

ENNISCORTHY FLOOD DEFENCE SCHEME

PROGRESS REPORT 05TH MARCH 2020

- Communications:

Liaison is ongoing.

Inland Fisheries Ireland; National Parks & Wildlife Service; Department of Environment Community & Local Government; Environmental Protection Agency; Transport Infrastructure Ireland / NRA ; Irish Water; Iarnród Éireann; National Monuments Service; Slaney Search & Rescue; Inland Waterways Association of Ireland Slaney Branch; Slaney River Trust; Enniscorthy Local Anglers Association; An Taisce, Enniscorthy Chamber of Commerce & Subcommittee and the Enniscorthy Business Association have been contacted and updated on the current status of the project. Communication with the Landowners & Local Businesses is ongoing.

Information on the scheme is available at www.enniscorthyfds.ie

- Preliminary Design:

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Outline Design was completed by the OPW. The scheme was first exhibited to the public in 2009 and was put on public display again in 2012.

- Design Development, Detailed Design & Procurement :

Consultants for the detailed design phase were appointed in November 2015. Mott MacDonald is the main Flood Defence Scheme consultant; Roughan & O'Donovan is the design consultant for the new road bridge & traffic management plan.

The detailed design of the flood defences, pumping stations, new pedestrian bridge and road junctions is progressing. The detailed design of the new road bridge and the traffic management plan for the scheme has been completed. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been updated. Tender documents for the construction works are currently being prepared. The shortlisting of contractors for the construction of the new road bridge commenced in February 2020.

- Statutory Process - Public Exhibition & Scheme Confirmation

A four week public display & information event, to inform the public of the developed design, took place in Enniscorthy in June 2018. Observations received during the event were considered and the scheme documents were amended to include further improvements to the design.

The developed scheme was exhibited to the public in Enniscorthy Library from the 17th May to 18th June 2019. Over 400 people attended the exhibition. Submissions received during the exhibition were considered and replied to. The documents required for ministerial consent have been completed. It is expected that the scheme will be submitted to the Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform for confirmation in March 2020.

Main construction work can commence when the scheme has been confirmed by the Minister.

- Works On Site

The site surveys required to update the EIAR and to develop the detailed design & traffic management plan commenced in 2016 and were completed in 2017.

Geotechnical investigation works commenced in 2016 and were completed in 2017; Archaeological investigations commenced in 2018 and are ongoing.

Advance preparation works ahead of main construction includes treatment of invasive species, service diversions and advance archaeological excavations.

- Programme

EIAR, Outline Design – complete.

Detailed Design & Tender Process – in progress.

Public Exhibition 2019 – complete.

Advance works – ongoing.

Main Construction Work to commence 2020, duration 3 years.