

Location: Clonfert, Co. Galway		Unique ID: 252906 (from PFRA database)	
Initial OPW Designation	APSR <input type="checkbox"/>	AFRR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IRR <input type="checkbox"/>
Co-ordinates	Easting: 197134	Northing: 221731	
River / Catchment / Sub-catchment	Un-named minor tributaries / River Shannon		
Type of Flooding / Flood Risk (identify all that apply)	Fluvial non-tidal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fluvial tidal <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal <input type="checkbox"/>		

Stage 1: Desktop Review	
1.1 Flood History (include review of Floodmaps.ie)	<p>River Flow Path A number of un-named minor tributaries for the River Shannon are located in this area.</p> <p>Flood Event Records There are records of 2 flood events in 1954 and 1999 and a further undated flood event on floodmaps.ie. These events relate to the flooding of low lying areas following heavy rainfall.</p>
1.2 Relevant information on flooding issues from OPW and LA staff	<p>PFRA database comments (<i>in italics</i>):</p> <p>OPW comments <i>Not designated APSR as failed to reach predictive analysis threshold or receive strong LA support.</i></p> <p>LA comments <i>Houses flooded 1995, 2009-Houses under threat-Roads impassable-1995, 2006, 2009 road blocked each time-- Suggest Review Again</i></p> <p>Meeting / discussion summary comments:</p> <p>OPW comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPW not aware of any fluvial flood risk issues associated with Clonfert. <p>LA comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source of flooding is River Suck, 3km away. Flood waters come across Bord na Mona floodplains upstream. In November 2009, Clonfert flooded 1 week after everywhere else in the Shannon catchment; the rationale for this being that water was stored in the Bord na Mona floodplain area. Only when the Shannon water level fell, was this water released to flow towards Clonfert. Galway CoCo carried out emergency works in 2009 by introducing a temporary cut through the old railway and road lines to prevent the flood waters backing up and exacerbating the flooding.

1.4 PFRA Data			
1.4.1 PFRA hazard mapping	PFRA mapping available in GIS layer:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	PFRA mapping included on FRR map:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.4.2 Summary of Principal Receptors	Type	FRI score (if available)	
	Receptors not considered as part of the PFRA process. FRI score not calculated in PFRA.		
1.7 Stage 1 Evaluation	Aspect	Clearly APSR	Uncertain
	Flood History (1.1)		X
	OPW / LA Information (1.2)		X
	PFRA Evaluation (1.4)		X
	Overall Desktop Evaluation (if any above aspect is uncertain then overall designation is uncertain)		X
1.8 Proposed level of assessment for Stage 2 site visits	Level A Site Visit	X	
	Level B Site Visit		

Stage 2: Site Inspection		Level A Assessment		
Date and Time of Inspection		Date: 26/05/11		
		Time: 15:00		
Names of inspection team (including OPW/LA staff if present)		Alan Dew		
		Peter Smyth		
2.1 Ground-truthing of Hazard Mapping	Fluvial non-tidal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fluvial tidal <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal <input type="checkbox"/> Not available <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Ground-truthing of available November 2009 flood outline mapping confirmed to be reasonably accurate.			
2.2 Spot check ground-truthing of selected receptor vulnerability (also note any key receptors noted during visit that are not identified by PFRA)	Receptor Type	Location description (if not obvious)	Exists?	Overall Vulnerability / Risk (L / M / H)
	Residential properties	Main road through village	Yes	M
	Commercial operation		Yes	M
	Road		Yes	H
2.3 Local knowledge - on-site comments (OPW, LA and any info volunteered by local residents during visit)	A local employee was interviewed. The fields to north of the shop / restaurant building flood every year. In November 2009, all buildings nearby were flooded, with the main shop being flooded to a depth of 600mm. This height of flood water was reached inside an hour. Further residential properties on the other side of main road through village, were also flooded in November 2009.			
2.4 Comments on hydraulic constrictions (bridges, etc.) and conveyance routes	No hydraulic constrictions were observed. A small culvert was observed beneath the road associated with a minor ditch / tributary (labelled Mill Race on-site) but the channel was observed to convey very limited flow and it was observed that no receptors at risk were present in the vicinity.			

