Drainage Design and Flood Management  
(Lecture 2 of 4)

Flood Risk Management – OPW Perspective

Date: Monday 5th October 2015  
Time: 19:00 (Tea/Coffee from 18:30)  
Venue: Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork  
Speaker: Mark Adamson Chartered Engineer - Head of Flood Relief and Risk Management, Office of Public Works

Synopsis:  
The OPW has a long-standing statutory role in arterial drainage and more recently, since 1995, in flood protection. The approval by Government of the Report of the National Flood Policy Review Group in 2004 established the OPW as the lead agency for flood risk management in Ireland.

In his lecture, Mark Adamson will present the current approach to flood risk management and the role of the OPW in drainage and flood risk management, including more recent developments in areas such as the ‘Floods’ Directive, flood mapping, the CFRAM Programme, spatial planning and building resilience to flood events, and will then reflect on potential future developments in the field.

Speaker Bio:  
Mark is the Head of the Flood Relief and Risk Management Division in the OPW. He is responsible for the implementation of the EU 'Floods' Directive in Ireland, for the national flood risk assessment, mapping and management Programme (the 'PFRA' and 'CFRAM' Programmes), and for technical aspects of the design of flood relief schemes. He played a key role in the development of the Guidelines on the Planning System and Flood Risk Management, and led preparation of the National Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for flood risk management. Mark is Co-Chairman of the EU Working Group on Floods.

Fee/Booking:  
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