



Abbey Quarter Urban Park and Street

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The Urban Street is aligned north-south through the Abbey Quarter, linking Bateman Quay in the south with St. Francis Bridge in the north. The Street will be a pedestrian and cyclist dominated shared space, with limited vehicular access. The Street will provide multiple pedestrian linkages to the City, making the Park readily accessible.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement have been prepared as part of the application for approval in respect of the proposed development.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions, or may refuse the application for development. A copy of the particulars of the proposed development, including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement will be available to inspect at:

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County Hall, John St, Kilkenny between the hours of **9.00am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays), from Tuesday 4th August 2020 to Tuesday 29th September 2020 (inclusive of both dates) by appointment. Contact (056) 7794010 or planning@kilkennycoco.ie to make an appointment.**

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Submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála on the proposed development in relation to:

- (i) The implications of the proposed development on the proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
- (ii) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- (iii) The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site if carried out.

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A person may question the validity of a decision of the Bord by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No.15 of 1986) in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Information in respect of the judicial review process can be accessed on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Signed : Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance.

Graveyard and housing grants cut as Covid bites

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Grants to adapt houses and for upkeep of cemeteries are among the first victims of the council's Covid-19 budget problems.

With a significant deficit looming as a result of a lack of income from commercial rates and housing rents, the council has identified a number of areas where it will cut or defer expenditure this year.

At Monday's meeting of Kilkenny County Council, director of services Sean McKeown told members that there had been 26 applications for graveyard grants, and €23,000 was the amount expected to be available.

However, due to the impact of Covid-19 on the council's finances, Mr McKeown recommended an interim allocation of €8,000.

The council is expecting to pay out €6,200, keeping back €1,200 to accommodate a



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project in liaison with St Canice's. The item was formally proposed by Cllr Fidelis Doherty and seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzpatrick. Cllr Fitzpatrick

said the grant was helpful to communities, and hoped that the balance of the allocations would be soon restored.

Director of services Tim Butler and the council's head

of finance Martin Prendiville outlined the significant steps the council has taken to help local businesses and encourage a return of trade to shops around the county.

New gallery to open with exhibition featuring troops

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A new jewel in Kilkenny's crown, the Butler Gallery at Evan's Home, is to open next month with an exhibition featuring pictures of local troops by celebrated photographer Amelia Stein.

'The Bloods', comprising 58 portraits, of members of the Defence Forces based in James Stephens Barracks, will be a fitting opening to the gallery. Evan's Home was in the past used as a military base.

The project is described as 'both a visual inventory in the medium of traditional black and white photography, and a portrait in time, that seeks to represent the diversity of those men and women who are currently serving or have served within the walls of the barracks'.

The handball alley in



Amelia Stein in front of her portrait of Brig Gen Jimmy Flynn (ret) DSM

the barracks provided a daylight studio and a private space where the portraits were made. Ms Stein, a Dublin-based artist, is well known for her black and white pictures. Her work has been featured in collections of The National Gallery of Ireland, IMMA, the Arts Council of Ireland.

The highly-anticipated opening of the new Butler Gallery will take place on Thursday, August 6.



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Competent Authority: An Bord Pleanála

Applicant Name: Kilkenny County Council

Location: Abbey Quarter in Kilkenny City (former Smithwicks Brewery site). The Urban Park is located on the northern part of the site, centred around the remains of St Francis Abbey. The Street will run from Bateman Quay to St. Canice's Place.

Description: The proposed Urban Park and Street will cover an area of c.1.44ha. The Park will comprise of a variety of grassed areas, trees, paved surfaces, water feature and meeting points. The Street will be a pedestrian and cyclist dominated space.

