. The River Fane and Haggardstown stream were not assessed for chemical water quality parameters due to equipment failure and so are not listed within

Table 3.



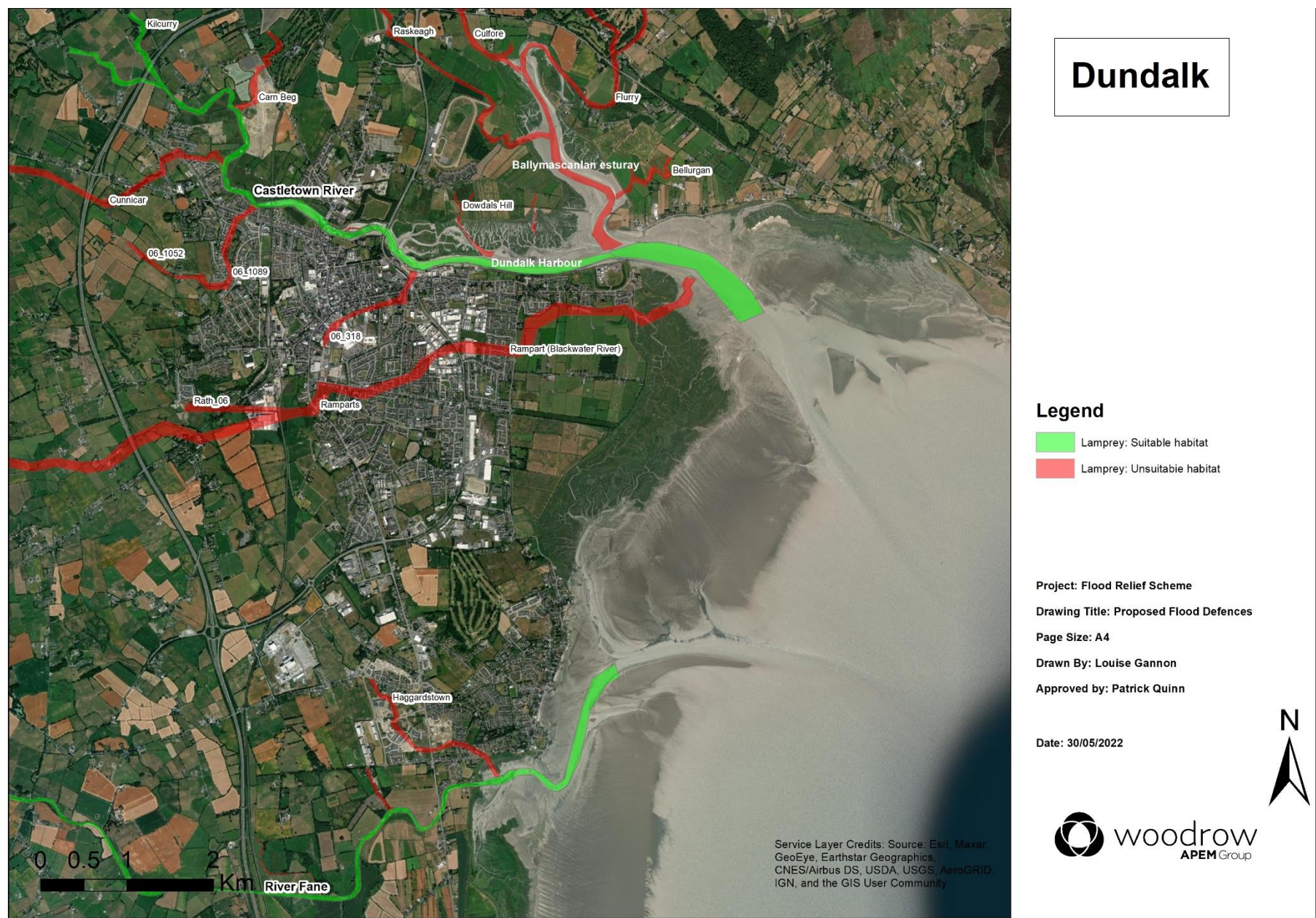


Figure 5. Lamprey suitability map

Table 2. Q-value results

Location	x	y	Q value	Quality classes	Water Quality Status
1 Culfore	54.0329594	-6.3757701	3	C	Poor
2 Raskeagh	54.0244466	-6.3720559	3	C	Poor
3 Raskeagh	54.0206144	-6.3679219	1	D	Bad
4 Rampart	53.9933782	-6.4086679	3	C	Poor
5 Rampart	53.9954061	-6.4006313	3	C	Poor
6 Rath-06	53.9937439	-6.4213063	3	C	Poor
7 Cunnicar	54.0159441	-6.4431777	3	C	Poor
8 Castletown River	54.0264130	-6.4294693	3-4	B	Moderate
9 River Fane	53.9436060	-6.4194830	3-4	B	Moderate
10 Rampart	54.0026340	-6.3673330	2	D	Bad
11 Cunnicar	54.0201700	-6.4266530	3	C	Poor
12 Flurry River	54.0289250	-6.3507460	4	A	Good
13 River Fane	53.9738700	-6.5285200	3-4	B	Moderate
14 Haggartstown tributary	53.9587600	-6.3860200	2	D	Bad
15 Haggartstown tributary	53.9572200	-6.3762300	2	D	Bad

Table 3. Water quality parameter results

Note: Water quality parameters were not collected at sample points 13, 14, 15

Location	x	y	Temp. °C	pH	Dissolved oxygen		Conductivity ⁷	ORP ⁸
1 Culfore	54.0329594	-6.3757701	14.1	7.71	077.8%Sat	07.90mg/l	0363µs/cm	0031.2mV
2 Raskeagh	54.0244466	-6.3720559	13.3	7.6	069.4%Sat	07.16mg/l	0644µs/cm	0082.5mV
3 Raskeagh	54.0206144	-6.3679219	13.5	7.67	074.8%Sat	07.67mg/l	0894µs/cm	0048.0mV
4 Rampart	53.9933782	-6.4086679	13.5	7.56	066.9%Sat	06.72mg/l	0402µs/cm	0084.0mV
5 Rampart	53.9954061	-6.4006313	13.5	7.37	041.9%Sat	04.29mg/l	0826µs/cm	0029.0mV
