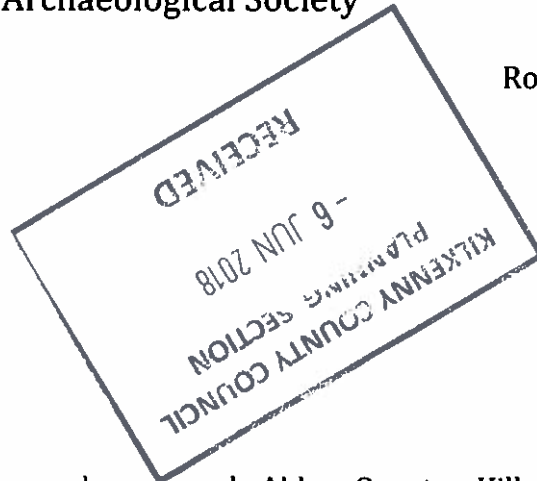


Kilkenny Archaeological Society

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Annette Fitzpatrick,
Administrative Officer,
Kilkenny County Council,
County Hall, John Street,
Kilkenny.



31 May 2018.

Ref: Part 8 proposal – Temporary car and coach park, Abbey Quarter, Kilkenny.

Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick,

The above proposal was discussed by the Conservation Committee and by the Council of this Society. We wish to make the following observations.

Kilkenny Archaeological Society (KAS) has consistently opposed the introduction of more traffic into the historic core of the city. We note that this proposal is for a five year duration only. During this period Kilkenny County Council must seek an alternative parking solution. Such issues arise in almost every historic city and town in Europe, and widely used solutions include Park-and-Ride, Park-and-Walk etc.

The KAS submission of 08 February 2015 on the Brewery Masterplan Consultation stated that '...the Abbey Quarter should be ... as much as practicable, a car-free space'. KAS has consistently opposed proposals that would result in more car traffic entering the historic core of the city.

We welcome the protective measures proposed in relation to the upstanding remains of the historic Bull Inn where it abuts the car park, and which is an integral part of the Abbey Quarter. However the proposal contains no plans as to how to conserve and display them. The protected gable wall of the former no. 22 Vicar Street, located outside the Abbey Quarter, is stabilised by a huge ugly metal frame. It is an incongruous feature and also requires a plan to protect and present it into the future. The ambitious Medieval Mile archaeological concept deserves an imaginative and aesthetic solution to both these structures.

Yours Sincerely,

Declan Murphy.

Chair, Conservation Committee and member of Council.

