**River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme**

The scheme is currently in Part 10 planning with An Bord Pleanala (ABP) and is still awaiting a planning decision. The original ABP target date of 26/03/2021 for a decision on the scheme has been extended for a third time and is currently 24/09/2021. A response from ABP regarding the reasons behind the number of extensions is currently awaited.

In May 2020, approval was granted by the OPW to proceed to detailed design stage and detailed design works have now been completed on the main elements of the proposed scheme.

Subject to a favourable decision from An Bord Pleanála by the target date, construction may commence in Q1 2022.

Full details on the scheme can be found at [www.poddlefas.ie](http://www.poddlefas.ie)

**Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme**

Stage 1 - Preliminary Design was completed in July 2020 and the scheme was submitted on August 4th 2020 to An Bord Pleanala for planning approval under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 with the public consultation period finishing on September 17th 2020.

On December 21st 2020, planning approval for the scheme was awarded by ABP.

The scheme was then scheduled to commence in Q3 2021 but in February 2021 an application for leave to apply for a judicial review of the Board’s decision was made to the High Court by the Ballyboden Tidy Towns Group. The High Court subsequently granted this appeal.

This judicial review hearing has been rescheduled from 10/11/2021 to 05/10/2021 so works on the scheme have now been temporarily postponed until the review has been heard. If the hearing is successful, works are currently estimated to commence in Q1 2022.

Details on the scheme can be found at [www.whitechurchfas.ie](http://www.whitechurchfas.ie)

**Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme**

Stage 1 – Preliminary Design commenced in November 2019 with a current estimated completion date of Q2 2022. Delays in Stage 1 have been encountered due to Covid-19 restrictions and in completing the CCTV surveys of culverts in the catchment due to access and unseasonable high flows. CCTV works are now substantially complete.

Environmental Surveys were completed in 2020 and early 2021 with surveys carried out on birds, flora and fauna, bats, mammals, and aquatic life, and a Wintering Birds Survey that was completed in Q4 2020 and Q1 2021. A summary of the findings from the Environmental Surveys can be found [here](https://www.camacfas.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Ecology_Summary_Text_Project_Website_Final.pdf) on the project website.

The hydrological analysis of the catchment commenced in Q4 2020 and in Q2 2021 works began on the hydraulic modelling of the river. Following the completion of the hydraulic modelling works, flood defence optioneering is expected to commence in Q4 2021.

A Hydromorphology assessment (River Restoration) of the river has also been completed. This assessment identifies where the natural management of river flows and flood plains in the catchment could be used to slow and possibly retain flood waters. The findings from this report will be incorporated into the flood defence optioneering where possible.

Threshold Surveys, which are carried out to determine property doorstep and finished floor levels, are expected to commence in September 2021 where approx. 1200 residential and business properties within the catchment will be surveyed. Details of survey locations and dates will be posted on the project website when available and no access to properties will be required in nearly all cases.

An update on the scheme was provided to the Clondalkin ACM on April 21st along with an online public information event which was hosted by the project team on April 28th, where over 70 attendees were recorded as attending. The presentation given at the event has been placed on the project website at [www.camacfas.ie](http://www.camacfas.ie)along with a FAQ from the event.