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ABBEY QUARTER RIVERSIDE GARDEN

PROPOSAL FOR A WATER SPORTS BUILDING AT GREENS BRIDGE

PROPOSAL
FOR A HOME
FOR RIVER
USERS WITH
SUITABLE
RIVER ACCESS
AT GREEN'S
BRIDGE





OUR NEEDS!

- **A PROPER SLIPWAY**
 - **VEHICLE ACCESS**
 - **A HOME**
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A TIME OF OPPORTUNITY!



WHAT FACILITIES ARE THERE AT PRESENT?

KILKENNY AQUA CANOE CLUB
AND WATER SAFETY HAVE
PREVIOUSLY HAD STORAGE
FACILITIES AT GREENS BRIDGE

THIS ACCESS POINT HAS A
SLIPWAY THAT WAS SUITABLE
FOR KAYAKS AND CANOES
BUT NOT LARGER CRAFT

TEMPORARY ACCESS

IN THE LAST YEAR, THE ONLY
ACCESS TO THE RIVER HAS
BEEN FROM THE PUMP
STATION AT CANAL WALK
AND THE SLIPWAY UNDER
THE CASTLE

THESE ACCESS POINTS ARE
UNSUITABLE AND VERY
LIMITED



RIVER RESCUE

ACCESS FOR
LARGER VESSELS
INCLUDING RESCUE
BOATS IS TOO
RESTRICTIVE AND
SECURITY AND
SAFETY ARE REAL
CONCERNS



OTHER RIVER USERS

THE TRIATHLON CLUB HAVE
NO BASE NEAR THE RIVER

THERE IS NO APPROPRIATE
ACCESS POINT FOR OPEN
WATER SWIMS IN THE CITY

THERE IS NO SUITABLE
ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES





PREPARING FOR NORE
SWIM



SWIMMERS AWAY!











TEAMWORK!

Kilkenny Triathlon, Water Safety, Sub Aqua, Kayaking Clubs

A PERMANENT HOME FOR WATER USERS

A prominent, permanent and well-designed base will facilitate continued use by the groups identified and allow for further growth in the numbers using the river and the various activities on the river.

Potentially, this could also become the most important access point on the proposed river Nore Blueway, an important link in the development of outdoor tourism for the Kilkenny region.

