

Next Steps

- Complete Options Report for Fluvial Scheme.
- Finalise planning documents working towards a planning submission in Q1 2024. This includes the completion of the EIAR and NIS.
- Continue Landowner liaison.
- Planning submission to An Bord Pleanála.

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Background to the Kilkee Flood Relief Scheme

Kilkee is a popular seaside resort town located adjacent to Moore Bay on the west coast of County Clare. The Atlantic Stream and the Victoria Stream are the major watercourses that flow through the town, with the Atlantic Stream to the north and the Victoria Stream to the south. The Victoria Stream in particular can be affected by high tides. Kilkee is susceptible to both coastal and fluvial (from rivers and streams) flood risk. Beach surveys will be carried out over the next number of seasons to develop a better understanding of the coastal processes in Kilkee.

There have been a number of instances of flooding in Kilkee. The Victoria Stream and Well Stream are noted to overflow its banks over a length of 200-300m on an annual basis, causing flooding of Carrigaholt Road, Well Road and a number of properties. The Atlantic Stream is noted to flood Waterworld, with floodwaters spilling down the promenade and onto the beach.

In 2014, winter storms damaged a section of the existing seawall and promenade, a protected structure, and a 45m section was replaced with a terraced structure.

The JBA Consulting/JB Barry team will assess, develop, and design an appropriate and sustainable flood relief scheme.

With this in mind, Clare County Council, along with project partners the OPW, appointed the JBA Consulting/JB Barry team in December 2019 to assess, develop and design a viable, cost-effective and sustainable flood relief scheme which aims to minimise risk to the existing community, social amenity, environment and landscape character.

The scheme is currently in Stage 1 (Options Development). Stage 2 (Planning) commences on submission of the planning application (Q1 2024). The estimated timeframe for Stage 2 is 12 months (Q1 2025). Stage 3 (Detailed Design and Tender) commences on receipt of planning permission. Following appointment of a Contractor, Stage 4 (Construction) is estimated to commence in Q1 2027 and last for approx. 18 months. Following construction, Stage 5 (Handover) commences.

Information Gathering

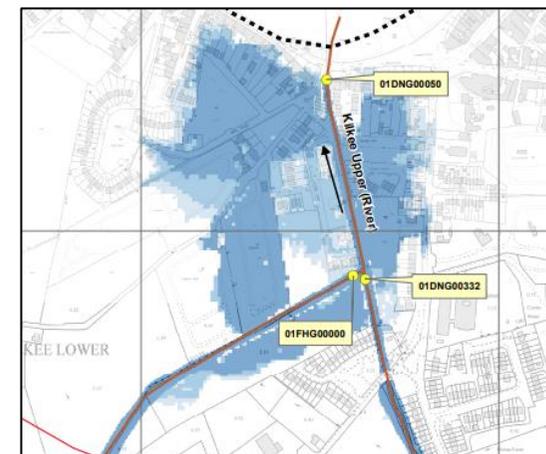
We are still interested in receiving photos, videos and stories about previous floods from those who experienced them first-hand. The information you provide may help us refine the scheme design.

Progress in last 6 months

The preferred fluvial flood relief option for Kilkee was presented to members of the public at the Public Consultation Day (PCD) held in April 2023. Since then, work has progressed in refining this option and developing the necessary planning documents required for the scheme.

In the last 6 months, the Options Report, Scheme Climate Change Adaptation Plan, and environmental reports have been developed.

The Options Report, Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will be included in the planning submission. The latter three documents involve detailed environmental assessment of the fluvial scheme and incorporate contributions from various stakeholders. The coastal element of the scheme will have its own planning application and environmental assessments following a detailed assessment of the coastal options.



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Plans for next 6 months

It is intended to submit a planning application for the preferred scheme to An Bord Pleanála by the end of Q1 2024. The following is a list of the next key activities:

- Finalise Options Report and Scheme Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- Finalise all environmental reports (EIAR, NIS, AA screening)
- Finalise all proposed scheme planning drawings
- Finalise all other reports for inclusion in planning submission (e.g. Preliminary Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP))
- Submit planning application to An Bord Pleanála by end of Q1 2024.

A draft set of the planning documents will be put on public display in advance of the submission. This will take place from 26th February to 6th March.