

Update on Progress

Welcome to the seventh newsletter for the Shannon Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study.

Within this edition of the Shannon CFRAM Study newsletter, we would like to inform you of the County Council Briefings which have been taking place over the recent months. We will also be providing information on the upcoming Public Consultation Days as well as inviting you to continue providing us with any information about any flooding events you may have witnessed.

In order to provide an overview of the Shannon CFRAM Study to public representatives, we have held County Council Briefings in the Shannon region. Each briefing aims to outline county specific key aspects identified so far in the study and to present a timeline of what's to come. Each County Council will, where requested by the Council, have a briefing on the study.

The County Council Briefings which have taken place are as follows:

- Clare County Council (14th January 2013);
- Longford County Council (27th April 2013);
- Limerick City and County (13th March 2013);
- Roscommon County Council (25th March 2013);
- Offaly County Council (15th April 2013);
- North Tipperary County Council (20th May 2013);
- Westmeath County Council (27th May 2013).

We have so far received feedback and information on specific county issues, including:

- Build-up of silt in river channels;
- Water level control on the River Shannon;
- Issues with renewing home flood insurance cover.

Upcoming Public Consultation Days

Public Consultation Days will be held to launch the draft Flood Hazard Maps for each Area for Further Assessment (these are areas that have been identified as being at greater risk of flooding compared to other locations within the Study area). The Public Consultation Days will commence in Summer 2013 and continue through to Summer 2014 and will be open to anyone who is interested in finding out more about flooding in the Shannon area.

The Public Consultation Days will be held to inform attendees of how the flood risk has been assessed within their respective areas and to give the public a chance to provide feedback on the draft Flood Hazard Maps for their area.

During the events, members of the Shannon CFRAM Study team will be present to address any queries and comments that may arise on review of the draft Flood Hazard Maps or on the wider Study.

Each of the 66 no. Areas for Further Assessment will be assigned a Public Consultation Day and the details of each will be announced in the media such as radio, newspaper, this newsletter and via the study website www.shannoncfрамstudy.ie, closer to the time.



Continued Request for Information

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – [Consultation Draft] Scoping Report

The SEA – Scoping Report [Consultation Draft] and SEA Scoping Report Summary Leaflet are available from our website www.shannoncframstudy.ie, under the download section. These identify the environmental characteristics and key flooding-related issues which are considered to be influential in the Shannon Study area. We invite you to read these and provide any comments or thoughts you may have on the scoping work which has been undertaken.

Flood Map Input form

We are currently in the process of undertaking a detailed data gathering exercise. To further improve the quality of this exercise, you may be able to provide more information on flooding which you have experienced in your area.

We will use any local flooding information we receive to inform our studies, for the prediction of flooding and associated characteristics such as rainfall duration or extent of flooding (this is known as hydraulic modelling). The information and data we are looking for needs to be of good quality and if possible should include as many as possible of the following:

- Location of flood;
- Source of flooding;
- Flood start date and time;
- Flood end date and time;
- Key features flooded, Key features not flooded;
- Photographs;
- Map;
- Newspaper reports; and
- Source of information



The Flood Map Input forms can be downloaded from our website www.shannoncframstudy.ie under the download section.

Getting Involved

There will be many stages throughout the life of the project where we will involve stakeholders and local communities.

You have an important role to play and we are keen to hear from you at any point of the Study. If you have any questions or comments relating to the Shannon CFRAM Study, you can contact us on any of the methods below:

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