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## John Mockler

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**From:** Lorraine Counihan <lorraine.counihan@opw.ie>  
**Sent:** Monday 31 August 2020 10:52  
**To:** John Mockler; Annemarie Johnston  
**Cc:** Richard F Dooley; Colette Davis  
**Subject:** FW: re: Roscommon County Council - Lough Funshinagh  
**Attachments:** Response re Lough Funshinagh 200831.pdf

John, Annemarie

Please see attached for your attention. As I see Shane is currently out of the office.

Regards  
Lorraine

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**From:** Lorraine Counihan  
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**Subject:** re: Roscommon County Council - Lough Funshinagh

Dear Mr Tiernan

Please see attached letter regarding Lough Funshinagh for your attention.

Regards  
Lorraine



31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

Mr. Shane Tieman  
Director of Services  
Roscommon County Council  
Courthouse  
Roscommon

**Re: Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme  
Review of Flood Analysis Report - Lough Funshinagh**

Dear Mr Tieman,

I refer to the Lough Funshinagh Flood Analysis Report, which our Office has now reviewed.

The study looked at seven possible flood mitigation measures, of which six fall below a cost-benefit of 1:1, and these are therefore not deemed to be cost effective.

The one possible scheme to protect House A, through the construction of a flood control barrier, has a benefit-cost ratio of 1.58 to 1. There remains, however, significant uncertainty that this proposal will solve the flooding to House A, and the property is likely to remain at residual risk of flooding. There is no cost effective solution to manage this residual risk, with the current emergency management of flood levels being managed by pumping. This option is therefore not considered to be economically or environmentally sustainable.

On that basis, this Office considers that there are no viable cost effective or sustainable solutions to alleviate flooding - having considered the financial and environmental constraints - and recommends that property-owners who have applied for home relocation be dealt with by this scheme. Please continue to liaise with [vincent.breen@opw.ie](mailto:vincent.breen@opw.ie) in that regard.

OPW also understands, however, that there will remain a risk of possible prolonged flooding around the Lough, and we advise that it remains open to Roscommon County Council to make an application under the Minor Works Flood Mitigation and Coastal Protection Scheme should additional measures be identified in the future that meet the scheme criteria to mitigate flooding.

Yours sincerely,

*PP Lorraine Counihan*

**John Martin**  
**Principal Officer – Flood Project Management Services**