

Correspondence
September 2026 – Newcastle West Municipal District Meeting

- Email received on 30th July, 2026, from Mr. Kevin Boxer Moran TD, Minister of State at the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief, in reply to correspondence on the Athea Flood Relief Scheme.

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Ms. Heather Supple O'Doherty

Limerick City & County Council

30th July 2026

Dear Ms. Supple O'Doherty,

I refer to your correspondence in relation to Athea Flood Relief Scheme.

Limerick City & County Council is leading the delivery of a viable flood relief scheme for Athea. The Council has appointed consultant engineers that have identified a preferred option to protect 30 at risk properties.

Investing some €14m for the delivery of this preferred scheme option, has to ensure that it is a viable scheme, technically, environmentally and economically. This meets all standards for all flood relief schemes and is in with the requirements of the Infrastructure Guidelines. Following the submission by Limerick City and County Council of an identified preferred option, the OPW undertook some evaluation of that option, particularly on the economic outcome that was yielding a 0.53 Benefit to Cost Return. The objective of this review is to explore and deliver both a viable scheme and other potential other flood mitigation measures that can manage the flood risk in Athea.

The Office of Public Works has recently discussed its assessment with the Council. The Council and the OPW are jointly working on finalising this review to identify a viable flood relief scheme and measures for Athea to be funded from the €1.3bn for flood relief measures under the National Development Plan.

Pending the completion of this scheme, the Council can apply for funding from the OPW's Minor Flood Mitigation and Coastal Protection Works Scheme. This can provide up to 95% for interim measures that can help mitigate the impact from a flood event.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Boxer Moran TD

Minister of State at the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief

