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Kilkenny County Council
Planning Department
County Hall
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Re: Alteration of former Latrine within the curtilage of protected structure Evans' Alms house (RPS ref:B3). Works to include a new structure inserted within the existing walls and all related site development works and ancillary works

To whom it may concern,

Please find enclosed a Part 8 Planning application for the above proposed development.

Drawings and supporting information are attached as hardcopies. Please refer to the drawing issue sheet for reference.

We would like to make the following points regarding the application:

1. The proposed alteration involves a careful and considerate approach to the reuse of the historic structure as an arts workshop for the Butler Gallery. The works proposed are minimum in intervention but necessary to allow the building to be utilised as a public workshop space.
2. The alteration includes the removal of an asbestos roof, removal of existing concrete and earth floor, reduction to the buttress walls and insertion of a new lightweight timber structure within the existing walls of the building.
3. The senior planner, Butler Gallery and CANICE Architects organised a meeting in November 2020 to discuss the arts workshop proposals on site. The feedback was positive in principle. The conservation officer issued queries in relation to the requirement of the entire removal of the buttress walls. In light of these comments the proposals have been altered to retain a 200mm nib of the buttress walls to act as a visual record of the previous arrangement.
4. The form of the new structure is designed to facilitate public arts based workshops. In an effort to limit the impact on the existing stone walls of the latrine a new lightweight timber structure is proposed to be inserted within the walls. Natural light and ventilation will be provided through a

projecting roof space avoiding the need to break opes in the historic stone walls. The timber frame structure is proposed, given it's lightweight properties, to limit the extent of structural foundations. In order to provide a useable footprint for the workshop the existing stone buttress walls are proposed to be reduced to 200mm nibs. This is crucial to creating a useable space whilst keeping a visual record of the walls.

5. There are 2No. former latrines on the grounds of the Butler Gallery (former Evans Home). The works proposed are to the latrine located in the North West of the site. The other former latrine structure is located to the North East of the site and acts a good untouched example of the original structure.

We trust the above is in order and would appreciate your earliest response in relation to the enclosed application.

Yours sincerely,



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