

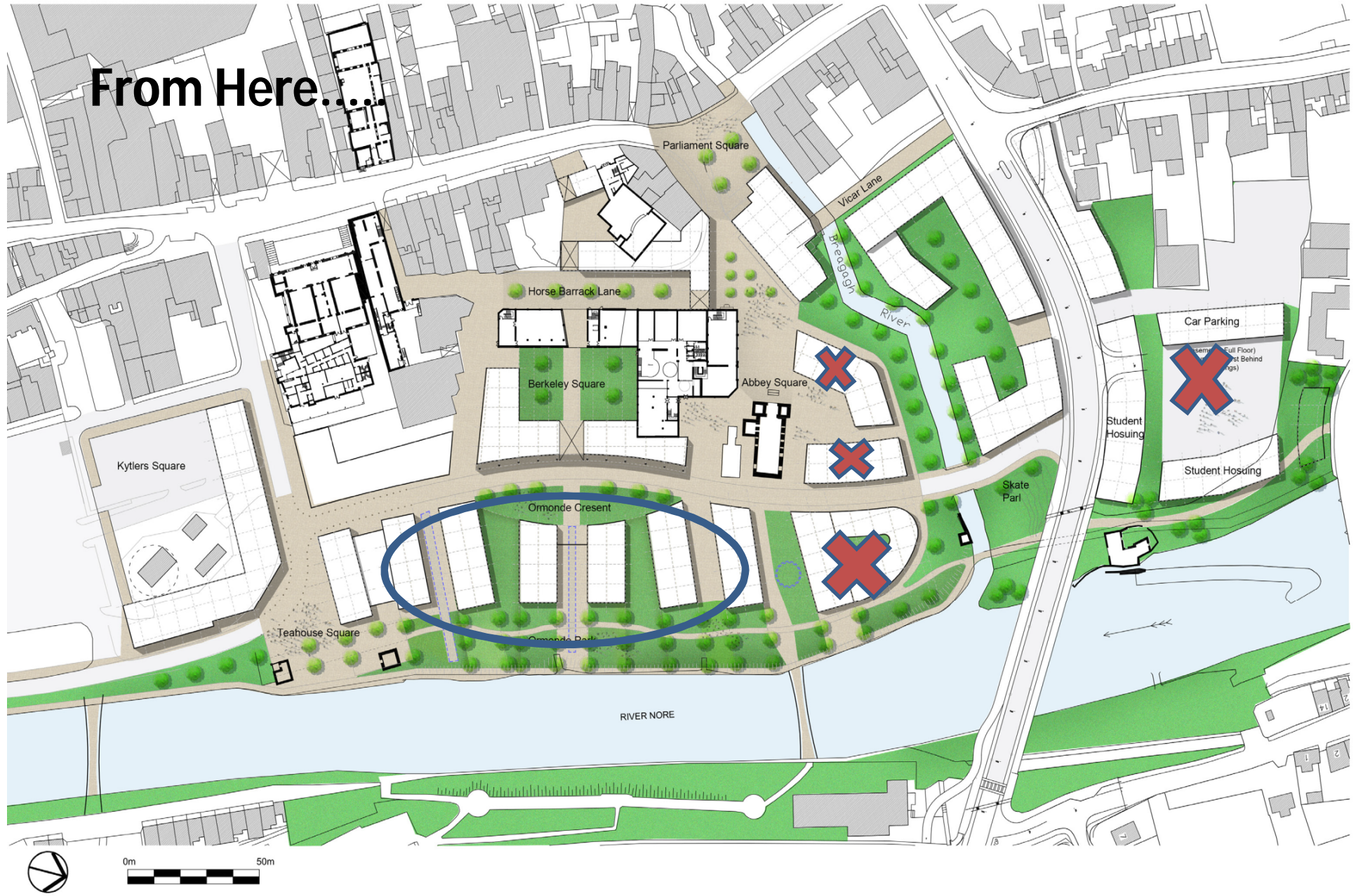
CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE

- **Consultation with stakeholders, State Departments and advice from experts**
- **Listening to people through public consultations and reading written submissions**

