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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. The overwintering bird surveys for the 25/26 period are ongoing. A draft underwater archaeology impact assessment report based on the geophysical, wade and dive surveys has been received from the sub-contractor and is currently undergoing review. Further geophysical surveys are planned and will proceed following receipt of the relevant licences and permission from landowners. The RHAT (River Hydromorphology Assessment Technique) surveys to inform the water quality assessment have been scheduled to be undertaken in March 2026. All of 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*

- Construction Methodology,
- Access routes for construction,
- Any Temporary works requirements,
- Concerns on Impact on existing Properties,
- Road Closure Requirements.

Following a review of each report, Tetra Tech RPS met with each Contractor to discuss any remaining queries, and are currently identifying the most appropriate solution which will be incorporated within the preferred option for the scheme.

Tetra Tech 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. A damage assessment for both fluvial and coastal flood events has been completed – this estimates 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 cost-benefit ratio for the flood scheme.

## 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 option along the River Boyne, the estimated cost of the scheme will be finalised and the cost-benefit analysis completed.

**Environmental:** The environmental surveys required to complete the collection of baseline data will continue. TT RPS are arranging to meet with National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) and Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) in February for a preliminary discussion of the preferred options. A meeting with National Monuments Service (NMS) is also being arranged.