2.5 SVRS Assessment Matrix												
Weightings: A - x1 - reasonable expectation of flooding B - x2 - high expectation of flooding C - x5 - risk to life												
Approx. Number	1 to 4			5 to 20			>20					
	Weighting	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C		
Property (domestic)	10	X			100				200			
Property (small retail or business)	20	X			200				400			
Property (large retail or business)	50				500				1000			
Road or Rail Infrastructure	30	X			300				600			
Critical Infrastructure (local) [hospital, school, police/fire/ambulance station, substation, WTW/WWTW, gov bldg, other (specify)]	50				500				1000			
Critical Infrastructure (national importance)	250				1000				2000			
Cultural Heritage Site	20				200				400			
Environmental Designated Site	20				200				400			
Hazardous Substances Site	50				500				1000			
Total SVRS									60			
2.6 Defence Assets												
Formal and Informal Flood Defence Assets <i>(include effective and ineffective assets to inform asset survey and potential mitigation measures)</i>	Open Channel Watercourses Man-made river channel <input type="checkbox"/> Flood relief channel <input type="checkbox"/> Canal <input type="checkbox"/> Mill leat <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage channels / back drains <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>											
	Bridges and Culvert crossings Single Arch bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Arch bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Single Span bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Span bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Box culvert(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe culvert(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arch Culvert(s) <input type="checkbox"/>											
	Culverted Watercourses (culvert length is greater than just a crossing) Box culvert(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe culvert(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Arch Culvert(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular Culvert(s) <input type="checkbox"/>											
	Walls and Embankments Embankment(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Raised wall(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retaining wall(s) <input type="checkbox"/>											
	Control Structures – weirs, gates, dams Fixed crest weir <input type="checkbox"/> Adjustable weir <input type="checkbox"/> Dam / Barrage <input type="checkbox"/> Sluice gates <input type="checkbox"/> Lock gates <input type="checkbox"/> Radial gates <input type="checkbox"/>											
	Storage On-line storage (natural) <input type="checkbox"/> On-line storage (artificial) <input type="checkbox"/> Off-line storage <input type="checkbox"/>											
	Outfalls Flapped outfall(s) into watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> Unflapped outfall(s) into watercourse <input type="checkbox"/> <i>i.e. from smaller watercourses, drains etc. into river / estuary / sea</i> Tidal flap(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Tidal sluice(s) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>i.e. from main watercourse into estuary / sea</i>											

Other Pumping Station <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Sand Dunes <input type="checkbox"/> Additional notes (if required): The Emmanuel House of Providence has constructed a flood wall of approximately 50 metres in length to the north of the shop building. This was incomplete at the time of inspection; awaiting 2 flood gates.	
2.8 Initial Potential Mitigation Measures	
Non-structural measures	Planning and Development control <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Flood forecasting / warning <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Operating Procedures for water level control: <input type="checkbox"/> Public awareness campaign <input type="checkbox"/> Individual property protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land use management <input type="checkbox"/>
Structural measures	Strategic development management for floodplain development: <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(integration of measures into strategic development proposals)</i> Storage: On-line <input type="checkbox"/> Off-line <input type="checkbox"/> Flow diversion: Flood relief channel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood relief culvert <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase conveyance: Bridge works <input type="checkbox"/> Channel works <input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain <input type="checkbox"/> Flood defences: Walls <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Embankments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Localised works: Defence raising <input type="checkbox"/> In-fill gaps <input type="checkbox"/> Trash screen <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance works: Culvert / channel clearance <input type="checkbox"/> Asset maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation of properties: <input type="checkbox"/> Improve existing defences: <input type="checkbox"/> (describe) Other (describe):

Outcomes				
PFRA Designation	APSR <input type="checkbox"/> not an APSR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IRR <input type="checkbox"/>	FRI Score: Not scored		
Site Ground-truthing of PFRA Assessment (hazard mapping and receptors)	High Confidence (good)	Uncertain	Low Confidence (poor)	Not available
	X			
Site Visit Review Score	60			
Recommended Designation	APSR <input type="checkbox"/>	not an APSR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IRR <input type="checkbox"/>	
Summary Comments (if required)	Flooding in 2009 at Clonfert is noted to have resulted from the River Suck to the north. Flood waters flowed through Bord na Mona peat bogs before emerging at Clonfert and flowing towards Shannon. Although Clonfert has a history of flooding, there are an insufficient number of critical receptors at significant risk of flooding to warrant designation as an APSR.			



Photo 1: River Shannon east of Clonfert, viewed from the right bank



Photo 2: Bord na Mona land east of Clonfert, viewed from the railway bridge



Photo 3: Emmanuel House of Providence church building at raised level.



Photo 4: Emmanuel House of Providence shop building. Note the newly constructed flood wall at the rear of the building.

