





**Newsletter** January 2016

#### North Western - Neagh Bann

## **CFRAM Programme**

Ireland's Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme is central to the medium and long-term strategy for the reduction and management of flood risk throughout Ireland. It delivers core components of the National Flood Policy whilst also meeting the requirements of the EU 'Floods' Directive.

Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment - This initial CFRAM stage saw an extensive national programme of data collection and analysis to identify the areas where flood risk would be further assessed. A national, formal consultation was undertaken in 2011.

Flood Hazard and Risk Mapping - The North Western - Neagh Bann CFRAM Study involved further assessment of flood risk in line with social, environmental, economic and technical objectives agreed after formal public consultation in 2014. Data collection included historic flood event and rainfall records, and detailed floodplain and channel surveys of selected rivers. Hydraulic models determined flood hazard (where rivers or the sea is likely to flood in extreme events) and flood risk (the resultant impact on people, the economy and the environment). Flood mapping was presented at a series of Public Consultation Days early in 2015 and a national, formal consultation closed in late 2015.

Flood Risk Management Options - The North Western - Neagh Bann CFRAM Study tested a range of options against flood risk management objectives to identify potential solutions. Options considered include high level measures to prevent future risk and detailed protection measures. Project options are available to be presented at a series of Public Consultation Days early in 2016; at which we are seeking comments about the options from stakeholders and the public.

2011

**Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Formal Consultation** 

2014

**Flood Risk Management Objectives Public Consultation** 

2015

**Draft Flood Mapping Public** Consultation

**Draft Flood Mapping Formal** Consultation

2016

**Flood Risk Management Options Public Consultation** 

**Draft Flood Risk Management Plan Public Consultation** 

**Draft Flood Risk Management Plan Formal Consultation** 

Flood Risk Management Plans - The findings of the options consultation stage will inform draft Flood Risk Management Plans proposing a list of 'Preferred Options' that are tailored to each community; and which take into account those elements which are most important to each area (i.e. local economic activity, community facilities, infrastructure, the environment and local cultural heritage).

A further series of project Public Consultation Days, together with a national, formal consultation, will be held in summer 2016; at which we will be seeking comments about the draft plan from stakeholders and the public. The findings of the draft plan consultations will inform the development of a final plan in late 2016.

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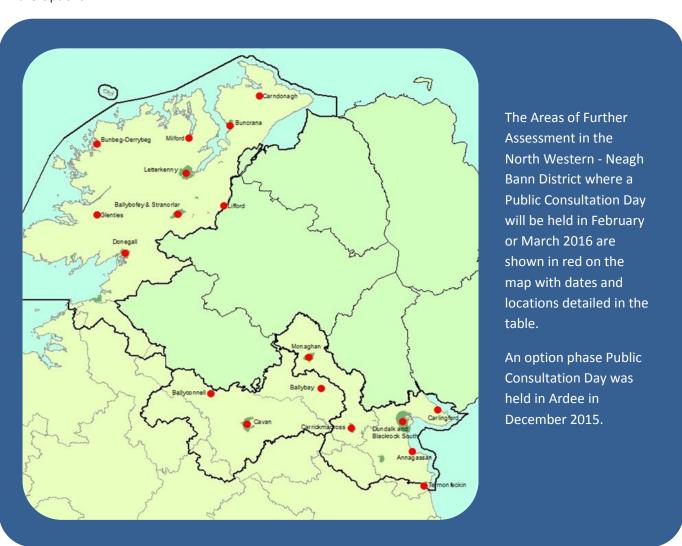
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### **Upcoming Public Consultation Days**

Preliminary Flood Risk Management Options will soon be available for comment at a series of Public Consultation Days taking place in February and March 2016 within the North Western - Neagh Bann District (see table). The options which will be presented are structural and/or non-structural measures which have been identified for the sustainable management of flood risk.

Flood Risk Management Options have not been developed for a small number of the Areas of Further Assessment within the North Western - Neagh Bann District. There are two possible reasons for this. The first; is that the detailed assessment has determined that there is no risk associated with the given area. The second; is that where risk does exist, it is being managed at project level (for example Raphoe CFRAM Study). Public Consultation Days for areas for which options have not been developed will be held in summer 2016 to offer the opportunity to comment on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plans.

Stakeholder engagement and public participation are key components of the CFRAM Programme. Direct engagement with the North Western - Neagh Bann CFRAM team offers stakeholders and the public the chance to understand and influence the plan-making process. All are welcome to attend the Options Public Consultation Days. Staff from the North Western - Neagh Bann CFRAM Study team will be present to discuss and receive comments on the Options.



Draft Flood Options for:	Public Display Date:	Public Display Venue:
Dundalk,	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016	Louth County Council
County Louth	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Saint Alphonsus Road, Dundalk
Ballybay,	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Ballybay Wetlands Centre,
County Monaghan	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Derryvalley, Ballybay
Monaghan,	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Four Seasons Hotel,
County Monaghan	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Coolshannagh, Monaghan
Ballyconnell,	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Ballyconnell Community Centre,
County Cavan	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan
Cavan,	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Hotel Kilmore,
County Cavan	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Dublin Road, Cavan
Carlingford and Greenore,	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	The Foy Centre,
County Louth	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Dundalk street, Carlingford
Bunbeg – Derrybeg,	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	Leabharlann Phobail Ghaoth Dobhair,
County Louth	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Aislann Ghaoth Dobhair, Doirí Beaga
Glenties and Dungloe,	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	Glenties Community Centre,
County Donegal	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Glenties, Co. Donegal
Annagassan,	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2016	Dillonstown Community Centre,
County Louth	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Dillonstown, County Louth
Ramelton, Rathmullan, Kerrykeel,	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2016	Milford Public Service Centre,
Downings and Dunfanaghy,	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Main Street, Milford
County Donegal		
Buncrana,	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2016	The Inishowen Gateway Hotel,
County Donegal	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Railway Road, Inishowen
Carndonagh,	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2016	Carndonagh Public Services Centre,
County Donegal	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Malin Road, Carndonagh
Termonfeckin and Baltray,	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	The Gatehouse Grill,
County Louth	1:00pm – 7:00pm	An Grianan, Termonfeckin
Ballybofey and Stranorlar,	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Villa Rose Hotel,
County Donegal	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Main Street, Ballybofey
Donegal Town, Ardara, Killybegs,	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Donegal Public Service Centre,
Bundoran and Tullaghan,	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Drumlonagher, Donegal
County Donegal		
Lifford, Castlefinn, Killygordon and	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	The Old Courthouse,
Convoy,	1:00pm – 7:00pm	The Diamond, Lifford
County Donegal		
Letterkenny and	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Letterkenny Public Services Centre,
Newtown Cunningham,	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny
County Donegal		
Carrickmacross and Inniskeen,	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Civic Office,
County Monaghan	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Riverside Road, Carrickmacross

# **Next Steps**

Once the options phase Public Consultation Days have taken place, all observations received in relation to these Preliminary Flood Risk Management Options will be considered during the development of the draft Flood Risk Management Plans. It is envisaged that the draft Flood Risk Management Plans will be available for consultation throughout the North Western Neagh - Bann District in summer 2016, ahead of developing the final Flood Risk Management Plans in late 2016.

Thus you will have a further opportunity to provide feedback later this year.



#### **Contact us**

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