6 Rath-06	53.9937439	-6.4213063	12.8	7.15	062.1%Sat	06.30mg/l	0382µs/cm	-0112.6mV
7 Cunnicar	54.0159441	-6.4431777	13.4	8.02	088.5%Sat	090.5mg/l	0815µs/cm	0080.7mV
8 Castletown River	54.0264130	-6.4294693	11.2	7.9	102.5%Sat	10.31mg/l	0323µs/cm	0097.3mV
9 River Fane	53.9436060	-6.4194830	11.3	7.78	095.4%Sat	10.34mg/l	0337µs/cm	0134.0mV
10 Rampart	54.0026340	-6.3673330	11.9	7.04	012.9%Sat	01.36mg/l	0433µs/cm	0099.5mv
11 Cunnicar	54.0201700	-6.4266530	12.4	8.21	094.6%Sat	09.97mg/l	0750µs/cm	0067.5mv
12 Flurry River	54.0289250	-6.3507460	11.7	7.81	103.8%Sat	11.11mg/l	0229µs/cm	0108.7mv

⁷ EPA (2001) Parameters of Water Quality: Interpretation and Standards. Environmental Protection Agency, Wexford.
https://www.epa.ie/pubs/advice/water/quality/Water_Quality.pdf

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5. SUMMARY

Field surveys have identified that the Castletown River within the project footprint is tidal, this habitat is not suitable for spawning or juvenile salmon to inhabit; however, adult salmon migrating to spawning grounds further upstream in the catchment will use this river in the spring and summer runs. Surveys have identified that the River Fane is a salmonid river with the potential to hold all life stages of these species, along with lamprey species. Habitats present within the river are suitable for spawning salmonids and lamprey to use. There are also juvenile and adult habitats available within the River Fane, such as boulder and stony habitat for juvenile salmonids and silt deposits for lamprey to inhabit.

