

Welcome and Introduction



Galway City Council and the Office of Public Works (OPW) welcome you to the second non-statutory public engagement day for the Coirib go Cósta | Galway City Flood Relief Scheme.

Galway City Council and the OPW want you to be part of the extensive consultative process that is being carried out for this Scheme.

The purpose of this Public Engagement Day is to:

- Provide an update on progress to date
- Outline the Present Day Flood Extents based on hydraulic model results
- Provide information and an opportunity to comment on the Potential Scheme Options
- Respond directly to queries
- Obtain other information relevant to the Scheme
- Outline the next steps of the Scheme.

All feedback will be considered. Please refer to board 3 for details of future opportunities to engage as the scheme progresses.

Introduction

Galway is a successful regional city, which contributes greatly to the wider economy. It has a **unique build form**, particularly in the city centre, defined by its archaeological legacy, historical streetscapes, contrasting buildings, canals, millraces and its **strong link with the river and sea**. This has created a unique built and natural environment which contributes to the economic success, and the attraction of Galway as a place to live, work, visit and learn. This has led to a continuing increase in popularity of the city as a tourist destination and cultural hub.

The **National Planning Framework (NPF)** identifies the city as a place with potential to compete internationally, while providing a high quality, urban living environment and offering significant city centre potential for regeneration.

The **Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 (CDP)** also reflects this vision and supports the expansion of the city centre to accommodate increased residential population and employment activity as well as enhanced levels of amenity and design quality.

We want your input. The Coirib go Cósta | Galway City Flood Relief Scheme will address the sustainable and effective management of flood risk in Galway City. It will also ensure that the design of any measures, in particular structural measures, will recognise the distinctive character and heritage of the city and will consider all feedback from the public.

Coirib go Cósta will align with the **Galway Public Realm Strategy 2019-2040** which sets a vision and strategy for improvements to guide investment and development in the future to celebrate Galway's uniqueness.

The project will also benefit the Galway Transport Strategy (GTS) 2016-2035 as some of the GTS measures are located within the focus areas for flood relief.



Galway City Council, along with its design consultants and collaborators, welcome your valuable feedback and support for this scheme.