

FLOOD ALLEVIATION RIVER PODDLE



Two public information events were held about the River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) in Tymon Park and in the Mount Argus Community Centre.

The River Poddle FAS has been in preliminary design since March 2018 with a proposed scheme finalised since September 2019. The FAS is in response to the floods that occurred along the river Poddle in October 2011 and the distressing loss of life that was experienced.

From March 2018, initial engagement was made with individual residents and local groups such as the Harolds

Cross Flood Committee and the Records Residents Association in the Whitehall Road area whose lives were greatly affected as a result of the floods experienced in October 2011. Public information days were then held in December 2018

This was followed up by presentations to both South Dublin County Council and Dublin City Council in Autumn 2019 and further public information

Environmental Impact Assessment

As part of the Part 10 Planning Submission to An Bord Pleanála, an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) will be available to the public during the consultation phase.

This report will address the impact on flora, fauna, habitat and biodiversity, among other things. It will provide mitigation measures to ensure their protection. The EIAR is a substantial document which has been prepared by individual specialists in their fields.

days in November and December 2019.

Nature-based solutions have been a focus of our design to greatly reduce the use of both earthen and hard defences but due to the heavily urbanised nature of the route of the river. Following the review of the original Options Report created in 2014, the hard defences proposed by the report have been reduced by over 75%, with a significant increase in the use of natural earthen embankments.

Every effort has been made by the project team to provide the minimum impact on trees. A comprehensive tree survey has been carried out by an arborist and defences have been redesigned to have minimal impact. A figure of 29 trees is currently estimat-

ed to be affected if An Bord Pleanála approves the scheme. If tree removal is required, it will be replaced locally on a 2 to 1 basis with all new trees being monitored for several years to ensure that they are healthy.

In the coming weeks, the proposed scheme will be submitted directly to An Bord Pleanála for Part 10 Planning. The public will then be invited to submit proposals to An Bord Pleanála during six weeks of statutory public consultation. South Dublin County Council will advertise the dates for the six-week public consultation as soon as they are set.



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