Q-value assessments within the River Fane and Castletown systems have resulted in values associated with Moderate to Good water quality for the receiving watercourses.

The desktop study carried out for the River Fane and Castletown River regarding Q-value assessments resulted in similar results to the field assessments with the EPA assigning a water quality of Moderate (3-4) status for both systems.

Protected species results from the desktop study suggest Atlantic salmon and lamprey species are all present in the Castletown and Fane River systems. The critically endangered European eel has also been logged as present within these systems.

The Castletown tributaries and the Haggardstown stream are not suitable for salmonids or lampreys to inhabit, as they have sub-optimal habitats available and water quality conditions are unfavourable for these species to exist within these systems.

Surveys were carried out to inform overall baseline results of the potentially impacted watercourses in the local and wider area of the scheme. No further surveys are required based on the information to date, as no actual instream working areas have been identified as yet.

APPENDIX I – ILLUSTRATED PLATES



Plate 1 – Potential areas where adult salmon/lamprey would use for passage on the Castletown River estuarine waters.



Plate 2 – Ramparts stream



Plate 3 – Rath06 stream in Dundalk



Plate 4 – Cunnicar stream with grills



Plate 5 – Cunnicar stream with grills



Plate 6 – Culfore stream with heavy vegetation within



Plate 9 – Haggardstown stream with sub-optimal salmonid/lamprey habitat



Plate 10 – Haggardstown stream with sub-optimal salmonid/lamprey habitat



Plate 7 – River Fane with potential salmonid/lamprey habitats (riffle and glide areas)



Plate 8 – River Fane with potential salmonid/lamprey habitats (riffle and boulder areas)

APPENDIX II – SURVEY RAW DATA

Water quality: Sample points 1 to 12

Location	Upstream/ Downstream	X	Y	Temperature (°C)	ORP(mV)	PH	DO (% Sat)	DO (mg/L)	EC (µS/cm)	Substrate	Riparian vegetation	Notes
1	Downstream FD1	54.0329594	-6.3757701	14.1	0031.2	7.71	077.8	07.90	0363	Sand/Silt	Deciduous tree cover	Stream running through pastoral farmland
2	Upstream FD2	54.0244466	-6.3720559	13.3	0082.5	7.6	069.4	07.16	0644	Mud/Silt	Scrub	High aquatic macrophyte density within stream. Fish present in stream
3	Downstream FD2	54.0206144	-6.3679219	13.5	0048.0	7.67	074.8	07.67	0894	Sand/Stone	Scrub	location is tidal, may be disregarded.
4	Upstream FD19, FD20, FC21	53.9933782	-6.4086679	13.5	0084.0	7.56	066.9	06.72	0402	Mud/Silt	Reed bed	High aquatic macrophyte density. Unable to access for kick sample so drift net sample taken
5	Downstream FD19	53.9954061	-6.4006313	13.5	0029.0	7.37	041.9	04.29	0826	Stone	Urban culvert/scrub	Fish present in Stream. Highly polluted with urban rubbish
6	Upstream FD22, FD23	53.9937439	-6.4213063	12.8	0112.6	7.15	062.1	06.30	0382	Mud/Silt	Deciduous tree cover	Unable to access for kick sample so drift net sample taken
7	Upstream FD17, FD18	54.0159441	-6.4431777	13.4	0080.7	8.02	088.5	090.5	0815	Stone/Gravel	Deciduous tree cover	Stream running through pastoral farmland. Sample location near motorway
8	Upstream FD13, FD14, FD15, FD16	54.026413	-6.4294693	11.2	0097.3	7.9	102.5	10.31	0323	Stone	Deciduous tree cover/Scrub	
9	Upstream FD12	53.943606	-6.419483	11.3	0134.0	7.78	095.4	10.34	0337	Sand/Stone/Gravel	Deciduous tree cover	
10	Upstream FD7	54.002634	-6.367333	11.9	0099.5	7.04	012.9	01.36	0433	Mud/Silt	Deciduous tree cover/Reeds	Little or no flow with a high content of organic matter on river bed, drift net sample taken
11	Upstream FD13, FD14, FD15, FD16	54.020170	-6.426653	12.4	0067.5	8.21	094.6	09.97	0750	Gravel	Urban/Scrub	Tributary stream to the Castletown river
12	Upstream FD3	54.028925	-6.350746	11.7	0108.7	7.81	103.8	11.11	0229	Stone/Gravel	Deciduous tree cover	Wide river, fast flowing

