

## **River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme**

The scheme is currently in Part 10 planning with An Bord Pleanála (ABP) and is still awaiting a planning decision. The original ABP target date for a planning decision was 26/03/2021 but was extended again in November 2021 by ABP for a fifth time to 28/01/2022 but no decision was released by the listed date.

The target date of 28/01/2022 remains on the ABP website but following recent discussions with ABP, it appears that prior to releasing a decision ABP are awaiting an official water quality status for the river from the Environmental Protection Agency. It is now expected that the decision will be released once this water quality status is issued by the EPA.

Subject to a favourable decision from An Bord Pleanála by the target date, construction may commence in Q3 2022 subject to no Judicial Review process.

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 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 to An Bord Pleanála for planning approval under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 with the public consultation period finishing on September 17<sup>th</sup> 2020.

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

The scheme was then scheduled to commence in Q1 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.

The Judicial Review hearing was heard by the High Court on 5-6/10/2021 with the judgement delivered on 20/10/2021 and where the applicant's proceedings were totally dismissed.

A Leave for Appeal process on this judgement was triggered by BBTTG on 04/11/2022 but Leave for Appeal was refused by the High Court on 07/01/2022.

On 04/02/2022, the BBTTTG applied to the Supreme Court seeking to overturn this decision not to grant Leave for Appeal and this process is now estimated to take 8 weeks to complete.

If the Determination by the Supreme Court is to refuse leave to appeal, that is the end of the Judicial Review process.

If the Determination is to grant leave to appeal in whole or in part, then a hearing date will be appointed after the Supreme Court process is followed which takes approx. 16 weeks and then Judgment would be given some time after that.

If SDCC is successful in the upcoming appeal process, works are currently estimated to possibly commence in Q3 2022.

Full 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 Q4 2022.

A full suite of Environmental Surveys were completed in 2020 and early 2021 and a summary of the findings from the Environmental Surveys can be found [on this link](#) to the project website.

Works are currently ongoing on the hydraulic modelling of the river and the production of catchment flood maps and draft flood extent maps have recently been generated. Following the completion of the hydraulic modelling works, flood defence optioneering is expected to commence by Q2 2022.

A Hydromorphological assessment (River Restoration) of the river was completed in 2021 and the findings from this will also be incorporated into natural flood defence optioneering where possible, though a wide range of required defences is expected.

Works have also commenced on Site Investigation contracts and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report where initial meetings with relevant stakeholders commenced in Q4 2021

Details on the scheme along with a FAQ and a presentation provided at a public event held in April 2021 can be found at [www.camacfas.ie](http://www.camacfas.ie)