





# WHAT STAGE IS THE STUDY AT?

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## Development of Preferred Option

The project team is currently working on identifying a preferred option. An in person Options Technical Workshop was held on the 17th of May. The purpose of this workshop was to inform D and the OPW stakeholders of the three options currently being assessed and to invite feedback. RPS presented to the group the three defined options, the results of the hydraulic analysis and costs of each option. The options range from the shortest route of defence set back from the river as close as possible to the bank of properties at risk to the longest route of defence following the route of the existing earthen embankments along the edge of the Rivers Foyle and Deele. This workshop was successful allowing for the optioneering to progress. The workshop was very informative for all attendees and valuable feedback was given by various members of D and OPW allowing RPS to consider the optioneering. The options report is being progressed as the scheme analysis and development stage moves forward.



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**Environmental Assessment and Invasive Species Management**  
Ryan Hanley Environmental Consultants for the Lifford FRS will continue to monitor the invasive species for the updated edition of the Invasive Species Management Plan for Lifford FRS. Otter Surveys are now complete and preparation has commenced on the otter survey report. Procurement of an Atlantic Ecology consultant to undertake the Atlantic surveys is currently underway. Invasive Species continue to be monitored with the Invasive Species Management Plan ISMP being updated as and when invasive plant species become evident. A contractor has recently been appointed to carry out this year's treatment commencing in June. One of the invasive species as appropriate for this time of the year began in mid June for giant hogweed following a site inspection and re-survey by Ryan Hanley OPW and the Invasive species treatment assigned contractor.

# OUTLINE SCHEME PROGRAMME

*Timelines provided as current best estimate, but are subject to revision.*

## NEXT STEPS

**Scheme Analysis and Development:** The Project team are completing the economic appraisal of the three flood relief scheme options as well as considering the environmental and social impacts to determine the preferred flood relief scheme.

**Environmental Assessment:** OOHYLRPHWDOMYHDGDHPHWERPSONHWHGWRGDWHLOO  
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