Water quality: Sample points 13 to 15

Date	Station	X	Y	Mesohabitat	Substrate	Stream Vegetation	Riparian Vegetation	Notes
15/02/2022	FANE - Castlerring Br	53.97387	-6.52852	Run, Riffle	Gravel, Cobble, Boulder	Some macrophytes, reeds	Scrub, reeds, sporadic riparian tree cover	Fast flowing site through pastoral farmland
15/02/2022	Haggardstown_1	53.95876	-6.38602	Pool	Silt	Grasses, <i>Phragmites</i> , <i>Lemna minor</i>	Grasses	Could not access for kick sample, so sweep net taken. Grey water and litter
15/02/2022	Haggardstown_2	53.95722	-6.37623	Pool	Gravel, Silt	None	Overhanging trees	Combination of sweep net and kick sample. Difficult site to sample

Q-values: Sample points 1 to 12

Location	Q value	Quality classes
1	3	C
2	3	C
3	1	D
4	3	C
5	3	C
6	3	C
7	3	C
8	3-4	B
9	3-4	B
10	2	D
11	3	C
12	4	A

Q-values: Sample points 13 to 15

FANE - Castlering Br	Haggardstown_1	Haggardstown_2		FANE - Castlering Br	Haggardstown_1	Haggardstown_2
			Group A	8.860759494	0	0
			Group B	8.860759494	0	1.62601626
			Group C	81.01265823	17.77777778	40.6504065
			Group D	0	73.33333333	0.81300813
			Group E	1.265822785	8.888888889	56.91056911
			Q-Value	3-4	2	2

Macroinvertebrates: Sample points 1 to 12

Location	Upstream/Downstream	TAXA	Abundance	Sensitivity Group
1	Upstream	Asellus spp.	19	D
1	Upstream	Baetis rhodani	1	C
1	Upstream	Chironomus ssp.	1	C
1	Upstream	Gammarus spp.	11	C
1	Upstream	Gastropoda	1	C
1	Upstream	Oligochaeta	9	E
1	Upstream	Platyhelminthes	2	C
1	Upstream	Trichoptera (Cased)	1	B
2	Upstream	Asellus spp.	1	D
2	Upstream	Coleoptera	1	C
2	Upstream	Gammarus spp.	1	C
2	Upstream	Gastropoda	13	C
2	Upstream	Gastropoda Physa spp.	6	D
2	Upstream	Hirudinae	2	D
2	Upstream	Oligochaeta	1	E
2	Upstream	Platyhelminthes	2	C
2	Upstream	Trichoptera (Cased)	4	B
3	Downstream	Chironomus ssp.	11	E
3	Downstream	Oligochaeta	1	E
4	Upstream	Asellus spp.	9	D
4	Upstream	Coleoptera	2	C
4	Upstream	Gammarus spp.	1	C
4	Upstream	Gastropoda	7	C
4	Upstream	Gastropoda Physa spp.	5	D
4	Upstream	Oligochaeta	4	E
4	Upstream	Trichoptera (Cased)	2	B
5	Downstream	Asellus spp.	37	D
5	Downstream	Chironomus ssp.	5	E
5	Downstream	Coleoptera	1	C
5	Downstream	Gammarus spp.	3	C
5	Downstream	Gastropoda	33	C
5	Downstream	Gastropoda Physa spp.	3	D
5	Downstream	Hydracarina	5	C
6	Upstream	Chironomus ssp.	1	E
6	Upstream	Coleoptera	1	C
6	Downstream	Gammarus spp.	70	C
6	Downstream	Oligochaeta	2	E
7	Upstream	Baetis rhodani	4	C
7	Upstream	Chironomus ssp.	2	E

