

Consultation on draft CFRMP and SEA ER

The involvement of external parties has been essential in the development of the draft Plan and associated SEA ER. Throughout the Lee CFRAM Study, it was important to both meet statutory requirements for consultation with relevant parties; and to ensure that the knowledge, experience and views of stakeholders and the general public were taken into account throughout the development of the draft Plan and SEA ER.

Submissions regarding the draft Plan, the accompanying flood maps and SEA ER, are currently being invited until 30th April 2010. These documents have been made available on the project website www.leecframs.ie and in hard copy at the following Cork City Council and Cork County Council Offices throughout the catchment (Cork City Hall Foyer, Cork County Hall, Midleton Town Council Offices, Macroom Town Council Offices and Carrigaline Area Engineer's Offices). Submissions should be sent by email to our project email address leecframstudy@opw.ie; or by post to the following address:

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Following the completion of this consultation period on 30th April 2010, the draft Plan will be finalised, taking account of submissions received. An assessment of the implications of these changes will also be undertaken to identify the effects of these changes and complete the SEA process. A SEA post-adoption Statement will be produced to document this process and published with the final Plan – the Lee CFRMP.



Contact details and project website

If you have any questions or require any further information relating to this study please email

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Further information on the Study, including project reports, news and previous editions of the newsletter is also available on our project website at

www.leecframs.ie

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The River Lee in Cork City

LEE CATCHMENT FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT STUDY

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Introduction

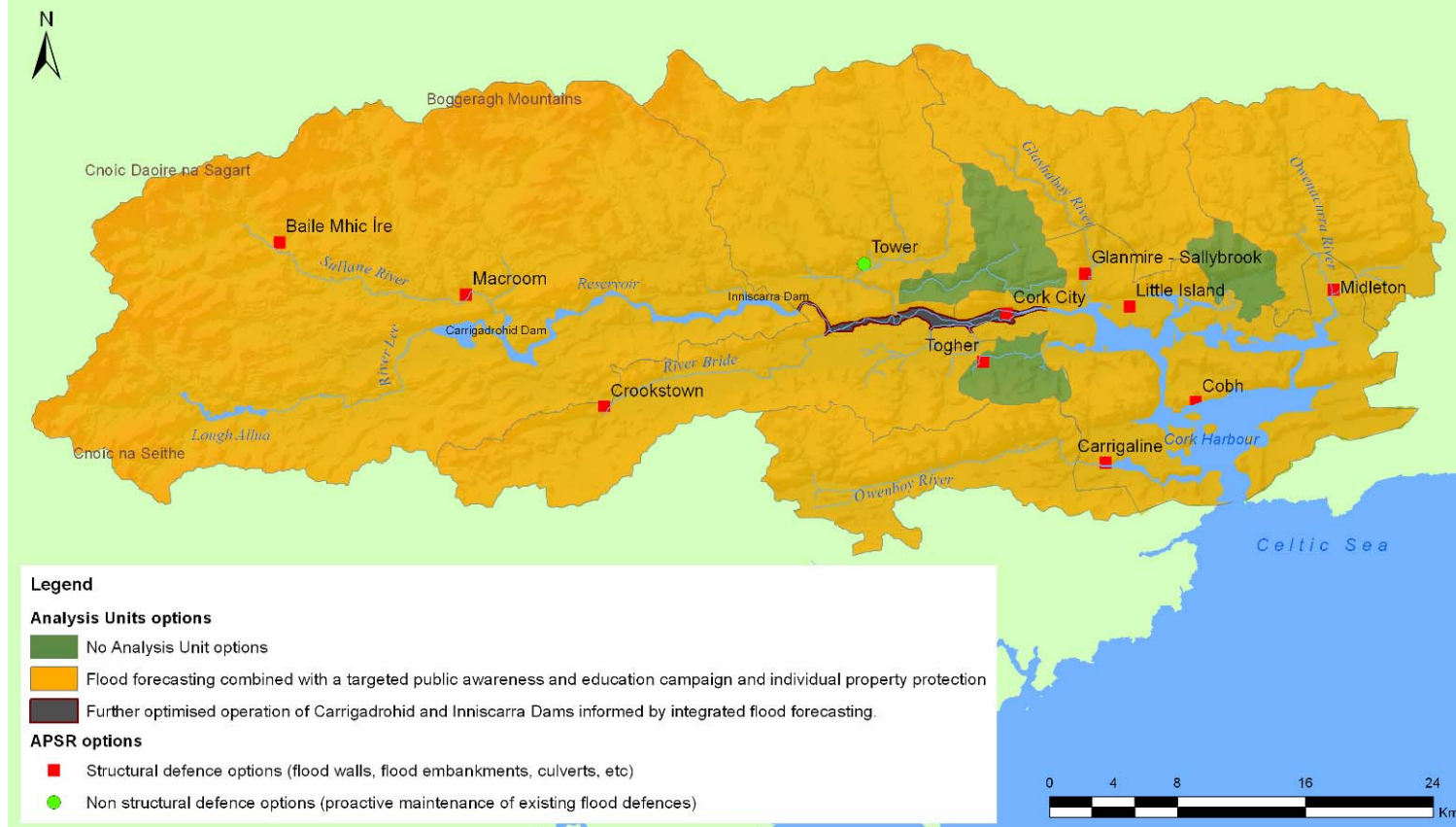
Hello and welcome to the final edition of the Lee CFRAMS newsletter. This newsletter provides information on the draft Lee Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Plan (the draft Plan) and the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report (SEA ER). Both of these reports are now available for consultation. The reports represent a significant amount of work which has been carried out by the project team over the last 3 years. The project team would like to thank all those who contributed to the generation of the reports including project stakeholders, the public and data suppliers.

Draft Plan

The draft Plan for the Lee catchment is a non-technical document for consultation, and it summarises the work which has been carried out and elaborates on the findings and recommendations of the Study. The draft Plan is the first of its kind in Ireland and has been prepared through a comprehensive pilot study that commenced in summer 2006 – the Lee Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study. The draft Plan is supported by separate bound volumes of flood maps and the SEA ER. There is also an extensive library of reports on all the components of the Lee CFRAMS that detail the studies undertaken and the results, and which are available on the study website, www.leecframs.ie.

In summary, the draft Plan provides details on the following:

- assessment of flood risk, through the identification of flood hazard areas and the associated impacts of flooding; and



The locations of options recommended in the draft Plan

- identification of viable structural and non-structural flood defence measures and options for managing the flood risks

An indicative programme for implementation of these measures and options is set out in the draft Plan with timescales suggested according loosely with the cycles of the EU 'Floods' Directive

SEA ER

The SEA ER identifies, evaluates and describes the likely significant effects, both positive and negative, of implementing the draft Plan on the environment of the Lee Catchment. It then recommends actions to mitigate and monitor

any identified significant adverse effects and ensure that these are communicated and addressed during the implementation of the Plan.

The SEA ER also specifically identifies the impacts of the draft Plan on sites of international and national nature conservation importance within the Lee Catchment through a "Habitats Directive Assessment" (HDA) process, as required under European and Irish law, and makes appropriate mitigation recommendations.