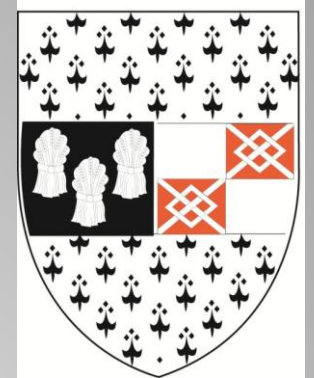


# ABBAY CREATIVE QUARTER UPDATE

## APRIL 2017



## **KILKENNY ABBEY QUARTER DEVELOPMENT LIMITED**

- Partnership company with the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) has been established.
- Works ongoing in relation to the transfer of the 6 no. Plots to Kilkenny Abbey Quarter Development Limited.
- Property Services Company to be appointed in late April.
- Chief Executive Officer to be appointed in late April.
- Formal launch of the proposed development to take place in June. (to be confirmed)

## Mayfair Building

- ❑ Planning was approved at the July 2016 meeting of Kilkenny Co. Co.
- ❑ Conservation Team has been appointed to develop proposals for the conservation and protection of the City Walls in the area of the Mayfair Building.
- ❑ Vegetation was removed from the area of the city walls in Feb 2017 to facilitate the conservation of the city walls. (under ministerial consent)
- ❑ Tenders have been invited for the required demolition of the random extensions to the original ballroom structure. Works expected to commence in June 2017.
- ❑ Design Team have been appointed to commence the detailed design of the building, in line with the recommendations outlined in the Chief Executives report in response to the Part VIII public consultation.



# Brewhouse Building

- ❑ Decision By An Bord Pleanala in early Nov. 2016 that the proposed development does not require the preparation of a Environmental Impact Statement.
- ❑ Site Investigation works and structural testing of the original building have been completed.
- ❑ Work is continuing on the detailed design of the structure, to give consideration to the findings of the Site investigation and Structural Testing.
- ❑ Tender process for appointment of building works contractor has commenced. Submissions received for shortlisting of works contractors, who will be invited to tender for the project.



## Riverside Garden Project

- ❑ Archaeological Test Excavation works have commenced, with excavations undertaken in late March / early April. (works undertaken subject to ministerial license)
- ❑ Preliminary site clearance, including the removal of the poplar trees, which were used to screen the industrial buildings, were undertaken in Feb. 2017. (works undertaken under Ministerial Consent)
- ❑ Detailed Design is substantially complete, subject to review following archaeological test excavation works.
- ❑ Submissions have been invited for short listing suitably experienced works contractors, who will be invited to tender for the project.
- ❑ Project commencement will be subject to Confirmation of Funding - Failte Ireland
- ❑ Preliminary Consultation in relation to the proposed youth activity area, including skate park, in conjunction with KRSP will commence in May 2017 – this consultation is to inform the design brief for the activity area. There will be further consultation in the future when the design has progressed.



