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Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch Flood Relief Scheme



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The purpose of the Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch Flood Relief Scheme is to alleviate the risk of flooding to the Community of Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch by providing a scheme that is technically, socially, environmentally, and economically acceptable.

Introduction

Kilkenny County Council in partnership with Carlow County Council and The Office of Public Works (OPW) are advancing with the Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch Flood Relief Scheme, (GTFRS) as abbreviated within the Newsletter.

This newsletter covers the teams progress from February 2025 to June 2025. Previous newsletters are located under 'Project Documents' on the scheme website.



Stage 1

The GTFRS completed Stage 1 on the 18/04/2025. Reports from Stage 1 have been uploaded onto the website for public reviewing under the link below.

<https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/grauguenamanagh-tinnahinchfrs/project-info/project-documents/>

These reports include:

- The Environmental Constraints Report
- The GTFRS Hydrology Report
- The GTFRS Hydraulics Report
- The GTFRS Options Report
- The GTFRS Final Report



Stage 2

Stage 2 is the Planning and Development stage.

Planning Process

The route to obtain statutory approval to construct the scheme will be via a Part 10 Planning Application to An Coimisiun Pleanála under Sections 175 and 177AE of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for the construction of the GTFRS.

The new Planning & Development Act 2024 is not expected to come into effect until sometime in 2026, and it is envisaged that the scheme will be submitted prior to its implementation. The legislation allows for ACP to make decisions on applications under the old act once the new act comes into law.

The Compulsory Purchase Order Application to ACP will be submitted concurrently with the Planning Application for the FRS.

Planning Documentation

The following list of planning documents are being prepared:

- Planning Report
- Planning Drawings
- Acquisition and Wayleave Maps
- Land Impact Assessment Reports
- Natura Impact Assessment
- EIA Screening
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- CEMP

Environmental Impact Assessment Report

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is near completion. The report consists of various chapters which determine the nature and potential impacts of the FRS on the environment.

Chapters Include:

- Introduction
- Planning and Policy
- Previous Studies, Alternatives & Options
- Description & Construction Methodology
- Stakeholder Consultation
- Population & Human Health
- Material Assets
- Hydrology – Surface Water
- Cultural Heritage
- Biodiversity
- Landscape & Visual
- Land, Soils, Geology & Hydrogeology
- Air Quality
- Climate
- Noise and Vibration
- Interactions & Cumulative Effects
- Major Accidents & Disasters
- Summary of Residual Effects & Mitigation

Remaining inputs to the EIAR include drone shot photomontages and landscape and visual completion. Once the EIAR is completed it will be uploaded onto the scheme website.

Council Presentations

Ayesa is preparing material and information of the GTFRS to present to Kilkenny and Carlow Council Members in July. Planning approaches, processes and documentation will be discussed for information.

What's Next?

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

- ➔ Completion of the 1st Draft of the EIAR
- ➔ Completed Acquisition and Wayleave Maps
- ➔ Council Presentation
- ➔ Completion of the CEMP

Website

Details of scheme progress and documentation are available on the scheme website.



Contact Us

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If you would like any further information on the Scheme, please visit our website:

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