Changes

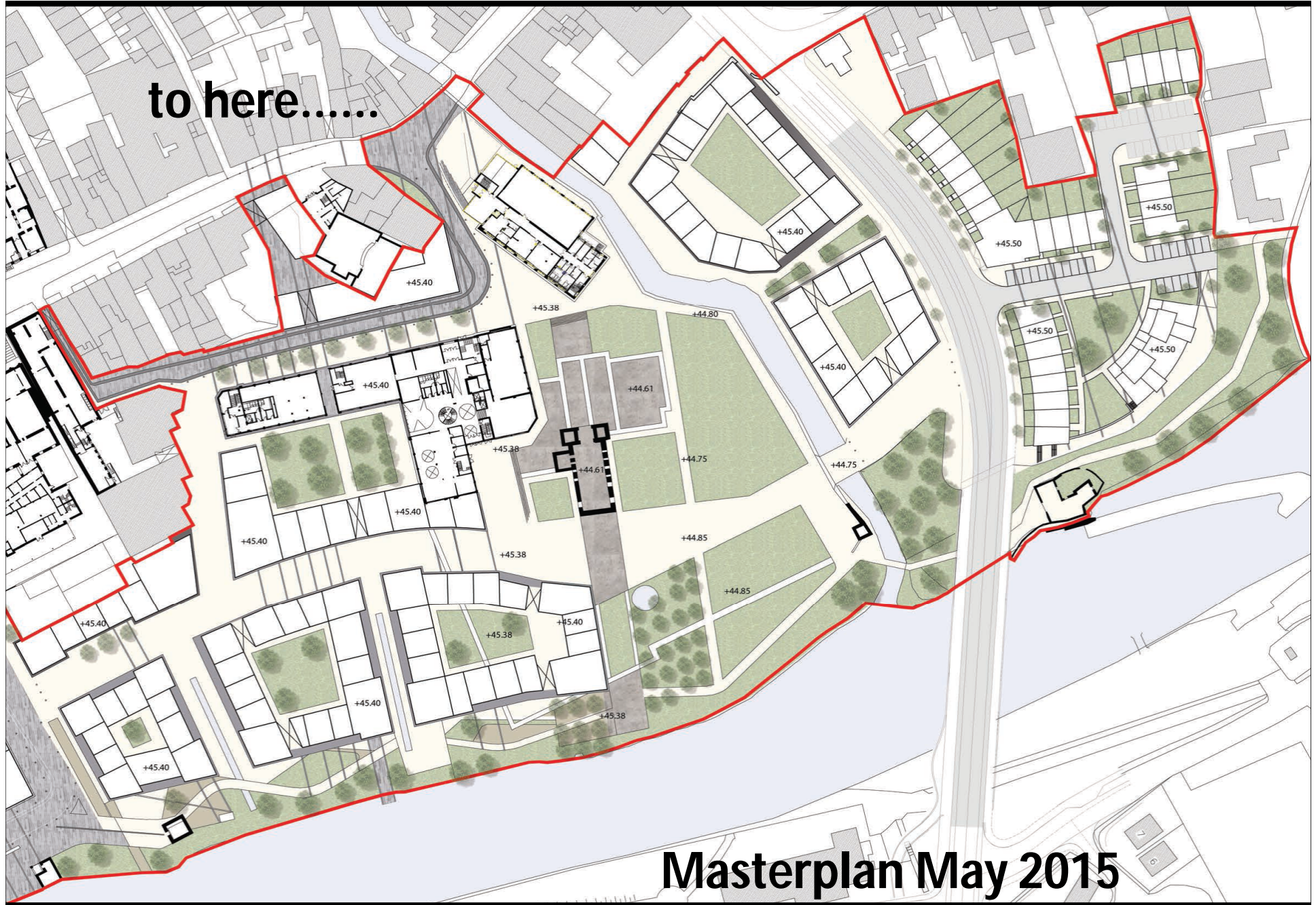
- **What has changed since draft of Nov, 2013.**
 - **Removal of buildings from immediate environs of the Abbey**
 - **Finger building changed to reflect more closely the existing urban grain,**
 - **Social and community housing proposal to north of Bregagh River**
 - **Pedestrian and cycle priority shared space, separated from the Abbey and under traffic management controls,**
 - **Urban Park at the Abbey,**
 - **Conservation Planning commitment**
 - **Park and Walk Site close by.**
 - **Extension of scope of plan to include Bateman Quay.**

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Masterplan Layout on Public Display, November, 2013

to here.....



Masterplan May 2015

Since January 2015

- **Three important opportunities**
 - 1) **Funding allocation of €4.5 million for new social housing.. Urgent delivery**
 - 2) **Written expression of interest from ISIF €????**
 - 3) **European Regional Development Funds..Sustainable Urban Development.. applications over the summer**
- **Fáilte Ireland Grant of up to €600,000 to be spent by end of 2016 on the River Garden**
- **Written expressions of interest (2) from prospective business occupiers.**

Recommendations

- Proceed with finalization of Masterplan over next couple of months with a view towards approval by Council in late July.
- Commence a variation of the City and Environs Development plan to put on a statutory footing the following high level objectives for the site ;

High Level Objectives for variation to City Dev Plan

- 1. To provide a linear park along the western bank of the River Nore connecting the existing linear park north of Green's Bridge to the linear park south of the Masterplan area.**
- 2. To provide an urban park in the immediate vicinity of St Francis Abbey and a river garden, with amenities and recreational facilities,**
- 3. To prepare a heritage and conservation plan for St. Francis Abbey, Evans Turret, St. Francis Well in collaboration with the Heritage Council of Ireland, The Office of Public Works, the National Monuments Service and the Department of Arts, Gaeltacht and Heritage.**

- 4. To prepare design criteria and Archaeological recommendations/guidelines for the implementation of the Masterplan.**
- 5. To finalize and adopt the Abbey Quarter Masterplan and incorporate it into the Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan 2014-2020.**
- 6. To develop a low carbon energy strategy for the plan area and advance the provision of near zero energy buildings on site.**
- 7. To provide a “park and walk” facilities to cater for the long term use of the site.**

- 8. To provide housing/ residential to the area at the northern extremity of the site,**

- 9. To provide a shared space/urban pavement of pedestrian and cyclist priority, between the Central Access Scheme and Bateman Quay crossing the River Breagagh at the existing bridge crossing and to provide traffic control management measures**