



Chief Executive's Report to the Elected Members

on submissions received on
**Proposed Record of Protected
Structures** as included in the

Draft Clare County
Development Plan
2023–2029

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Section 1 Introduction

Section 51 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) requires *“for the purposes of protecting structures, or parts of structures, which form part of the architectural heritage and which are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest, every development plan shall include a record of protected structures, and shall include in that record every structure which is, in the opinion of the planning authority, of such interest within its functional area”*.

Additions to and deletions from the Record of Protected Structures can be made as part of the preparation of a development plan. In accordance with Section 12(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) the Planning Authority must serve notice of proposed additions or deletions on each person who is the owner or occupier of the structure, including the particulars of the structure. The notice must include the location where the proposed addition or deletion can be viewed, details of how submissions or observations can be made and details of whether the proposed addition or deletion is being made based on the recommendation of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The Record of Protected Structures - Volume 4 of the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 was on public display from the 10th December 2021 to the 28th March 2022 (both dates inclusive). In accordance with the procedures set out in the Act, the owners/occupiers of the relevant structures received written notification regarding the proposed addition/deletion of their structure(s) in the Record of Protected Structures.

In total 16 no. submissions were received regarding the proposed Record of Protected Structures. At this stage, and in my role as Chief Executive, I would like to thank all of those who took the time to make a submission or observation. All submissions will be taken into consideration in the on-going preparation of the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 and the associated Record of Protected Structures.

This report lists those who made submissions on Volume 4 of the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 and summarises the issues raised. I then set out my response to each of the issues raised and I make a recommendation in relation to the finalised Record of Protected Structures to be included in the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

The report is submitted to the Elected Members of Clare County Council on 10th July 2022.

Section 2 Legislative Requirements

Section 12(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) sets out the statutory requirements that I am obliged to adhere to in the preparation of this Chief Executive's Report and the on-going preparation of the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029. The Chief Executive's Report must list the persons or bodies who made submissions, summarise the issues raised or observations received and must give my response to these matters having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area, any relevant policies or objectives of the government or of any Government Minister and any observations that have been made by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Under Section 12(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), following submission of this document, you the Elected Members, are required to consider the Draft Development Plan including any proposed additions to or deletions from the Record of Protected Structures and the Chief Executive's report. Your consideration of these matters must be completed within 15 weeks of the submission of this report on 10th July 2022, in accordance with the time period in Section 12(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), and the additional time period allowed under Section 9A(2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

This Chief Executive's Report herein submitted to you, the Elected Members, complies with the requirement of section 12(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 9A(2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

Section 3 Next Stage

In accordance with Section 12(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), following submission of this document you, the Elected Members must consider the Draft Development Plan, including the proposed Record of Protected Structures, and this Chief Executive's Report. Following this period of consideration, where it appears to the Members of Clare County Council that the Draft Plan should be accepted or amended, you may, by resolution, accept or amend the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Section 4 Summary of Submissions made and Chief Executive's Responses to the Issues Raised


On 10th December 2021 the Planning Authority placed on display the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029, comprising of 10 Volumes. The process commenced with a notice in the local newspaper and the commencement of a public consultation period, having regard to the provisions of Section 12 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).


In all 16 no. written submissions were received by Clare County Council within the statutory timeframe.


In the following part of Section 4, I have provided a summary of the issues raised in each of the 16 no. submissions. In addition, for each individual submission I have put forward my response to the issues raised, taking account of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, of any direction from the Members of the Planning Authority arising from the Chief Executive's Report to the Members at 'pre-draft' public consultation stage in accordance with Section 11(4) of the Act, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area, and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of Government or of any Minister of the Government.

Accordingly, please find below a summary of the issues raised in each submission together with my responses and recommendations. A detailed description of each property proposed to be included or amended in the Record of Protected Structures will be incorporated in the document on proposed material alterations to be placed on public display subsequently.

Killaloe Municipal District

Submission No: S2/017 –David Fleming	
Relevant Chapters / Topics RPS No.892 -St Coolan’s Well, Tuamgraney 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Protected Structure
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>Welcomes the proposal to have St. Coolan’s Well, Tuamgraney (RPS 892) listed as a proposed protected structure.</p> <p>Suggests that the notice letter to inform owner/occupiers should convey that having a building listed as a protected structure is a positive whereby our built heritage is afforded recognition and protection, and this tone should be reflected in the letter. The submission also provides sample text for such letters.</p> <p>Clarifies that the townland assigned to the protected structure should be Callahy and not Tuamgraney.</p>	
Chief Executive’s Response	
<p>I thank David Fleming for his submission welcoming the proposed inclusion of St.Coolan’s Well into the Record of Protected Structures. I note the suggestion in relation to the notification letter which, in addition to the setting out the legal basis for the listing of protected structures, could convey the benefits of listing a building/structure in the RPS and this will be taken into consideration.</p> <p>I note also that the townland assigned to the protected structure should be Callahy and not Tuamgraney and this will be amended accordingly in the Record of Protected Structures.</p>	
Chief Executive’s Recommendation	
<p>I recommend that the proposed RPS No. 892 St. Coolan’s Well, Tuamgraney is included in the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029 and that the entry be amended to show the townland as Callahy.</p>	
<div><p>Name: St Coolan’s Well</p><p>Area: Tuamgraney</p><p>Townland: Tuamgraney Callahy</p></div>	

Submission No: S2/021 –Anita Keane	
Relevant Chapters / Topics RPS No.914 -Keane's Bar, Mountshannon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protected Structure
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>Wishes to object to the proposal to add their property to the Record of Protected Structures. (RPS914) Keane's Bar, Main Street, Mountshannon.</p> <p>This property was delisted in 2016 following consideration of a submission at that time. The original submission is attached and states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The house is already within an Architectural Conservation Area and carries that protection • Impact on features within the curtilage. • Committed to maintain the character and ambiance of the village but concerned that the protected structure status proposed will impose further financial burden. 	
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>I thank Anita Keane for reviewing the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 and the Record of Protected Structures in particular.</p> <p>It is agreed that the location of Keane's Bar within the ACA of Mountshannon gives adequate protection to the exterior of the structure. As the interior has been extensively altered over the centuries and retains little of its original internal character its inclusion in the Record of Protected Structures may not be warranted.</p>	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
<p>I recommend that Keane's Bar, Mountshannon is not included in the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.</p>	

Submission No: S2/096 -Deirdre Denning	
<p>Relevant Chapters / Topics</p> <p>RPS No.655 -Ballyquin House, Tuamgraney</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of Protected Structures
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>Requests that Ballyquin House, Raheen Road, Tuamgraney be delisted from the list of protected structures in County Clare. Cites increasing insurance costs and difficulty to find an insurance company willing to insure the listed property.</p> <p>States that while the property is a stone house of just over 100 years, the inside of the house does not contain any architectural heritage as most of the fireplaces were removed before the submitter bought the house in 1995.</p>	
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>I thank Deirdre Denning for her submission requesting that Ballyquin House, Raheen Road, Tuamgraney be delisted from the list of protected structures.</p> <p>There is no record of this structure on the first edition 6 " OS Map (c. 1843) or Last Edition OS Map (c. 1911) which would indicate that the house is just over 100 years old. The house is in a Victorian-style. It is noted that there are no distinctive architectural features nor history associated with the house.</p>	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
<p>I recommend that Ballyquin House be removed from the RPS.</p>	

Submission No: S2/217 –Hennessy McMahon Considine Monument Association	
Relevant Chapters / Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record of Protected Structures
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>The submission relates to the Hennessy McMahon Considine Monument located in Clooney Graveyard.</p> <p>In the submission it is requested that the monument is designated as a Protected Structure in accordance with Part IV of the Planning and Development Act 2000 including its listing on the planning authority's Record of Protected Structures (RPS).</p> <p>In the submission it is noted that the submitters are a recently formed voluntary committee with the aim of preserving and enhancing the Hennessy McMahon Considine Monument which was erected in the 1940's to mark the killing of 3 members of the aforementioned families arising from the formation of the Irish Free State Government in 1922 and the 100-year anniversary of their deaths will occur within the coming 12 months.</p> <p>A brief snapshot of those who lost their lives is included in the submission.</p>	
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>I thank the Hennessy McMahon Considine Monument Association for their submission.</p> <p>I note the request is to list the Hennessey McMahon Considine Monument located in Clooney Graveyard as a protected structure. I recognise the importance and acknowledge the significance of this and many other commemorate monuments in remembering historical events and those associated with them in a manner that can ensure they are remembered by current and future generations. The people and/or events commemorated by this and other monuments are recognised as being of historical significance. The Record of Protected Structures relates specifically to protecting physical structures which are of historical significance. Therefore there is a distinction between the historical significance of who or what is being commemorated by the monument and that of the monument itself. Based on this distinction it is considered that the Hennessy McMahon Considine Monument should not be listed on the Record of Protected Structures.</p>	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
<p>I recommend that the Hennessey McMahon Considine Monument in Clooney Graveyard is not included on the Record of Protected Structures.</p>	

Submission No: S2/757 –Carmel & Mervyn Frazer	
Relevant Chapters / Topics RPS No.889 -Lime Kiln, Kilmurry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of Protected Structures
	
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>The submission relates to the development/restoration of RPS No. 889 Kilmurry Lime Kiln which is located on the submitters' property in Kilmurry. They note the restoration carried out so far has not been to the original way or look and needs to be corrected before further restoration. The submission includes photographs and a description of the proposed restoration works and of some of those undertaken to date which are considered to be not in keeping with the original kiln.</p>	
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>I thank Carmel & Mervyn Frazer for their submission.</p> <p>As this lime kiln is on private land, any discussions about its restoration would be carried out in consultation with the owner, one would expect. Retaining this on the RPS affords it protection and it is hoped would ensure that original methods and materials are appropriate in its restoration. Any such works would either require a S57 declaration or planning permission which would allow comments from the Architectural Conservation Officer to be included.</p>	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
<p>I recommend that the Lime Kiln, Kilmurry is included on the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.</p>	

Shannon Municipal District

Submission No: S2/832 –Shannon Group

Relevant Chapters / Topics

RPS No.328 -Shannon Airport Terminal



- Record of Protected Structures

Summary of Issues Raised in Submission

The submission requests the removal of the Shannon Airport Terminal Building (RPS 328) from the Development Plan.

The request forms part of a larger submission which is included in Part 1 of the Chief Executive's Report.

Chief Executive's Response

I thank the Shannon Group for their submission in relation to the inclusion of Shannon Airport on the Record of Protected Structures.


I note that the submission is not clear as to whether it requests that the full RPS reference to Shannon Airport or whether a part of it is to be removed. Section 3.3.4 of the submission notes *"The structures located at the airport campus should be reviewed for their appropriateness at the airport campus, to ensure that their positioning does not hinder the development of a cohesive masterplan for the Shannon Group Campus."* Any future development will take the requirements of the airport into consideration and a Section 57 clarification can be sought. It must be noted that Shannon Airport contains a number of structures under the RPS description which are noted in a letter to Aer Rianta dated 2001. The list included:

- The exterior of the semi-detached, four-bay, two-storey, flat-roofed departures building c. 1960.
- Detached, multi-bay, single-storey oratory, c. 1945, on a T-shaped plan, comprising three-bay projecting nave with tetrastyle, pedimented portico, four bay side elevations and four-bay transepts, now in use as a storage depot.
- Air-traffic Control Centre c. 1964 incorporating single-bay, six-storey control tower c. 1970 with platform to sixth floor, having cantilevered control room over.
- Multi-bay, single-storey, flat-roofed building c. 1945 known as "The Social Club" or "The Camp Bar".

Upon review of the Shannon Airport listing on the RPS it is considered that the element which is described as 'the exterior of the semi-detached, four-bay, two-storey, flat-roofed departures building c. 1960' does not warrant inclusion in the listing and should not be included in the RPS.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is recommended that Shannon Airport, RPS 328 **is included** on the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029 and that the reference in the description to "The exterior of the semi-detached, four-bay, two-storey, flat-roofed departures building c. 1960." is **not included** on the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.