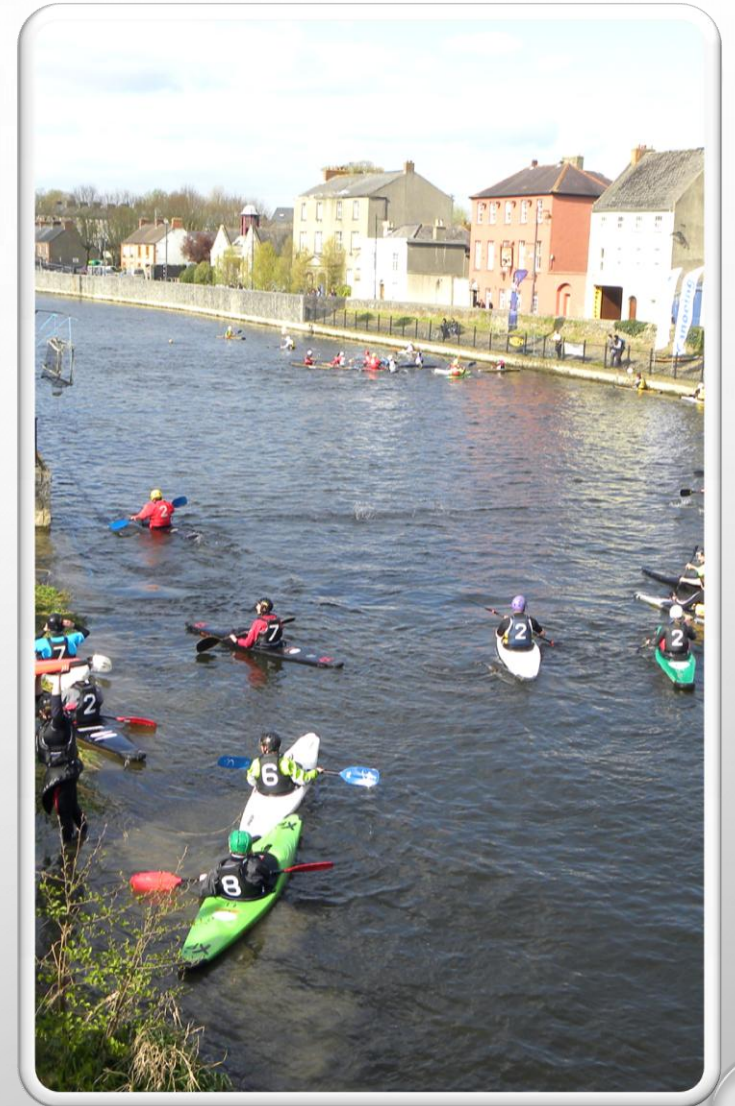


WHAT'S NEEDED TO MAXIMISE THE BENEFITS OF THE RIVER IN THE HEART OF OUR CITY?

Access The slipway at Greens bridge needs to be constructed in accordance with European standards and national guidelines to accommodate the launch of rescue boats and other craft. Emergency access and parking is essential to accommodate jeep, trailer and rescue boats.

Toilet / shower and changing facilities / tea & coffee making facilities, meeting rooms and training room

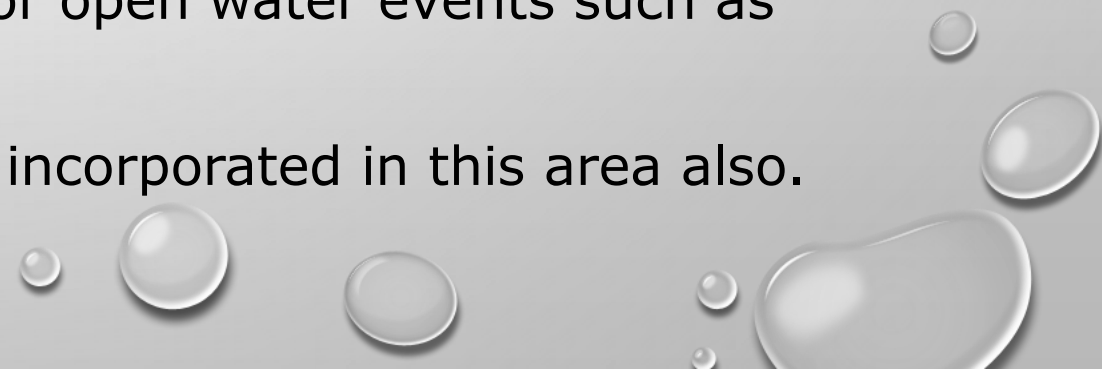
Storage adjacent to the river for canadian canoes, kayaks, water safety equipment, buoys and access ramps.





Floating Pontoons would facilitate safe access for open water events such as triathlons & swims

A permanent **canoe polo facility** could easily be incorporated in this area also.

