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Latest Overview

This is the seventeenth newsletter for the Ramelton Flood Relief Scheme. The main activities carried out since the previous newsletter include developing the Options for Steering Group consideration and further ground investigation assessment.

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Hydraulics

The Ramelton Flood Relief Scheme hydraulic model has been developed and tested, and a Hydraulic Report has been prepared.

The model was used to identify properties at risk from flooding, to test the flood relief options and assess economic damages. The project team will also use the model to assess future climate change adaptation measures.

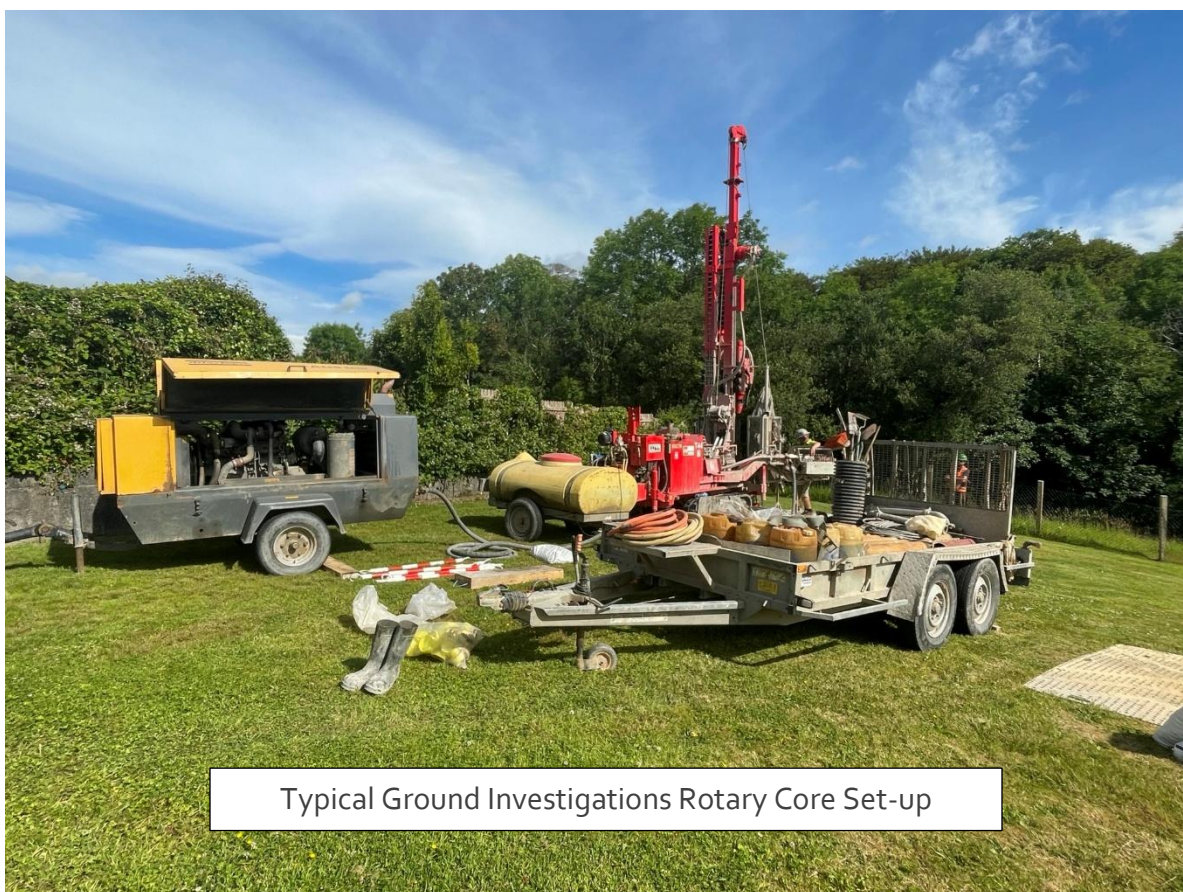
Options have been modelled and the emerging preferred option is under review by the project team.

Surveys & Investigations

An additional topographic survey to capture property threshold level for optioneering has been completed.

Northwest Geotech, a specialist ground investigation contractor has been appointed to carry out ground investigations as part of the flood relief scheme.

Private landowners are being notified of the works in advance of the ground investigations commencing on site. The works are anticipated to start on site mid July 2026 once archaeological licenses and Road Opening Licenses are in place.



Typical Ground Investigations Rotary Core Set-up

Environmental

Environmental surveys such as breeding birds, otters, bats and fisheries habitat surveys are ongoing and will continue over the coming months. Once a preferred option is confirmed, further specialist environmental surveys, including cultural heritage, noise & vibration, air quality, and landscape & visual will progress and the environmental reports required for the planning submission will be prepared.

Further treatment of invasive alien species including Himalayan balsam and Japanese knotweed will be carried out during summer 2026 commencing in July.



Optioneering

Optioneering modelling had been completed and an emerging preferred option has been identified. The project team have been refining the design and updating the Options Report in preparation for consultation on the preferred option.

Stakeholder Engagement

A collaborative design workshop is planned for Summer 2026 to identify any further requirements that may be needed. A number of public stakeholder bodies will be invited to collaborate and exchange their ideas and opinions.

After the workshop, the preferred option will be taken forward for public consultation.

Photomontages are being developed for display at the public consultation.



What's Next?

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

- ➔ Ground Investigations On-Site Commencement
- ➔ Top-up ecological surveys
- ➔ Finalise Options Report
- ➔ Options Workshop



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