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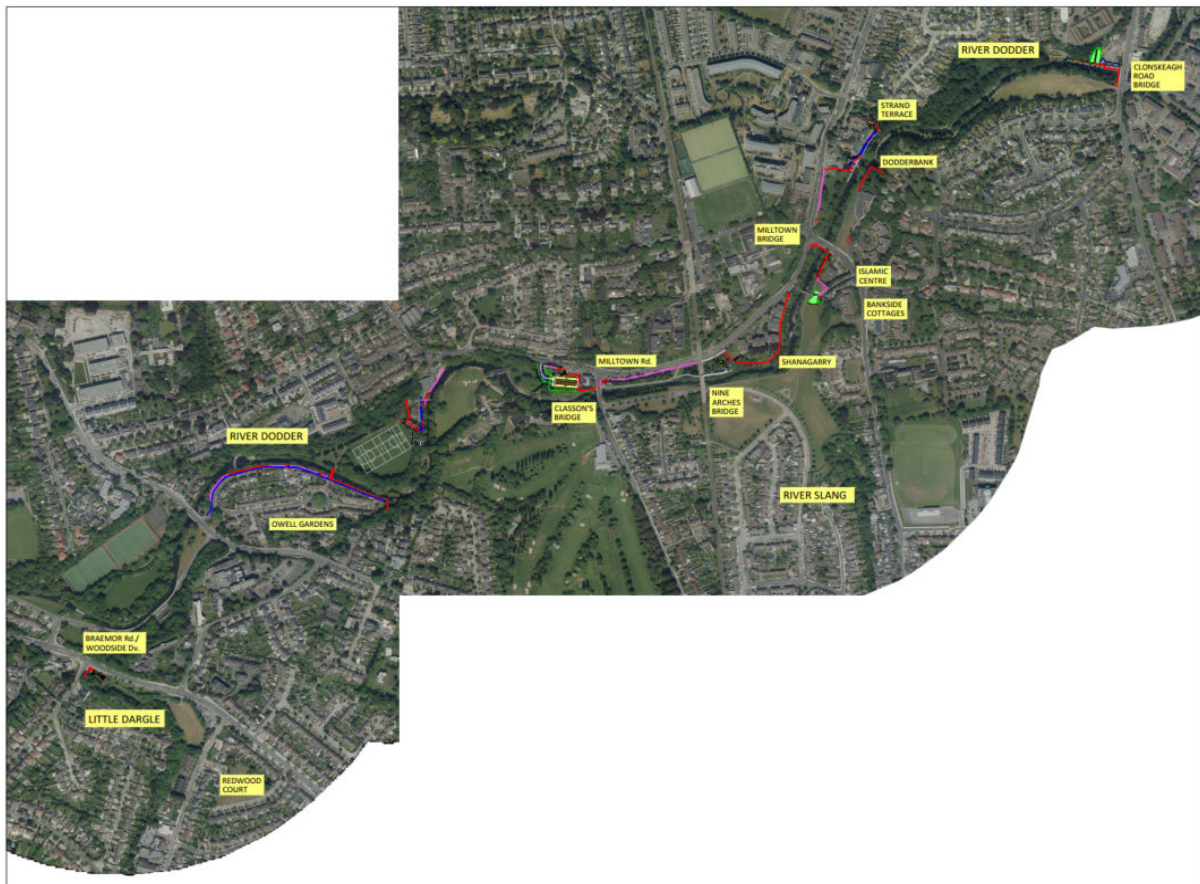
Update on project activities from July 2024 to November 2024 below:

Scheme Development & Engineering Design

The Scheme development is nearing completion of the options refinement and preliminary design stage.

Once preliminary designs are finalised, a final Public Participation Event will be held to present the proposed scheme to the public prior to submission of the planning application. This Public Participation Event is expected to take place in early 2025. The scheme design can be finalised following this event as public feedback is incorporated into the design.

The final scheme design has been broken up into 7 separate design areas. All 7 areas have been completed.



Collaboration is ongoing and information is shared with the Active Travel Team for the Dodder Greenway.

Agreement was reached with the Strand Terrace residents with regards to the proposed works in their immediate area.

Landscape design of agreed defences is ongoing to ensure that the engineered design is appropriate for the current landscape.

Site compound locations and access routes were agreed with the Client.

Environmental Surveys

The final breeding bird survey was completed in August 2024. A report has been completed including the findings from all surveys conducted across the scheme.

Top-up bat surveys were completed in August 2024.

The results of all ecology surveys will be incorporated into the Biodiversity chapter of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report as part of the planning application.

The Environment Impact Assessment Report is being updated with ongoing updates from the scheme designs and recent surveys. The EIAR will be finalised when the final design report is compiled.



Ground Investigation Works

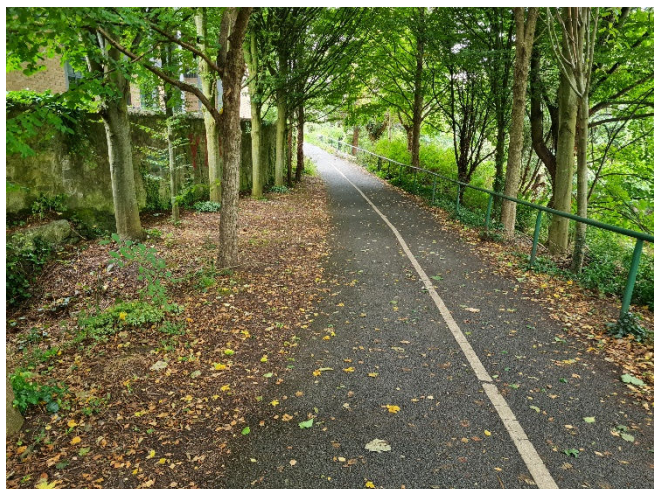
IGSL have been appointed to perform the Ground Investigation Contract for the scheme. IGSL conducted a site walk-over with their ecologist in June 2024 and again in August 2024 with representatives of DCC/DLRCC. The purpose of the site visit was to assess the proposed ground investigation work locations, access and challenges. Locations were adjusted and verified on site.

Ground Investigation works is to commence on site during the first week of December 2024 and will be ongoing for approximately 4 months. Once the works have been completed and results have been received. The project team will have confirmation of the ground conditions and geotechnical parameters for further scheme development. Ground stability will also be included in flood defense designs for the flood relief scheme.

Invasive Alien Species Treatment Contract

Treatment works for Invasive Alien Species including Winter Heliotrope and Himalayan Balsam were conducted in October 2024 and a report has been completed.

This year, 2024, was the final year of the initial 3-year treatment contract for IAS. The project team will issue a tender soon for another treatment contract for years to come.



Next Steps

- Ground Investigation works starting on site in December 2024.
- Finalise designs for flood protection in defined areas.
- Final model runs of preferred scheme.
- Landscape designs and photomontages for defined areas.
- Public Consultation Meeting.
- EIAR.
- Finalisation of Stage 1.

Project Programme

		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Stage 1	Scheme Development & Preliminary Design														
Stage 2	Planning														
Stage 3	Detailed Design														
Stage 4	Construction														
Stage 5	Handover of Works														