7	Upstream	Coleoptera	1	C
7	Upstream	Gammarus spp.	56	C
7	Upstream	Oligochaeta	3	E
7	Upstream	Platyhelminthes	8	C
7	Upstream	Trichoptera (Cased)	4	B
7	Upstream	Trichoptera (Uncased)	3	C
8	Upstream	Asellus spp.	7	D
8	Upstream	Chironomus ssp.	3	E
8	Upstream	Gammarus spp.	14	C
8	Upstream	Gastropoda	400	C
8	Upstream	Gastropoda Physa spp.	11	D
8	Upstream	Heptageniidae	2	A
8	Upstream	Hirudinae	8	D
8	Upstream	Hirudinae Piscicola ssp.	2	C
8	Upstream	Oligochaeta	15	E
8	Upstream	Platyhelminthes	3	C
8	Upstream	Trichoptera (Cased)	3	B
8	Upstream	Trichoptera (Uncased)	4	C
9	Upstream	Gammarus spp.	37	C
9	Upstream	Chironomus ssp.	2	E
9	Upstream	Chironomidae	9	C
9	Upstream	Oligochaeta	12	E
9	Upstream	Ephemera danica	2	A
9	Upstream	Trichoptera (Cased)	6	B
10	Upstream	Asellus spp.	8	D
10	Upstream	Oligochaeta	1	E
10	Upstream	Gastropoda Physa spp.	2	D
10	Upstream	Gastropoda	5	C
11	Upstream	Gammarus spp.	26	C
11	Upstream	Oligochaeta	17	E
11	Upstream	Platyhelminthes	1	C
11	Upstream	Coleoptera	1	C
11	Upstream	Trichoptera (Cased)	5	B
11	Upstream	Chironomus ssp.	1	E
12	Upstream	Trichoptera (Uncased)	12	C
12	Upstream	Coleoptera	1	C
12	Upstream	Oligochaeta	3	E
12	Upstream	Heptageniidae	20	A
12	Upstream	Asellus spp.	4	D
12	Upstream	Platyhelminthes	3	C
12	Upstream	Hirudinea	1	D
12	Upstream	Gammarus spp.	78	C
12	Upstream	Baetis rhodani	8	C
12	Upstream	Trichoptera (Cased)	7	B
12	Upstream	Gastropoda	1	C
12	Upstream	Chironomidae	1	C