Submission No: S2/1007 –Bláthmhac Ó Muirí	
Relevant Chapters / Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of Protected Structures
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>This submission proposes the inclusion of Sixmilebridge Courthouse in the Record of Protected Structures under the Architectural, Historical and Social grounds. Built in the late 18th/early 19th century originally of pitched roof but substantial alternations were made and the flat roof was removed, possibly in the 1950's. It's inclusion in the RPS will open up avenues to funding streams for its upkeep and ensure its survival for future generations.</p>	
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>I thank Bláthmhac.O'Muirí for his submission in relation to Sixmilebridge Courthouse. I note the proposed structure consists of a detached five-bay single-storey, pencil-lined, rendered rubble stone-built courthouse, c. 1800, with three-bay recessed block and advanced end bays. The original hip roof has been removed, possibly in the 1950s/60s and is now flat roofed. There is also an associated six-bay, two-storey, round arch windowed, random rubble stone building to its rear. The courthouse is of architectural, social and cultural interest. I agree that this building warrants inclusion on the RPS and in addition propose that the stone dwelling house to the rear of this courthouse, which appears to have been originally part of the curtilage of the Courthouse, should also be included on the RPS.</p>	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
<p>I recommend that Sixmilebridge Courthouse and stone dwelling house to its rear are included on the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.</p> <p>Proposed Protected Structure -Sixmilebridge Courthouse</p> 	

West Clare Municipal District

Submission No: S2/087 –Eamonn & Ann Slattery

Relevant Chapters / Topics

- Record of Protected Structures

Summary of Issues Raised in Submission

Would be happy to have their home “Sandfield House” identified as a listed building. It is currently identified in the book “Houses of Clare” by Hugh W. L. Weir as Gliggrum House, Liscannor on page 139 (excerpt enclosed with the submission). The house is located on the Lahinch Road 3km from Liscannor.

Chief Executive’s Response

I thank Eamon & Ann Slattery for their submission and note the request to have ‘Sandfield House’ (Gliggrum House) included in the Record of Protected Structures. I have been advised that following an assessment of this building that the house is of late 18th century in origin and has an unusual pedimented front with blind oculus window on the second storey. It is considered that given the apparent well maintained and original features have been respected, that this building should be included on the RPS.

Chief Executive’s Recommendation

I recommend that ‘Sandfield House’ (Gliggrum House), Liscannor **is included** in the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.

Proposed Protected Structure -Sandfield House



Submission No: S2/094 –Cynthia Griffin

Relevant Chapters / Topics

- Record of Protected Structures

Summary of Issues Raised in Submission

The submission includes information regarding a cottage on Fisher Street in Doolin. The cottage was one time thatched and has a history of being a shop. It is stated that it is one of the few original buildings still standing in this traditional fishing village, the others being the sweater shop near the corner, already a listed building and a small cottage next to O'Connor's Pub. The cottage subject of this submission is believed to be mid 1800's. A copy of the location and photo of the cottage is included in the submission.

Chief Executive's Response

I thank Cynthia Griffin for the submission regarding a cottage on Fisher Street, Doolin requesting its inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures.


I note the house is one of the last surviving fisherman's cottages on Fisher Street and is an example of urban vernacular. According to the Architectural Heritage Protection: Guidelines for Local Authorities, the cottage would fulfill the criteria of Social, Cultural and Architectural Interest. It is therefore considered that the cottage should be included on the RPS.


Chief Executive's Recommendation


I recommend the building subject of this submissions **is included** in the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.

Proposed Protected Structure -Doolin Cottage



Submission No: S2/101 –Maura Egan	
<p>Relevant Chapters / Topics</p> <p>RPS No.554 -Doonmore House, Doonbeg</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record of Protected Structures • Doonbeg
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>Doonmore House is an uninhabited house close to Doonbeg village and listed as a protected structure (RPS no 554 on p 83). Restoring it as a residence with the restrictions imposed because of its protected structure status is financially prohibitive. The submission requests that Doonmore House be removed from the Record of Protected Structures.</p> <p>Referring to Doonbeg in the Development Plan a stated aim is to “Provide for residential development to cater for the permanent population in the area.” Delisting Doonmore House would help in this regard. The field in front might be suitable to develop as a public amenity or a mini pitch and putt or children’s play area.</p>	
Chief Executive’s Response	
<p>I thank Maura Egan for the submission which relates to Doonmore House, Doonbeg.</p> <p>I note that this is an 18th century house and is an important element of our built heritage and as such it is important that this building remains on the RPS to ensure its sensitive and appropriate restoration. There are significant grants available to protected structures which may assist with its restoration and Clare County Councils’ Conservation Officer can offer advice in this regard. Affording protected structure status does not preclude a developer from construction of new works or amenities provided that they respect the original building and its context.</p>	
Chief Executive’s Recommendation	
<p>I recommend that RPS No. 554 Doonmore House, Doonbeg is included in the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.</p>	

