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DROGHEDA & BALTRAY

Flood Relief Scheme

NEWSLETTER



BACKGROUND TO THE STUDY

Drogheda (Droichead Átha) is a port town in County Louth on the east coast of Ireland. It is the eleventh largest settlement by population in all of Ireland and is the last bridging point on the River Boyne before it enters the Irish Sea. Baltray (Baile Trá) is a village and townland in County Louth. It sits on the northern shore of the River Boyne estuary. Since the latter half of the twentieth century, the village was developed as a dormitory village to Drogheda.

Drogheda and Baltray have had a history of serious flooding with the most recent significant event occurring in February 2002, where over 20 properties in Baltray were affected.

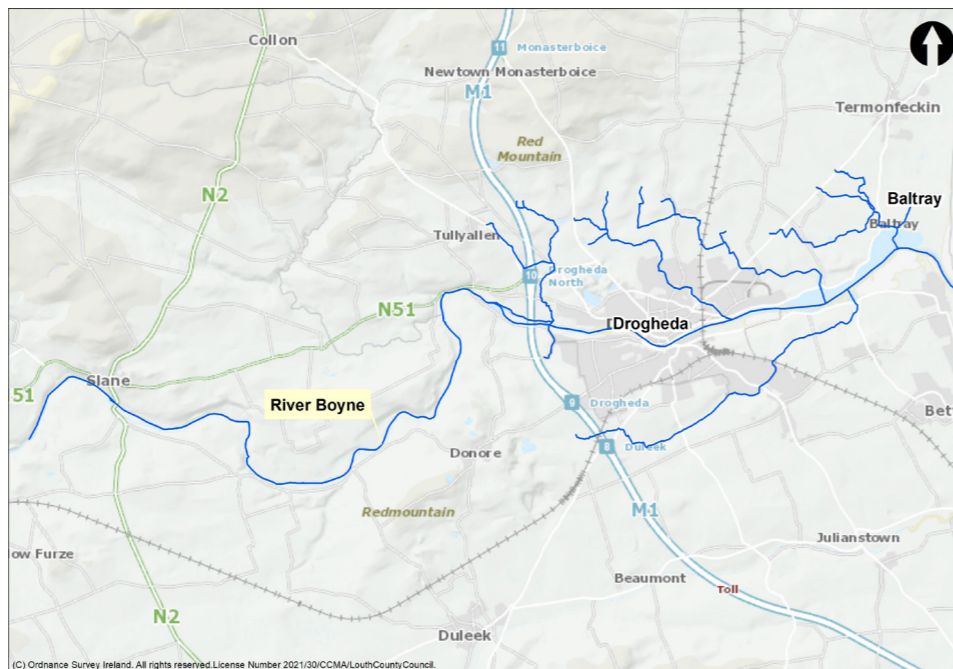
The OPW's Flood Risk and Management Study identified Drogheda and Baltray as towns which would benefit from a flood relief scheme, the need for such a scheme has been brought into focus by the events of February 2002 and Storm Brendan in January 2020.

As part of the Government's National Development Plan to 2030, €1.3 billion has been committed to the development of flood relief measures across Ireland. As part of this commitment, a steering group was established between Louth County Council and the Office of Public Works (OPW) to progress a flood relief scheme to alleviate the risk of flooding for Drogheda and Baltray. In September 2021, RPS were appointed Engineering and Environmental Consultants to develop a flood relief scheme that is technically, socially, environmentally, and economically acceptable for Drogheda and Baltray.

The project team will identify, design, and implement a flood relief scheme that is technically, socially, environmentally and economically acceptable.

WHAT STAGE IS THE STUDY AT?

Since appointment RPS has been working to ensure that all the works planned are based on the most accurate and up to date information. They have been reviewing all relevant sources of information, working on specifications for contract procurement to undertake a detailed river and terrain survey required as well as undertaking Wintering Bird Surveys. RPS has also developed a website to provide up-to-date information throughout the duration of the project



OUTLINE SCHEME PROGRAMME

Activity	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Stage 1											
Data Collection and Surveys											
Hydrological Analysis											
Hydraulic Analysis											
Scheme analysis & Development											
Environmental Assessment											
Stage 2											
Planning/Development											
Stage 3											
Detailed Design of Scheme											
Stage 4											
Construction works											
Stage 5											
Scheme Operational											

Timelines provided as current best estimate, but are subject to revision.

NEXT STEPS

Data Collection: RPS are interested in receiving photos, videos, sketches or any other relevant information in regards to previous floods from those who have experienced it first hand, particularly from March 2021. The information provided will help us to refine our river model and the design of the flood relief scheme. If you have any information which could be of use, please contact us.

Public Consultation Day: A public consultation day will be held on 26th April 2022 at Drogheda Library, Stockwell Lane, from 3pm- 7pm. Further details will be available on the project website (www.droghedabaltray.ie) in due course. The purpose of the event will be to introduce the project team, present and receive comments on flood risk in the area, particularly flood events that have occurred since the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study was undertaken, and discuss scheme options and environmental constraints in managing the flood risk from your perspective

Surveys: Appointment of survey contractor to record up to date river channel and floodplain levels to be used in design.

Hydrological Analysis: Analysis of river and rainfall data including recent events to be used in design.

Environmental Constraints Study: This study will be completed in conjunction with the engineering design and will identify environmental constraints within the study area. Topics within the Constraints Study Report will include:

- Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna
- Soils and Geology
- Archaeology, Architectural and Cultural Heritage
- Land Use and Material Assets
- Landscape and Visual Impact
- Population and Human Health