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RELEVANT LINKS

Website: <https://countydonegalfrs.ie/burnfootfrs/>

COUNTY DONEGAL
FLOOD RELIEF SCHEMES



Tionscaldal Éireann
Project Ireland
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OPW Oifig na
nOibreacha Poiblí
Office of Public Works

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Flood Relief Scheme

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<https://countydonegalfrs.ie/burnfootfrs>



CURRENT POSITION OF THE PROJECT

RPS have submitted the Final Reporting for Stage I of the scheme to the Steering Group. This was uploaded to the project website in September 2025 and is available to view in the project documents page:

<https://countydonesalfrs.ie/burnfootfrs/index.php/documents/>

The Scheme Planning drawings and CPO documents are now complete and have been subject to independent legal review. The Project Team are currently addressing final comments.

Donegal County Council and the OPW are currently completing internal approval processes before the submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) can be made.

Introductions to the scheme have been made to all landowners who will be directly affected by the construction of the scheme.

CHANGES TO THE SCHEME

There have been no major changes to the proposed scheme from that identified at the end of Stage I.

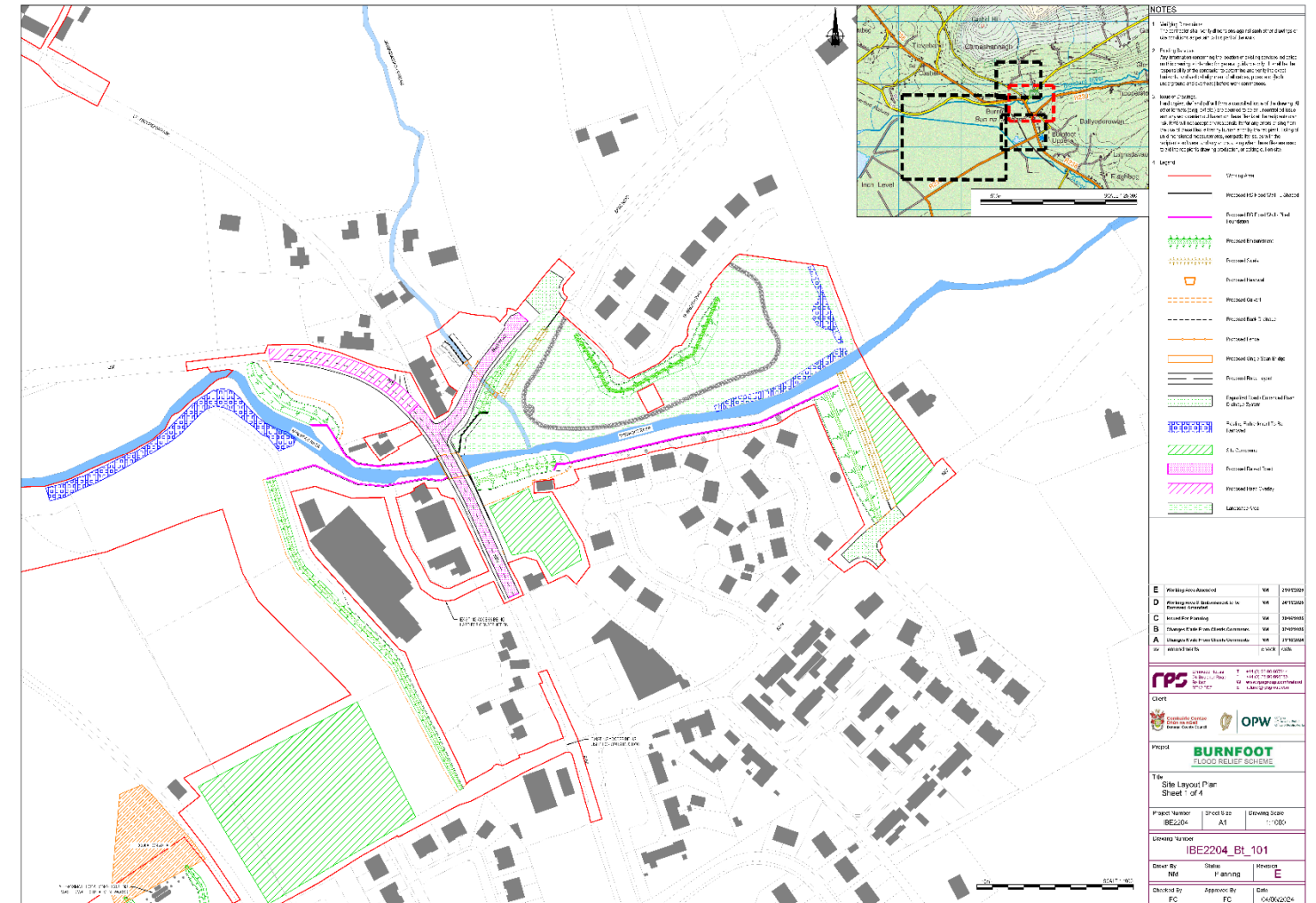
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been updated to reflect changes in the planning drawings and any changes in legislation and policy.

NEXT STEPS

It is anticipated that final approval will be given by senior management in the OPW and Donegal County Council before the scheme is advertised ahead of submission within two weeks of advertisement.

Once submitted to ACP for approval the Project Team will be ready to respond to any observations or requests for further information. In parallel the Project Team will be considering what further detailed surveys and investigations are necessary to support detailed design and construction of the scheme. This is to ensure the scheme can progress immediately if and when planning permission is granted.



Final Plan Layout Drawing of Burnfoot FRS showing main scheme area

OUTLINE SCHEME PROGRAMME

Activity	2020-2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Stage 1 Scheme analysis & development	█						
Stage 2 Planning		█	█	█			
Stage 3 Detailed design of Scheme				█	█		
Stage 4 Construction works						█	█
Stage 5 Scheme Operational							█

Timelines provided as current best estimate but are subject to revision. The Project Team are working hard to mitigate programme delay by assessing potential opportunities to accelerate project tasks.