Macroinvertebrates: Sample points 13 to 15

		FANE - Castlering Br	Haggardstown_1	Haggardstown_2
Group C	Acroloxus lacustris			
Group B	Adicella reducta			
	Aeshnidae			
Group C	Agabus			
Group B	Agapetus			
	Agapetus delicatulus			
	Agapetus fuscipes			
	Agapetus ochripes			
	Agraylea			
	Agrypnia			
	Agrypnia obsoleta			
	Agrypnia pagetana			
	Agrypnia varia			
	Allotrichia			
	Ameletus			
	Ameletus inopinatus			
Group A	Amphinemura			
	Amphinemura sulcicollis			
Group B	Anabolia nervosa			
Group C	Ancylidae			
Group B	Anisoptera			
Group C	Anodonta			
Group C	Anodonta anatina			
	Anodonta cygnea			
	Anopheles			
Group B	Apatania			
	Apatania auricula			
	Apatania muliebris			
	Apatania wallengreni			
Group B	Aphelocheiridae			
Group C	Aplexa hypnorum			
Not Assig	Argulus foliaceus			
Group D	Asellus			
Group D	Asellus aquaticus		60	1
Group D	Asellus meridianus			
Group C	Athericidae			
	Athripsodes			
Group C	Austropotamobius pallipes			
Group B	Baetidae	6		
Group C	Baetis			
	Baetis atrebatinus			
	Baetis fuscatus			
Group B	Baetis muticus			
Group C	Baetis rhodani			
Group B	Baetis scambus			
	Baetis vernus			
	Bathynellidae			
	Beraea			
Group B	Beraeidae			
	Beraeodes			
	Beraeodes minutus			
Group C	Bithynia			
	Brachycentridae			
Group A	Brachyptera risi			
	Brychius			
Group C	Caenis			
	Caenis horaria			
	Caenis luctuosa			
	Caenis macrura			
	Caenis rivulorum			
Group B	Calopterygidae			
	Camptochironomus			
	Capnia atra			
	Capnia bifrons			
Group A	Capniidae			
Group B	Cased Trichoptera			
	Centroptilum			
Group B	Centroptilum luteolum			
Group B	Ceraclea			
Group C	Ceratopogonidae			
	Chaetopteryx villosa			
	Chaoboridae			
Group C	Cheumatopsyche lepida			
	Chimarra marginata			
Group C	Chironomidae		2	
Group E	Chironomus		8	70
Group A	Chloroperla			
	Chloroperla tripunctata			
Group A	Chloroperlidae			

	Chrysomelidae				
Not Assig	Chydoridae				
Not Assig	Cladocera				
Group B	Cloeon				
	Cloeon dipterum				
	Cloeon simile				
Group B	Coenagrionidae				
Group C	Coleoptera			2	
Group C	Copepoda				
	Corbicula				
	Corixa				
Group C	Corixidae			2	
Group C	Corophium				
Group C	Crangonyx				
	Crangonyx pseudogracilis				
	Crunoecia irrorata				
Group C	Culicidae				
	Curculionidae				
	Cylindrotomidae				
	Cyrrus				
	Cyrrus flavidus				
	Cyrrus insolitus				
	Cyrrus trimaculatus				
Not Assig	Daphnia				
Group D	Dendrocoelum				
	Deronectes				
Group C	Dicranota				
	Dicrotendipes				
Group A	Dinocras cephalotes				
Group C	Diplectrona				
	Diplectrona felix				
Group C	Diptera				
Group A	Diura bicaudata				
	Dixa				
	Dixella				
Group C	Dixidae				
	Dolichopodidae				
Group C	Dreissena				
Group B	Drusus annulatus				
	Dryops				
Group C	Dugesia				
Group C	Dytiscidae			2	
Group C	Dytiscus				
	Ecclisopteryx guttulata				
Group A	Ecdyonurus				
	Ecdyonurus dispar				
	Ecdyonurus insignis				
	Ecdyonurus torrentis				
	Ecdyonurus venosus				
	Ecnomidae				
	Ecnomus tenellus				
Group C	Eiseniella				
Group C	Elmidae				
Group C	Elmis aenea				
Group C	Empididae				
Group D	Enchytraeidae				
Group A	Ephemera danica				
Group A	Ephemera danica (One Generation)				
Group A	Ephemera danica (Two generations)				
	Ephemerella notata				
	Ephemeroptera				
	Ephydriidae				
Group E	Eristalis				
Group D	Erpobdella				
Group C	Esolus / Oulimnius aggregation				
Group C	Esolus parallelepipedus				
Group C	Gammarus		30		50
Group C	Gammarus duebeni				
	Gammarus lacustris				
	Gammarus pulex				
	Gammarus tigrinus				
Group C	Gammarus zaddachi				
	Georissidae				
Group C	Gerridae				
Group D	Glossiphonia				
Group D	Glossiphonia complanata				
	Glossosoma				
	Glossosoma boltoni				
	Glossosoma conformis				
Group B	Glossosomatidae				

