

ENNISCORTHY FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

PROGRESS REPORT 5TH JULY 2024

- Statutory Process - Public Consultation & Scheme Confirmation

A developed scheme was exhibited to the public in Enniscorthy Library in 2019. Over four hundred people attended the exhibition, and the scheme was well received. The scheme confirmation documents required for ministerial consent were submitted to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) in March 2020. In April 2021, WCC issued supplementary environmental information to the OPW and DPER to support the approval process. DPER issued their decision to reject the scheme on the 4th March 2022. Details are available on www.gov.ie.

The Minister for State, Mr Patrick O'Donovan, and senior officials from the OPW & WCC attended a special meeting of Enniscorthy MDC on 4th May 2022 to update the members in relation to the Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme. It was confirmed that the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme will proceed on a phased basis.

- Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme - Phase 1 - Bridgeworks

This phase of the project will include the construction of the new River Slaney Bridge, the removal of the Seamus Rafter Bridge and the construction of a new pedestrian bridge in the town centre. The next steps for the development of this phase of the project are as follows:

Review DPER reports & update all baseline data. This work is complete.
Assess design options for consultation. This work is currently in progress.
EIA & AA screening
Prepare EIAR & NIS
Prepare planning documents.
Part 10 / Submit to ABP

Public consultation is scheduled to take place in Q4 2024 and will be advertised in advance. The estimated timeline to planning submission is Q2 2025.

- Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme Phase 2 - Flood Relief Works

This phase of the scheme will include the construction of the remaining flood relief measures for Enniscorthy town. The next steps for the development of this phase of the scheme are as follows.

Update all ecological and project baseline data. This work is currently in progress.
Assess alternative design options in detail and shortlist these for consultation.
Identify the preferred scheme to be brought forward for planning.
Decide the appropriate planning route.
Prepare planning documents & submit for planning approval.