

Briefing Note

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Appointment of Consultant

Leitrim County Council appointed Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers as Engineering and Environmental Consultant for the Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme in January 2021.

Data Collection, Site Visits & Surveys

The Project Team have substantially completed data collection and review of data relevant to the proposed Flood Relief Scheme. This included review of historic flood event data, existing hydrological data, existing hydraulic river model, GIS data, mapping, ground conditions, environmental baseline data and existing infrastructure data.

The Project Team reviewed the data in order to identify the requirements to progress the Project works. Ryan Hanley undertook initial site walkovers in February 2021 to help determine the required surveys. Additional surveys that are required include river channel, topographical & CCTV surveys, ecology surveys, ground investigation and potentially, archaeological surveys.

Stakeholder Engagement/ Public Consultation

Statutory stakeholders and the public will be contacted as part of the opening public consultation for the Flood Relief Scheme in April/ May 2021. The public consultation cannot take place as a face-to-face meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions. Instead, information about the Scheme, including a questionnaire will be sent to residents and business owners in Leitrim Village and environs. Stakeholders will be contacted by email for their feedback on the proposed Scheme.

Communications

Information on the progress of works associated with Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme has been added to the Leitrim County Council webpage:

http://www.leitrimcoco.ie/eng/Services_A-Z/Flood-Management/Leitrim-Village-Flood-Relief-Scheme/

Environmental Tasks

A walkover survey was undertaken in February 2021 to gather environmental baseline data. A desktop study was also undertaken. Recommendations of required environmental surveys were determined and these will be commencing over the next period. These surveys will include terrestrial surveys - habitat, bat, breeding birds, mammals and aquatic surveys.

Wintering birds surveys took place in February and March 2021. The remaining wintering birds surveys will take place towards the end of 2021.

Health & Safety/ Covid-19

Risk assessments are ongoing to include for Covid-19. The Project Team is adhering to Government restrictions.

A risk register is being updated as the Project progresses.

Work Activities Planned for Next Period

Data collection is substantially completed and data is assessed once received.

Additional surveys and site investigation required are being specified and will be procured.

The Constraints Study Report is being prepared and the public consultation will take place.

Key Upcoming Milestones

Data collection, specifying and procuring additional surveys, scoping of hydrological analysis and hydraulic analysis, developing Constraints Study Report and completing the public consultation process.

Key Issues & Other Matters

The Project Team are progressing the works on Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme. There are some restrictions due to Coronavirus/ Covid-19 – i.e. no face-to face meetings are permitted. Site visits can take place, as works associated with Leitrim Flood Relief Scheme have been classed as essential by the Government.