	Glyptotaelius				
	Glyptotaelius pellucidus				
Group B	Goera pilosa				
Group B	Goeridae				
Group C	Gordius				
	Grammotaulius				
Group C	Gyrinidae				
Group C	Gyrinus				
Group D	Haemopis				
	Halesus				
	Halesus digitatus				
	Halesus radiatus				
Group C	Halplidae				
Group C	Halplus				
	Hebrus				
Group D	Helobdella				
	Helophorus				
Group A	Heptagenia	6			
	Heptagenia fuscogrisea				
Group A	Heptagenia sulphurea				
Group A	Heptageniidae				
	Heteroceridae				
Group C	Heteroptera				
Group D	Hirudinea				
	Holocentropus				
	Holocentropus dubius				
	Holocentropus picicornis				
	Hydatophylax infumatus				
Group C	Hydrachnidae				
Group C	Hydraena				
Group C	Hydraenidae				
	Hydrobia				
	Hydrochus				
Group C	Hydrometridae				
Group C	Hydrophilidae				
Group C	Hydroporus				
Group C	Hydropsyche	25			
	Hydropsyche angustipennis				
	Hydropsyche contubernalis				
	Hydropsyche instabilis				
	Hydropsyche pellucidula				
	Hydropsyche siltalai				
Group C	Hydropsychidae				
Group B	Hydroptila				
Group B	Hydroptilidae				
	Hygrobia				
Group C	Hygrotus				
	Ilybius				
Group A	Isoperla				
Group A	Isoperla grammatica				
	Ithytrichia				
	Laccophilus				
	Lasiocephala basalis				
Group B	Lepidostoma hirtum				
Group B	Lepidostomatidae				
Group B	Leptoceridae				
	Leptocerus				
Group B	Leptophlebia				
	Leptophlebia marginata				
	Leptophlebia vespertina				
Group B	Leptophlebiidae				
	Lestes				
Group B	Leuctra				
Group B	Leuctra fusca				
	Leuctra hippopus				
	Leuctra inermis				
	Leuctra nigra				
	Limnebius				
Group B	Limnephilidae	1		2	
Group B	Limnephilus				
Group C	Limnius volckmari				
Group C	Limnophora				
	Limoniidae				
Group C	Lumbricidae	5			
Group C	Lumbriculidae		1		
Group D	Lymnaea				
Group D	Lymnaea peregra				
Group D	Lymnaea stagnalis				
	Lype				
	Lype phaeopa				

