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Minister's Reference: OPW-MO-00036-2025

Ms. Heather Supple

Limerick City & County Council

14th February 2025

Dear Ms. Supple,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 30th January, 2025 on behalf of the elected members of the Newcastle West Municipal District relating to a Flood Relief Scheme for Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick and the elected members request for a Scheme Viability Review to be carried out.

The Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) identified 300 areas nationwide that required further flood risk assessment, Abbeyfeale being one of those areas. The Flood Risk Management Plan for Tralee Bay – Rive Feale Basin, assigned a Baseline Measure “Do Nothing” and the Non-Structural measure “Public Awareness”, however neither of these measures could provide the required standard of protection of 1% AEP.

The OPW’s Predictive Flood Maps produced under the National Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme and as part of Flood Relief Schemes were developed from detailed engineering analysis and modelling. Updates and revisions to these Flood Maps may occasionally be required due to a change in physical conditions, detection of errors or based on other specific evidence.

A Flood Map Review is a two-stage process with the first stage representing a screening exercise. Where there is sufficient evidence provided that a published Flood Map does not

reflect the current conditions, the OPW will proceed to a detailed re-assessment of the area in question.

For full details of the Flood Map Review Programme Guidance Note go to www.floodinfo.ie.

If Newcastle West Municipal District would like to request a new Flood Map Review, please submit a completed [Flood Map Review Request Form](#) to floodinfo@opw.ie.

Limerick City and County Council can introduce localised flood mitigation measures in Abbeyfealec with 90% funding from the OPW's Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme. Under the minor works scheme, applications are considered for projects that are estimated to cost not more than €750,000.

I hope the above information is of some assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Kiernan

Private Secretary to the Minister of State, Kevin Moran TD