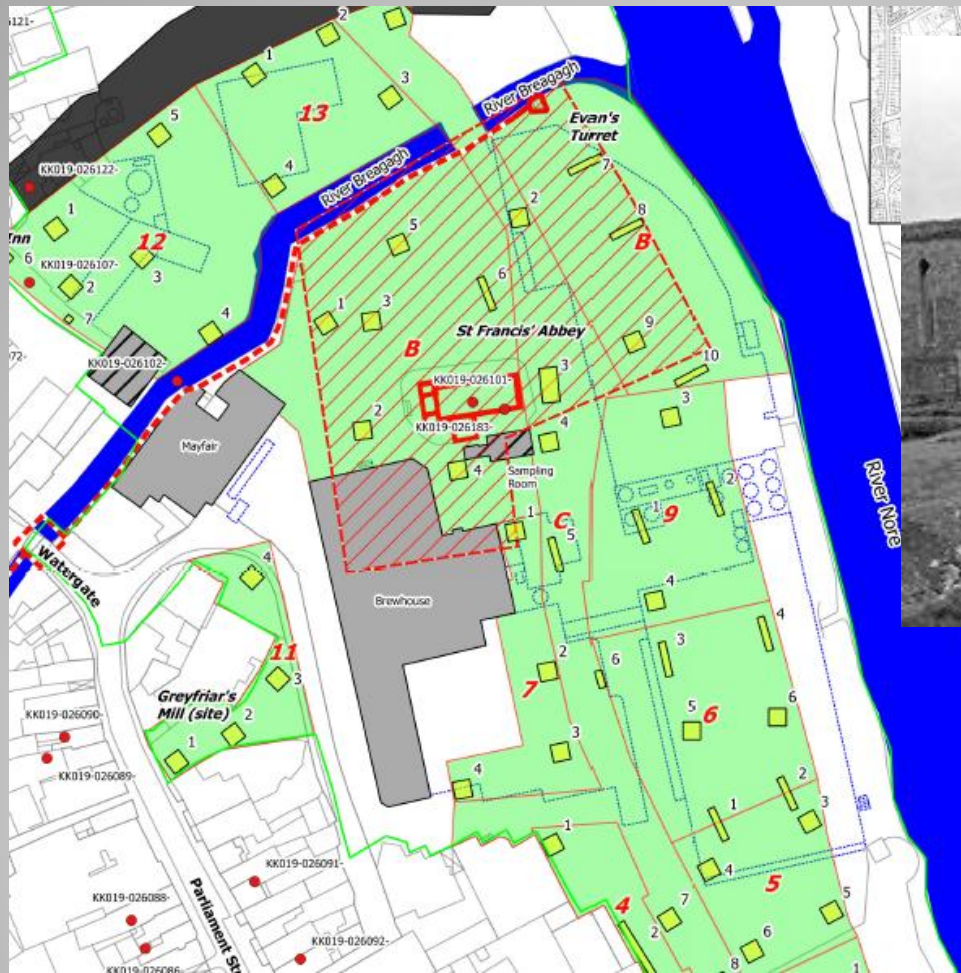


## ARCHAEOLOGICAL TESTING

- ❑ Trial survey undertaken in late 2016 concluded that the site is not suitable for Archaeo-Geophysical (Ground Penetrating Radar – GPR) survey.
- ❑ Test Excavations have been undertaken for the Riverside Garden Project.
- ❑ Test Excavation strategy for the Masterplan Area has been agreed with the National Monuments Service – it is expected that these works will commence during summer 2017.



# ARCHAEOLOGICAL TESTING



## **URBAN DESIGN CRITERIA**

- LOCI were appointed in March 2017 to prepare Urban Design Criteria and a Development Code for the development of the site.
- Public consultation workshop undertaken on 19<sup>th</sup> April in Ormonde Hotel.
- Submissions invited until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- Further public consultation on Draft Urban Design Criteria when prepared.



## ENERGY STRATEGY

- ❑ A Draft Energy Strategy has been prepared by Noel Lawler Green Energy Solutions (Kilkenny)
- ❑ This strategy will consider options for the provision of heating and energy to the Masterplan area, relying primarily on renewable sources.
- ❑ Strategy is recommending the use of a District Heating System for the Masterplan area – feasibility of system to be considered before the strategy is finalised.

## **PARKING OPTIONS**

- ❑ Roadplan Consulting Engineers (Kilkenny) are currently completing a Parking Options study to service the Abbey Creative Quarter Masterplan area and the city centre generally.
- ❑ Short term / Long term options

## UTILITY SERVICES DESIGN

- ❑ A preliminary utility services design for the Masterplan area is substantially complete.
- ❑ Discussions ongoing with Irish Water in relation to their detailed requirements for water supply to the area.
- ❑ Utility services design will consider the provision of the following utility services to the Masterplan area :
  - ❑ Water
  - ❑ Wastewater Drainage
  - ❑ Surface Water Drainage
  - ❑ Gas
  - ❑ Electricity
  - ❑ Telecommunications
  - ❑ Broadband

## OPEN DAY

- ❑ Planned for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May
- ❑ Mayfair Ballroom
  - ❑ Showbands
  - ❑ Memorabilia
- ❑ St Francis Abbey
- ❑ Radio Broadcast
  - ❑ Ballroom memories
  - ❑ Brewery memories

### MAYFAIR BALLROOM KILKENNY

#### GRAND OPENING ST. STEPHEN'S NIGHT (Dec. 26th)

Modern lighting effects and thousands of carnival novelties. Sit-down supper by Mrs. Lawlor and Son, Naas. Continuous refreshment buffet. Music by Pat Kelly's famous Dance Orchestra, The Classics.

**TICKETS (incl. tax and supper) .. 25/-**

In order to avoid overcrowding or disappointment, tickets are strictly limited and may be booked in advance at

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