	Lype reducta				
Group A	Margaritifera				
	Megaloptera				
	Mesophylax				
	Mesophylax impunctatus				
	Metalype fragilis				
Group C	Micronecta				
	Micropterna				
	Micropterna lateralis				
	Micropterna sequax				
	Microtendipes				
Group C	Microvelia				
	Molanna albicans				
	Muscidae				
Group C	Mysis				
	Mystacides				
	Myxas glutinosa				
Group E	Naididae				
	Nais				
Group C	Nebrioporus				
Group C	Nematoda				
Group C	Nematomorpha				
Group A	Nemoura				
	Nemoura avicularis				
	Nemoura cinerea				
Group A	Nemouridae				
	Nemurella picteti				
Group C	Nepa				
Group C	Nepidae				
	Neureclipsis bimaculata				
	Neuroptera				
	Niphargus				
	Noterus				
Group C	Notonectidae				
	Ochthebius				
Group B	Odonata				
Group B	Odontoceridae				
	Oecetis				
Group E	Oligochaeta	1			
	Oligotricha striata				
	Omphiscola glabra				
Group C	Orectochilus				
	Oreodytes				
	Orthotrichia				
Group C	Oulimnius tuberculatus				
Group B	Oxyethira				
Group C	Palpicornia				
Group B	Paraleptophlebia				
Group B	Paraleptophlebia cincta				
Group C	Pediciidae				
Group A	Perla				
Group A	Perla (One generation)				
Group A	Perla (Two generations)				
Group A	Perlodidae	1			
	Phacopteryx				
Group C	Philopotamidae				
Group C	Philopotamus				
	Philopotamus montanus				
Group B	Phryganea				
	Phryganea bipunctata				
	Phryganea grandis				
Group B	Phryganeidae				
Group D	Physa		6		
Group C	Piscicola				
Group D	Pisidium				
Group C	Planaria				
Group C	Planorbis	3		7	
	Plea leachii				
Group A	Plecoptera				
Group C	Plectrocnemia				
	Plectrocnemia conspersa				
	Plectrocnemia geniculata				
Group C	Polycelis				
Group C	Polycelis nigra				
Group C	Polycentropodidae				
Group C	Polycentropus				
	Polycentropus flavomaculatus				
	Polycentropus irroratus				
	Polycentropus kingi				
	Polypedium				

Group C	Porifera			
	Potamanthus			
	Potamophylax			
	Potamophylax cingulatus			
	Potamophylax latipennis			
Group C	Potamopyrgus antipodarum			
Group C	Procladius			
	Proclaeon			
	Proclaeon bifidum			
Group C	Prodiamesa			
Group A	Protonemura			
	Protonemura meyeri			
	Protonemura praecox			
Group C	Psychodidae			
	Psychomyia pusilla			
Group C	Psychomyiidae			
	Ptychopteridae			
	Rhagionidae			
	Rhantus			
Group C	Rheotanytarsus			
Group A	Rhithrogena			
	Rhithrogena germanica			
	Rhithrogena semicolorata			
Group C	Rhyacophila			
Group C	Rhyacophila dorsalis			
Group C	Rhyacophila munda			
Group C	Rhyacophilidae	1		
	Scatophagidae			
	Sciomyzidae			
Group C	Scirtes			
Group B	Sericostomatidae			
Group C	Serratella ignita			
	Setodes			
Group D	Sialis			
	Sigara			
Group B	Silo			
Group C	Simuliidae			
Group A	Siphonuridae			
	Siphonurus			
	Siphonurus alternatus			

	Siphonurus armatus			
	Siphonurus lacustris			
Group A	Siphonoperla			
Group A	Siphonoperla torrentium			
Group D	Sphaeriidae			
Group D	Sphaerium			
	Stenochironomus			
	Stenophylax			
	Stenophylax permistus			
	Stictochironomus			
	Stictonectes			
	Stictotarsus			
	Stratiomyidae			
Group C	Tabanidae			
Group A	Taeniopterygidae			
	Tanypodinae			
	Tanytarsus			
Group C	Theodoxus			
Group C	Theodoxus fluviatilis			
Group C	Tinodes			
	Tinodes dives			
	Tinodes macclachlani			
	Tinodes maculicornis			
	Tinodes unicolor			
	Tinodes waeneri			
Group C	Tipulidae			
	Trienodes bicolor			
	Tricholeiochiton			
Not Assig	Trichoptera			
Group C	Tricladida			
Group D	Trocheta bykowskii			
Group E	Tubificidae			
Group C	Uncased Trichoptera			
Group C	Valvata			
	Valvata cristata			
Group C	Valvata piscinalis			
Group C	Velia			
Group C	Viviparus viviparus			
	Wormaldia			
	Wormaldia mediana			
	Wormaldia occipitalis			
	Wormaldia subnigra			
	Ylodes reuteri			
Group B	Zygoptera			
	Total	79	90	123