



## Public Participation Day

CASTLE OAKS HOUSE HOTEL (V94 EH94)

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

4pm to 8pm

Members of the public along with local businesses and organisations are invited to attend a Public Participation Day to view and provide feedback on the identified preferred option for the proposed Flood Relief Scheme.

Presentations from the project team will be held at 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

Members of JBA Consulting, JB Barry & Partners, Office of Public Works and Limerick City & County Council will be present.

Further information on the project is available on [www.castleconnellfrs.ie](http://www.castleconnellfrs.ie)



# Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme



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## Background to the Study

Limerick City and County Council, in partnership with OPW, appointed JBA Consulting and JB Barry & Partners to assess, develop and design an appropriate, cost-effective, and sustainable flood relief scheme which aims to reduce flood risk to Castleconnell.

## Progress to date (Sept 2022 – Aug 2023)

A project website has been set up and is available at [www.castleconnellfrs.ie](http://www.castleconnellfrs.ie). Project updates, timescales and published documents will be made available here along with information on past and upcoming events. The Hydrology and Hydraulics Reports are now complete and will be available on the project website in the coming weeks. Further environmental surveys have been carried out and their findings have informed the AA Screening and EIAR Scoping Reports. A detailed analysis of each option was undertaken assessing both positive and negative impacts of each option in a range of areas including environment, public feedback, cultural heritage, archaeology and biodiversity among others. The outcome of this assessment was the identification of a preferred option. This allowed the preferred option to be progressed and the development of preliminary design drawings, photomontages, emergency procedures and protocols and buildability considerations.

## Preferred Option

The scheme is currently in the preferred option development phase. The project previously presented three scheme options to the public at a public participation day in Castleconnell in September 2022. Based on the feedback received at this event, along with other key considerations, a preferred option was identified and is currently being progressed to planning stage. The proposed scheme will be designed to protect against a 1 in 100-year flood event and will take appropriate account of the unique flow conditions that are experienced in Castleconnell downstream of Parteen Weir.

## Public Participation Day

Brochures and questionnaires were distributed in June 2020 as part of the initial public consultation event for the flood relief scheme. There was a positive response received which provided valuable insight into previous flooding mechanisms and issues throughout Castleconnell.

A second public participation event was held in Castle Oaks House Hotel in September 2022. Once again there was a positive response received along with valuable feedback which aided in the identification of a preferred option. We invite you to participate in the final Public Participation Day ahead of the planning submission, which will be held at Castle Oaks House Hotel, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**. This event is open to all residents, businesses, organisations and other interested parties. On the day, the project team will present the preferred option in further detail and give you the opportunity to share your thoughts on it. Please drop in any time from **4pm to 8pm**. Presentations from the project team will be held at 5pm and 7pm.

## Next Steps

- Finish Environmental assessments (Natura Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Assessment Report). (Q4 – 2023)
- Planning application. (Q4 – 2023)
- Further Site Investigation to aid the detailed design. (Q4-2023/Q1-2024)


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Refer to the project website for further information following the event;  
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Activity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Environmental & Ecological Baseline Assessment							
Topographical Survey							
Constraints Study							
Hydrological Analysis and Hydraulic Modelling							
Initial Public Consultation							
Initial Site Investigation							
Options development & Appraisal							
Further Environmental & Ecological Surveys							
Environmental Assessment of Viable Options							
Public Participation Day							
Identification of Preferred Scheme							
Design of Preferred Scheme for Planning							
Development of Options Report							
Public Participation Day							
Natura Impact Statement							
Environmental Impact Assessment							
Collation of all Planning Documents							
PART 10 Planning Application with An Bord Pleanála							
Further Site Investigation							
Detailed design for Flood Relief Scheme							
Tender process for Flood Relief Scheme							
Construction works							

Completed Tasks   
Upcoming Tasks 