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## RELEVANT LINKS

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# DROGHEDA & BALTRAY Flood Relief Scheme

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## WHAT STAGE IS THE STUDY AT?

The Project is currently in the first of five stages – Stage I: Identification and Development of a Preferred Scheme.

The Steering Group are continuing to collect data to ensure the most accurate and up to date information is used to inform the technical analyses being undertaken to meet the project objectives. An underwater archaeology survey was undertaken at the end of September 2025 and a terrestrial geophysical survey has been completed during October 2025 – see photos below. The overwintering bird surveys for the 25/26 period have now commenced and the RHAT (River Hydromorphology Assessment Technique) surveys (to inform the water quality assessment) are scheduled to commence this month. These surveys will provide data to inform the Scheme Analysis and Development phase of the project.



Photographs showing some of the locations where a terrestrial geophysical survey has been undertaken during October 2025

Following feedback from the Steering Group, RPS are updating the hydraulic analysis GIS data which shows the modelled flood extents, flood depths and velocities and the hydraulic model files for all present day and future scenario events.

RPS, Louth County Council and the OPW met with the designers of the Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2 scheme to determine how this may impact the Flood Relief Scheme.

RPS have prepared draft cost estimates of the options identified along each of the River Boyne tributaries. A multi-criteria analysis has also been undertaken, to assess criteria such as social and economic factors, as part of the process to identify a preferred option for the scheme.

The Steering Group have agreed that RPS should commence Early Contractor Involvement. This is required due to the significant constraints in constructing the scheme along the River Boyne. RPS have engaged with five Civil Engineering Contractors and have scheduled site visits with each of them during October. The main objective of this engagement is to allow the contractors to identify risks and potential issues during the construction period, based on their experience. This will create an opportunity for the Steering Group to manage the risks early in the programme and to reduce or avoid delays in the future.

## OUTLINE SCHEME PROGRAMME

		Outline Scheme Programme												
Activity		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
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

**Scheme Analysis and Development:** Following confirmation of the preferred options, a damage assessment will be completed to estimate the expected damage from a flood event, considering the type and size of properties at risk and the depth of flooding. This information will be used to calculate the schemes cost- benefit ratio.

**Environmental:** The environmental surveys required to complete the collection of baseline data will continue.