

**Mr. Kevin Boxer Moran**

Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery  
and Reform with Responsibility for the Office of Public Works

March 9, 2026

Dear Minister Moran,

**Re: Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme — Urgent Request for Progress, Clarity on Delay, and Outline of Next Steps**

We write on behalf of County Wexford Chamber of Commerce (The Chamber) regarding the ongoing and substantial impact that recurrent flooding continues to have on the commercial life of Enniscorthy. The Chamber represents a wide cross-section of businesses across County Wexford, including many located in Enniscorthy town centre and surrounding areas that have been directly affected by flood events. We are therefore writing to seek clarity on the current status of the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme and the steps required to progress it.

Enniscorthy town centre has suffered repeated and devastating flooding events over many years, with businesses on the Quays and in the wider town experiencing significant property damage, loss of trading income, destruction of stock and equipment, reputational harm, and in some cases permanent closure. The human cost behind these impacts - the stress, anxiety, financial hardship, and loss of confidence in the future of the town - is considerable and must not be underestimated.

We acknowledge, and our members appreciate, that a Flood Relief Scheme for Enniscorthy has been developed through the Office of Public Works following years of study, community engagement, and engineering assessment. This scheme represents a critical infrastructure investment not only for the businesses of Enniscorthy but for the long-term economic viability and social cohesion of the town. It is, for many of our members, the single most important piece of public infrastructure currently in planning.

It is therefore a matter of deep concern to the Chamber, and to the business community it represents, that the progression of this scheme has stalled. We are aware that the scheme has encountered procedural, planning, or funding-related obstacles, however the absence of clear and transparent communication regarding the nature of these delays has given rise to significant uncertainty, frustration, and, in some cases, a reluctance by business owners to invest in or recommit to Enniscorthy town centre.

**Our Requests**

Against this background, the Board of the Chamber respectfully but urgently requests the following from your Department and the Office of Public Works:

### **1. A Clear Account of the Reasons for Delay**

We request a full and transparent explanation of the specific factors that have caused the delay to the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme to date. Our members deserve to understand precisely what has prevented this scheme from advancing, and we believe that clarity on this point is essential to maintaining public confidence in the process.

### **2. A Commitment to Active Progress**

We call on the Minister and the OPW to make a clear and public commitment to advancing the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme as a priority project. We request confirmation that all necessary resources, financial, technical, and administrative, are being directed toward resolving the outstanding issues as a matter of urgency. Where there are delays attributable to matters within the control of the OPW or Government Departments, we ask that concrete steps be taken immediately to resolve them.

### **3. A Clear Outline of Next Steps and a Realistic Timeline**

We request the provision of a detailed roadmap setting out the specific milestones that must be achieved before construction can commence on the scheme. We further request that this information be communicated not only to the Chamber but directly to the affected business community and the public, in an accessible and transparent format.

### **4. Engagement with the Affected Business Community**

We invite a representative of your Department or the OPW to engage with the chamber and to provide a direct briefing to affected business owners on the status of the scheme and the path forward. We believe that direct engagement with the business community would be a meaningful and constructive step in rebuilding confidence and demonstrating Government commitment to the future of the town.

### **5. Presentation of Updated Technical Details to the Business Community**

We request that the Minister arrange for the updated technical details of the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme to be formally presented to the business community of Enniscorthy. Many business owners were briefed on earlier iterations of the scheme design and have since received no updated information. Given that the scheme has undergone revision and development in the intervening period, it is essential that the business community is brought fully up to date.

The Chamber has consistently supported the Enniscorthy Flood Relief Scheme and has engaged constructively with all stakeholders throughout its development. We are not seeking to apportion blame for past delays. Our focus, and the focus of the business community we serve, is entirely on the future, on a clear path to delivering a scheme that will protect Enniscorthy town centre, safeguard livelihoods, and give business owners and investors the confidence to commit to the town.



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We ask only that the Government match that commitment with transparency, urgency, and decisive action.

We would welcome a written response, and we are available to meet with you or your officials at your earliest convenience. Please direct any response or queries to the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

**Paula Roche, CEO and Ed Murphy, President**

**On behalf of the Board**

County Wexford Chamber of Commerce