Submission No: S2/184 –Vincent O’Connor	
Relevant Chapters / Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record of Protected Structures • Architectural Conservation
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>Requests the addition of a building in Ballyveskill, Ballyea owned by the observer be added to the Record of Protected Structures. Photographs of the building are also submitted.</p> 	
Chief Executive’s Response	
<p>I thank Vincent O’Connor for his submission which seeks inclusion of a building in Ballyveskil, Ballyea in the Record of Protected Structures.</p> <p>I note that whilst this is an attractive and well maintained building, it is considered that it is not of such significance that it should be listed in the Record Of Protected Structures. I note there are grants available for the type of buildings subject of this submission which are not listed on the RPS, and which are administered through the Heritage Council (GLAS scheme) to assist with the restoration of such buildings. Funding is also available under the Historic Structures Fund, Stream 4, Vernacular. This building would be classified as a vernacular structure and is subject to protection under CDP 16.3.3 Vernacular Heritage.</p>	
Chief Executive’s Recommendation	
<p>I recommend that the building in Ballyveskill, Ballyea is not included on the Record of Protected Structure 2023-2029.</p>	

Submission No: S2/516 –Margaret & Patrick Keane	
<p>Relevant Chapters / Topics</p> <p>RPS No.401 –Bernadette House, Kilkee</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record of Protected Structures • Architectural Conservation Area
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>This submission requests the removal of the property at O’Connell Street, Kilkee (RPS 401) from the Record of Protected Structures for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The property has no redeeming features that warrant continued inclusion, noting the windows, external doors and rainwater goods are of uPV construction; the roof tiles of the main house are asbestos slates and the rear lean-to extension has concrete roof tiles and the exterior render on the house is smooth plaster finish. Internally there are no architectural or archaeological features. • The house was restored pre 2001 prior to the submitters taking ownership and residence. Any architectural features that may have previously existed were not present when took ownership. • The submitters have serious issues trying to get insurance for the property as a Protected Structure and where quotes are forthcoming the premiums are very high as are the maintenance and improvements costs. • The property is located within the Kilkee ACA and property will be maintained in keeping with requirements of same. 	
Chief Executive’s Response	
<p>I thank Margaret & Patrick Keane for their submission.</p> <p>I note the request to remove the property of Bernadette House, O’Connell Street, Kilkee from the proposed Record of Protected Structures. I note the comments made in relation to same regarding it not warranting inclusion on the RPS due to external works which have involved replacement and/or use of more modern materials, as well as a lack of internal architectural or archaeological features. I also note that this building is an end of terrace 19th century building which is well maintained and of importance in the overall streetscape. I am of the opinion that given the building is located with the Kilkee Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) which affords protection to the building within it and to the overall streetscape, it will provide adequate protection and this building should not be included within the RPS.</p>	

Chief Executive's Recommendation

I recommend that Bernadette House, O'Connell Street, Kilkee (RPS No. 401) **is not** included in the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.

Submission No: S2/706 –Kilkee Tourism Ltd.

Relevant Chapters / Topics

RPS No.238 -Bishop's Island



- **Record of Protected Structures**
- **Architectural Conservation Area**

RPS No.907-Kilkee Courthouse



Summary of Issues Raised in Submission

This submission forms part of a larger submission which is included in Part 1 of the Chief Executive's Report.

- The submission acknowledges the importance of Architectural Conservation Areas but notes examples of developments which were made without planning, including a new build and change of uses.
- Notes that Kilkee Courthouse was included in the RPS.
- Queries the rating of Bishop's Island as 'local'. Notes that it should be rated as of national interest.

Chief Executive's Response

I thank Kilkee Tourism Ltd. for the submission and respond to those items relating to the Record of Protected Structures below.

Clare County Council has a newly appointed Architectural Conservation Officer (ACO) and any unauthorized development or change of use within ACAs can be brought to the attention the ACO and the Enforcement section of the Planning Authority.


Kilkee Courthouse (RPS 907) is included within the Draft Plan, Volume 4: Record of Protected Structures.

Regarding Bishop's Island (RPS 238) it is noted that it contains two fine examples of early-Christian, insular monastic oratories. Recognition of these archetypes has increased internationally in the past decade, with greater appreciation for their significance within a European context. Cumulatively, these structures, situated along Ireland's western seaboard are of international significance. It is agreed that Bishop's Island warrants a regional rating and the listing in the RPS should be amended accordingly.



