

## Impact Statement

Butler Gallery Design 2016

September 2016

A new part 8 planning application is to be lodged for a revised development at the Evan's Home, Barrack Lane, John Street, Kilkenny.

The main change from the previous granted part 8 planning is that there will be a modest new building to the west of the protected structure to house a circulation stair and lift and a new Media Gallery.

It is now proposed that all the protected structure will be included in the new proposal for multi gallery spaces, café, offices and public spaces. The new proposal also now allows much of the grounds to be converted into sculpture gardens and public gardens.

The impact of this new design is extremely positive by bringing the protected building into full use as the new Butler Gallery - the interventions are well thought out and sensitive to the original fabric and the proposed new use is ideal for this building.

The proposed new building is also respectfully set off the protected structure with a glass link, the new building is contemporary which is best practice when making an addition to a protected structure.

The new physical connections, for circulation purposes from the new building into the protected structure are through existing windows and the interventions are minimal and fully reversible.

The impact on the protected structure is minimal and the proposed new use for the protected structure is a high positive.