

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation to Date

A notice was published announcing that the process of preparing the Suir Catchment Flood Risk Management Plan had commenced and that as part of the process a Strategic Environmental Assessment is being carried out. There was a call for submissions as part of the notice.

This scoping report was made available to view or download from the OPW website www.opw.ie from 4th January until 29th January. Comments were invited on the scoping report either by email or post by 29th January to the consultants or the OPW whose details provided in Section 1.

An SEA workshop took place with the environmental stakeholders on Friday, 22nd January. This workshop discussed the key environmental issues and the implications of the implementation of possible flood risk management options.

Public consultation dates took place at the following locations in January:-

- Pilltown GAA Complex - Tuesday, 19th January, 2010
- Moingaurd, Clonmel – Thursday, 21st January, 2010
- The Source Arts Centre, Thurles - Tuesday, 26th January, 2010; and
- Moinguard, Clonmel - Thursday, 28th January, 2010

Following receipt of submissions and consultation with the environmental authorities and the public the Plan and Environmental Assessment will be developed. The Environmental Report will report on the findings of the assessment. It will be made available to the public together with the Draft Plan.

7.2 Next Steps

Table 7-1 below demonstrates the anticipated timescales for the following phases of the SEA process.

Table 7-1: Next Steps

SEA Phase	Month
Final SEA Scoping Report	May 2010
Public Information Day on the Flood Risk Management Options	July 2011
Draft CFRMP and Environmental Report Consultation	July 2011- August 2011
SEA Statement	Nov 2011

The SEA Statement will:-

- Outline the Option or combination of options selected for taking into the statutory planning process;
- Outline the reasons for selection;
- Outline how environmental considerations have been taken into account in the selection process; and
- Outline monitoring measures to be implemented.

Scoping is a dynamic process and is expected to continue throughout the SEA process, up to the publication of the Environmental Report. The scoping report will be made publicly available and will serve to continue to engage the wider public in the ongoing consultation process.