

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE**

**APRIL, 2015**

- Letter received on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 from the Office of Public Works in reply to letter requesting that the CFRAM flood maps for Adare be made available to the Council before 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.
- Letter received on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 from the Minister for Education & Skills in reply to letter seeking a Meeting with the Minister for Education and Skills to discuss the development of post primary school at Skagh, Croom, Co. Limerick.
- Letter received on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 from National Roads Authority (NRA) in reply to letter requesting a Meeting for the Members of the District with the Roads Authority to discuss a pre-agreed list of road issues relevant to the District.

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10 March 2015

Mr. Tom O'Callaghan  
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**Re: CFRAM Maps for Adare, Co. Limerick**

Dear Mr. O'Callaghan

I refer to your letter of 12th February 2015 addressed to Mr. Joseph McNamara of this Office requesting that CFRAM maps for Adare be made available to the Council before 10th March 2015.

The CFRAM programme is a major national programme under which the most comprehensive assessment of flood risk in the country to date is being undertaken. Its purpose is to:

- assess and map the existing and potential significant flood hazard and risk within the study areas,
- build the strategic information base necessary for making informed decisions in relation to managing flood risk,
- identify viable structural and non-structural measures and options for managing the flood risks for localised high-risk areas and within each river catchment as a whole.

The first stage of the programme, the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment, was completed in 2011 and identified 300 Areas for Further Assessment (AFAs), including Adare. Adare is one of 66 AFAs in the Shannon CFRAM study.

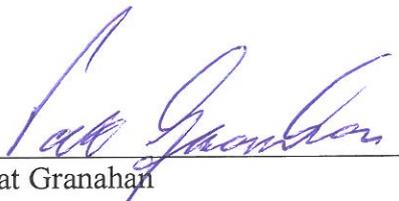
The second phase, Flood Hazard Mapping, involves more detailed assessment of each AFA to more accurately assess the extent and degree of flood risk, and to develop Flood Risk Maps and Flood Hazard Maps. This phase is well under way, and has involved extensive survey and analysis of river flows and the development of computer models to determine how flooding occurs. Based on this work, draft flood risk maps and flood hazard maps are being produced. The maps are developed using state-of-the-art technology and making use of all available information. However, OPW recognises that local residents may have some information or knowledge that can further improve the flood maps, and wants to give people the opportunity to comment on the flood maps before they are finalised. A series of Public Consultation Days is under way in AFAs across the country as draft maps become available. This will be followed by a statutory national consultation

process which will be organised in the second quarter of this year. All comments and observations received as a result of the Public Consultation Days and the statutory consultation process will be taken into consideration before the flood maps are finalised.

You will appreciate that, in view of the need for public consultation, there must be a time gap between the initial publication of draft maps and the finalisation of the maps for each AFA. Accordingly, we are unable to provide the Council with the CFRAM maps for Adare at this time. We expect that the draft maps for Adare will be available in the near future, and a local Public Consultation Day will then be arranged.

I trust that this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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Pat Granahan



**Oifig an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna**  
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18 March 2015

Dear Tom,

I refer to your recent representation on behalf of Croom Post Primary School and the proposal to provide a new school at Croom, Co Limerick.

As you are aware planning permission was granted in April 2014 and this decision was subsequently overturned by An Bord Pleanála in September 2014.

I understand that the ETB are working closely with the Local Authority to address the concerns of An Bord Pleanála.

As the delivery of this building project has been devolved to Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (ETB) under a Service Level Agreement it would not be appropriate for me to meet at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

Jan O'Sullivan T.D

Minister for Education & Skills





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2 April 2015

NRA 15-91693

**Dear Mr. O'Callaghan,**

I refer to your letter of 16 February 2015 and following a search of our files there is no record of the correspondence you refer to of 3 February 2015 requesting a meeting with the Authority.

The Authority's policy is to facilitate an overall delegation from a local authority with representation from Municipal Districts as the most efficient way of conducting our business.

However, issues of concern to the Committee members in relation to national road projects may be forwarded in writing to the undersigned and we will revert to you as soon as possible.

I hope that this is of assistance.

**Yours sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Raymond Foley'.

**Raymond Foley,**  
**Programme & Regulatory Unit.**

*c.c. Paul Crowe, Director of Services, Limerick City and County Council*