Linear Development: No

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Regards

Aisling Holohan

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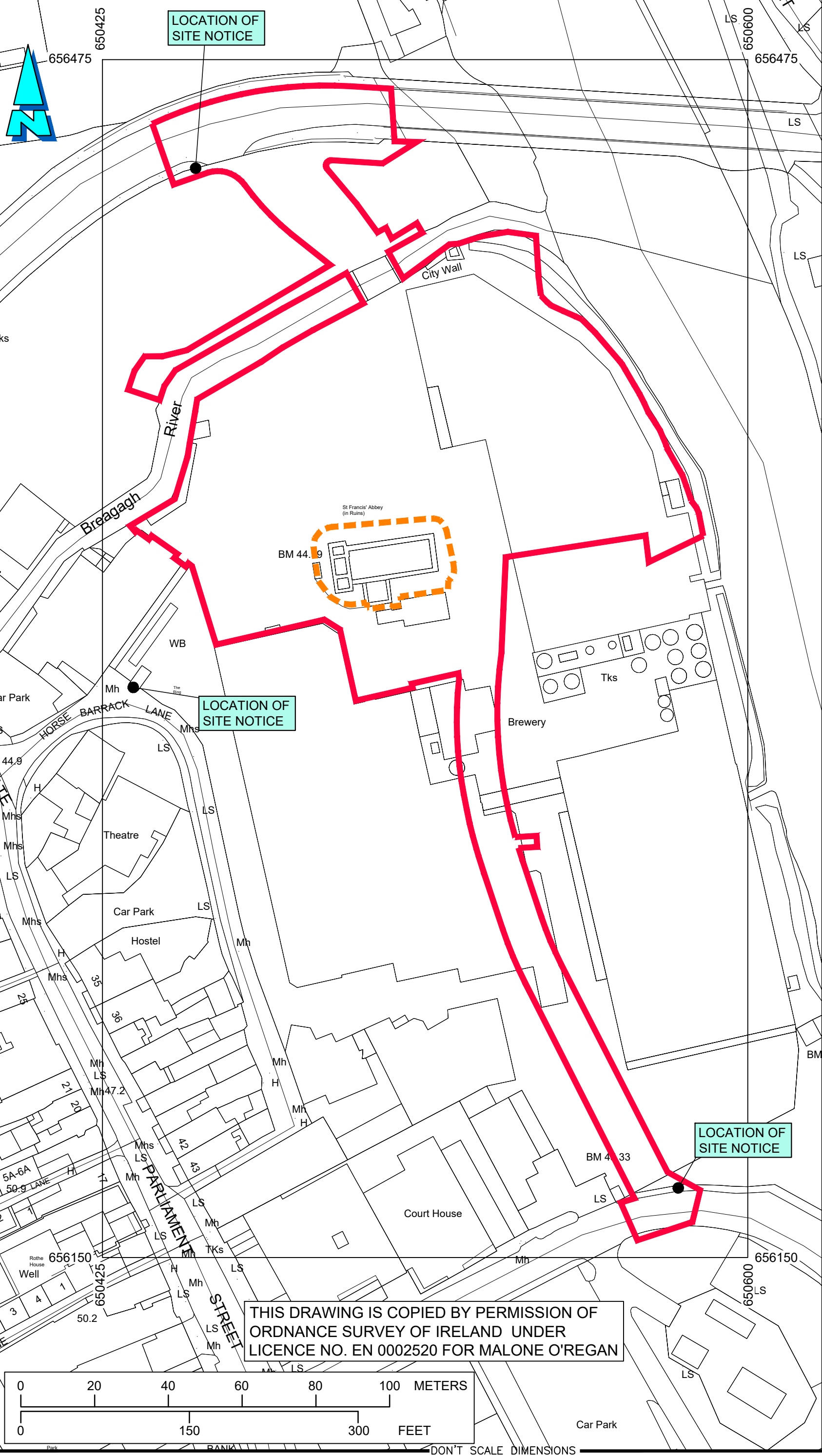
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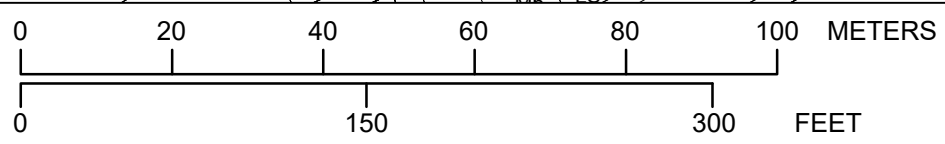


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Drawing SITE LOCATION MAP

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Site Notice South of the Site close to Bateman Quay



Site Notice West of the Site close to Horsebarrack Lane



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