

NEXT STEPS

Scheme Analysis and Development: Tt-RPS are working to finalise all Scheme Analysis and Development reports with a view to issuing the Final Stage I Report including reporting on Lifford FRS / A5 WTC cumulative impact modelling and mitigation.

Environmental Assessment: The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is currently being progressed alongside baseline sections of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

Design Development: Develop the heritage led design elements of the scheme along the riverside properties.

Architectural Geophysical Survey: Commence subject to licence and ground conditions.

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WHAT STAGE IS THE SCHEME AT?

The Project Team is working to finalise reporting on the Stage I Engineering work related to the identification of the Preferred Option. Two separate additional workstreams to refine the design in advance of Stage (II) Public Exhibition are ongoing:

- 1. Analysis of cumulative flood risk impacts from the Lifford FRS and A5 Western Transport Corridor (WTC) and whether additional, potentially cross border, mitigation measures are required.**

Tetra Tech RPS (Tt-RPS) has submitted a draft report to the Project Steering Group for review. The report sets out the results of the modelling undertaken and analysis of the results.

A summary of the results has been communicated to DfI's A5 WTC project team through ongoing liaison meetings.

The Project Steering Group are currently considering the results of the analysis and requests from the A5 project team to model further climate change scenarios.

- 2. Refinement of the design of the hard defence solution proposed along the banks of the River Foyle adjacent to sensitive archaeological and architectural heritage features.**

The Project Team have confirmed the scope of work required for heritage led design refinement of the scheme adjacent to sensitive built heritage areas of the town (from Bridge Street to the Foyle View apartments).

The OPW, Tt-RPS and Dedalus Architecture met on site on 5th February 2026 to discuss the heritage design development and are currently drafting drawings for consultation with residents, landowners and stakeholders.

The remainder of the Scheme Analysis and Development technical reports are at Draft Final stage and Tt-RPS are working to finalise these and their associated deliverables.

Site work for the preliminary ground investigation was completed in 2025. Northwest Geotech submitted the latest version of the Ground Investigation report in March 2026.

Collaboration with Other Projects and Stakeholders

The Project Team has continued to meet regularly with DfI's A5 WTC project team to assess the cumulative impacts of both projects and to identify any necessary mitigation. The last project liaison meeting took place on 3rd February 2026.

The Project Team is liaising with the Riverine team to agree how the projects interact, progress any consents required and identify any opportunities there may be for collaboration.

The Project Team met with the Loughs Agency on 5th February 2026 at County House, Lifford. The Preferred Scheme was presented to the Loughs Agency for discussion of potential impacts and mitigations. It was agreed that a further meeting would be held to discuss the proposed scheme prior to submission for confirmation by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform as set out in the Arterial Drainage Acts.

Environmental Assessment

Stantec (formerly Ryan Hanley) have been developing baseline sections of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) as well as impact assessment. Stantec have also drafted the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for the scheme.

John Cronin Associates and Tt-RPS have procured an Architectural Geophysical Survey to identify potential below ground areas of interest. Earthsound Geophysics have been appointed to undertake Architectural Geophysical Survey to identify potential below ground areas of interest. Earthsound received a licence to carry out the survey on 6th March 2026 and will commence on site at the end of March / start of April. The survey will entail using instrumentation towed via a quad bike in certain areas and landowners will be / have been contacted to make arrangements.

Outline Scheme Programme

	Activity	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Stage 1	Hydrological/Hydraulic Analysis	█							
	Scheme analysis & development	█	█	█	█				
Stage 2	Public Exhibition				█	█			
Stage 3	Detailed design of Scheme					█	█		
	Approval and construction procurement						█	█	
Stage 4	Construction works							█	█
Stage 5	Scheme Operational								█

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