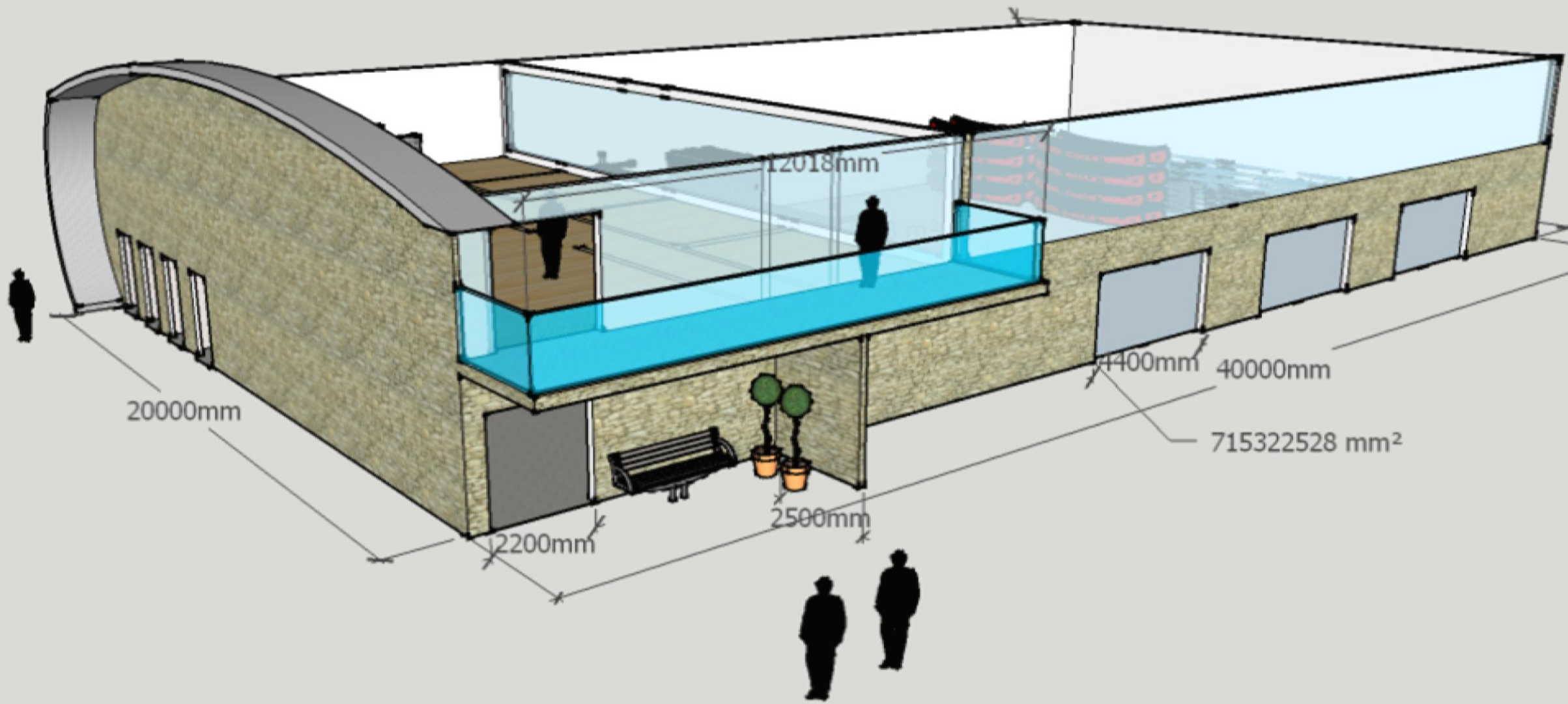


OPTIONS FOR STORAGE AND TOILET/SHOWER & CHANGING FACILITIES

A preferred option would be to incorporate the facilities into the Brewery Site Housing development, opening directly onto the river, reducing the portage of equipment.

The option of a new purpose built building could also be explored in the river garden, close to the existing entrance on Green Street. This building could be designed to complement the river garden and the attractiveness of the new public park with the backdrop of Green's bridge.





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BAGENALSTOWN



WATERFORD



**RICHMOND
CANOE CLUB,
LONDON**

THE THAMES

**ACCOMMODATED
INTO HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT
OVERHEAD**



POTENTIAL FOR GREATER USE

Currently, there are at least **2500 individual** uses of the river Nore in the city in a year and this could be greatly increased if facilities were in place.

Leisure tourist visits to Kilkenny, day trips, leisure boats and river tours

Triathlons and **open water swims**

Kayaking schools, stand up paddle boarding, Dragon Boat paddling & rowing clubs

Play boating and training at Greens Bridge weir.

Potential as a centre of excellence for a number of kayaking disciplines with deep, relatively calm water, illuminated by street light for night training and a competition venue for national canoe polo events.







Dragon Boat
Racing will
bring more
colour to the
river in time







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PROPOSED NORE VALLEY BLUEWAY

Nore is a total of 140km long and is navigable by small vessels.

