

OUTLINE SCHEME PROGRAMME

Activity	2020-2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2028
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

CONTACT US

You can keep in touch with the project through our website where we will be posting updates on progress and details of works that are ongoing. For further enquiries feel free to contact us via email or post at:

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RELEVANT LINKS

Website: <https://countydonesgalfrs.ie/castlefinnfrs/>

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Flood Relief Scheme

Newsletter No.18
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<https://countydonesgalfrs.ie/castlefinnfrs>



CURRENT POSITION OF THE PROJECT

The Project Team are progressing through Stage II of the project. Tetra Tech RPS has submitted the Final Reporting for Stage I of the scheme to the Steering Group.

TetraTech RPS issued planning drawings and landowner maps for Castlefinn (north of the River Finn) in November 2025. Following receipt of comments TetraTech RPS issued revised landowner maps in January 2026. Donegal County Council have met with landowners to inform them how the scheme may impact on their lands, with follow up meetings ongoing.

CHANGES TO THE SCHEME

In March 2026 Tetra Tech RPS issued a Scheme Analysis and Development report examining alternative (hard defence) measures to protect properties at risk to the south of the River Finn at Castlefinn. Donegal County Council and the OPW are considering these proposals to decide what measures to bring forward for that location.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is being updated to reflect changes in the planning drawings and any changes in legislation and policy. Donegal County Council have sought and received legal advice on how the project EIAR captures the potential changes to the scheme proposals to the south of the River Finn.

NEXT STEPS

Once the landowner maps are finalised TetraTech-RPS will develop the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) drawings and documents for the scheme.

Once the planning documentation is finalised a presentation of the scheme to Elected Members of the Lifford-Stranorlar MD will be held.



Extract from Planning Drawings of Castlefinn FRS showing western scheme area



Extract from Planning Drawings of Castlefinn FRS showing eastern scheme area