Most popular access points are Kilkenny city, Bennettsbridge and Thomastown.

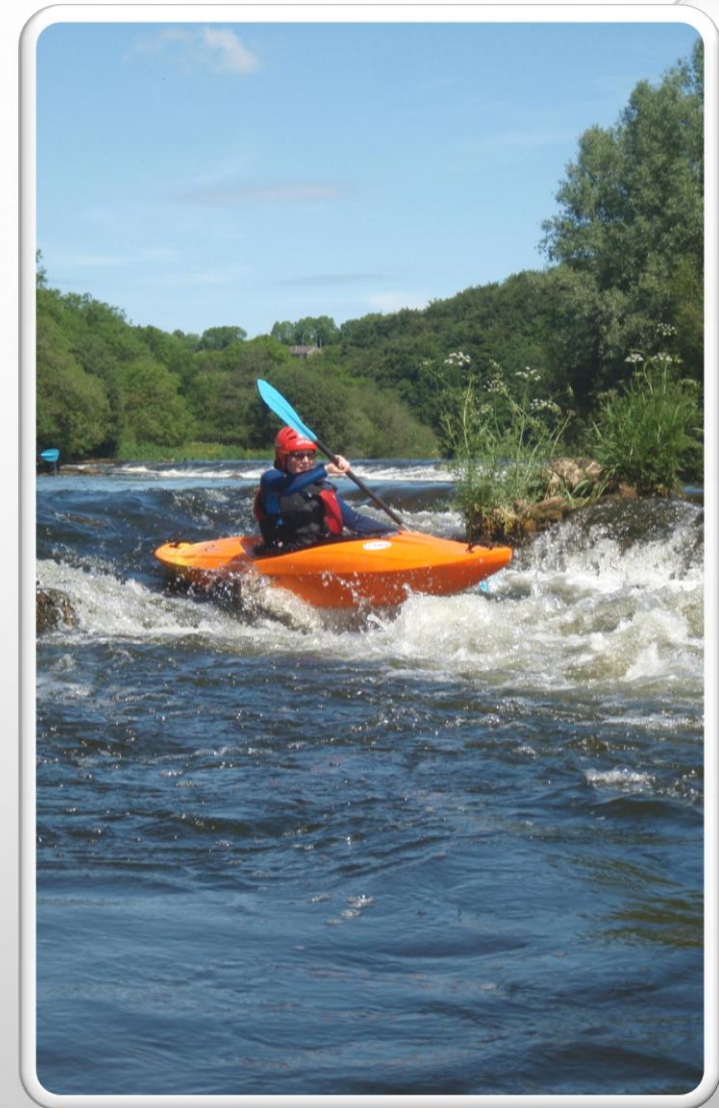
Blueway projects currently being developed on Barrow and Suir, complement a blueway development in the Nore valley.

The proposed Blueway trail forms a linear network of trails from Bleach road at the northern end of Kilkenny city to Inistioge.

Trail heads will be located in Kilkenny city, Bennettsbridge, Thomastown and Inistioge.

Highlight of the Nore Valley Blueway: Greens Bridge to Dukes Meadow

Unique visitor experience, travelling through Kilkenny's heritage sites on the river, combined with a thrilling yet safe white-water experience, complimenting Kilkenny's current activities for visitors.



PLACES TO GO

THINGS TO DO

WHERE TO STAY

WHAT'S ON

SPECIAL OFFERS

SEARCH

Ireland's Blueway

« On the water « Things To Do « Home

This Week

Coming Up

MAR
25

Galway Food Festival
Dates TBC



MAR
28

APR
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Galway Food Festival
(Dates To Be Confirmed)



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Welcome to the Blueway

Discover the Blueway - an inviting network of water trails along the west coast of Ireland.

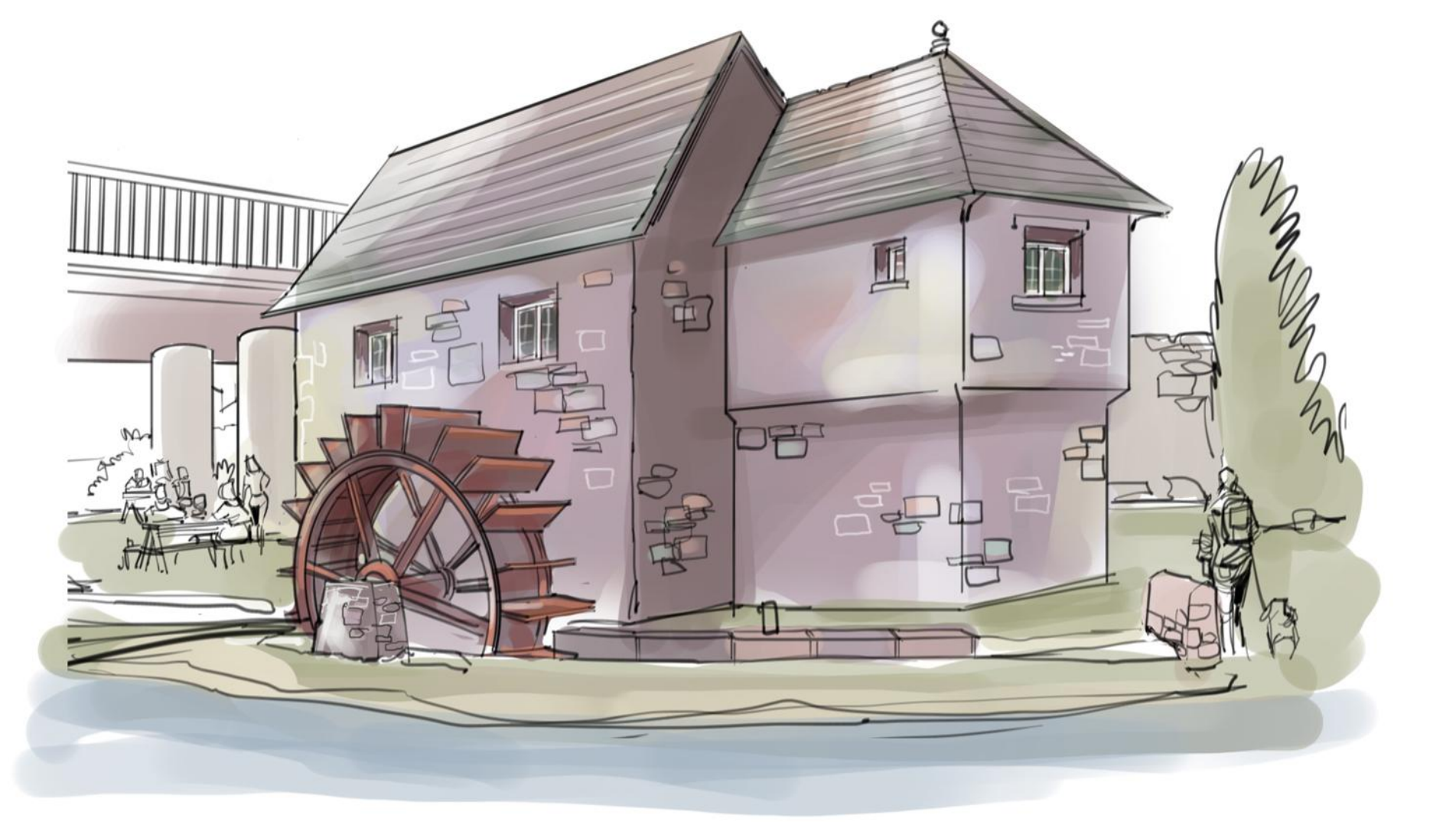
Stretching from north west Mayo to south Galway, these beautiful trails offer a host of activities like kayaking and snorkelling











Potential for Future Developments

Chancellors Mill could potentially be restored and utilised to increase the attractiveness of the site to visitors. Possible options could include an interpretive centre on the trail head / tea/coffee rooms etc.

Thank you and we look forward to taking you on a trip to view our city from the river!

Happy Christmas!