Chief Executive's Recommendation

I recommend that the rating of RPS 238 Bishop's Island is amended in the listing from 'local' to 'regional' on the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.

Submission No: S2/728 –Ennistymon Town Team	
Relevant Chapters / Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3D West Clare MD • Volume 4 Record of Protected Structures
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>This submission relates to Maloney’s Forge, Bridge Street, Ennistymon. A map, letters of support and information documentation is included with this submission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propose that this structure is considered as an addition to the Record of Protected Structures. • This forge is the last of eight original forges in the town and was in use until 1995. • It is the only remaining building with the original vernacular forge intact. • The buildings on Bridge Street and adjoining area are the site of the original settlement of Ennistymon before it was moved across the river on completion of the bridge. • The forge and attached buildings are only ones in town facing onto the river. • Its restoration and use as a visitor experience would further enhance the town. • This location has been identified as an opportunity site in the Ennistymon Enhancement Strategy. 	
Chief Executive’s Response	
<p>I would like to thank Ennistymon Town Team for this submission, and I would like to respond to same.</p> <p>The Old Forge is recorded as being on site in the first edition OS map (c. 1843) and was in use until 1991. It is in quite a prominent location on the neglected side of the river. The forge forms part of the social history of Ennistymon and should be added to the RPS. An adaptive reuse scheme for this building is to be considered and should form part of any masterplan for the town.</p>	
Chief Executive’s Recommendation	
<p>I recommend that this property listed below is included in the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.</p> <p>Proposed Protected Structure -Maloney’s Forge, Bogberry</p> 	

Submission No: S2/997 –Ennistymon Tidy Towns	
Relevant Chapters / Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of Protected Structures
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>The submission requests consideration of 11 structures (photographs included in the submission) for inclusion in the Record of Protected Structures for the greater good of vernacular heritage, Architectural Heritage and the people and town of Ennistymon. The list of proposed additions to be included in the RPS is based on a brief Ennistymon Architectural Survey (EAS) and are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cyril Hynes 19th century intact vernacular shopfront (EAS 01) 2. Vernacular dwelling. Parliament Street. (EAS 02) 3. Monastery lane Water fountain/ pump. Erected in 1908. (EAS 03) 4. Church Street Water fountain/ pump. Erected in 1908. (EAS 04) 5. Ballingaddy Road Water fountain/ pump. Erected in 1908. (EAS 05) 6. New Road Water fountain/ pump not to be listed but moved to the proposed plaza at the start of Church Hill and then listed. This is a reinstatement project already agreed in 2018 with local Engineer. (EAS 06) 7. C.Hayes Church Street, Old shop/pub late 18th early 19th century intact vernacular building. (EAS 07) 8. O'Brien's mid 20th century Concrete vernacular shopfront. New Road. (EAS 08) 9. O'Rourke's restored shopfront Newtown-Main street. (EAS 09) 10. Apple blossom, vernacular mid 19th century intact shopfront. Newtown Main Street. (EAS) 11. Maloney's forge Bogberry, a surviving example of a vernacular forge along the Inagh River. (EAS) <p>The submission includes a map showing the location of the structures, photographs and a written description and appraisal for each structure.</p>	
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>I thank Ennistymon Tidy Towns for their submissions.</p> <p>I note the submission requests consideration of the inclusion of ten additional structures in the Record of Protected Structures. An additional structure is referred to, item no.6 above, seeking its relocation following which it is to be listed for inclusion on the RPS.</p> <p>I am advised that the ten buildings and features which the Tidy Towns Committee identifies for inclusion on the RPS should be included and given protected status as they comply within specified categories of special interest. Ennistymon has a wealth of historic shopfronts with one of the densest concentrations of preserved shopfronts nationally. These shopfronts are of historic, social, architectural and artistic interest. Although the shopfronts are protected under</p>	

the Architectural Conservation Area, the addition to the RPS provides further avenues of funding for works. Cumulatively, the shopfronts of Ennistymon are of national importance and an attraction in themselves.

I note the proposed water pumps are of social and artistic interest. Their presence reminds younger generations of the limited access to running water which historically existed and is now taken for granted. Ennistymon also has an unusual concentration of surviving water pumps, most of which have been removed from other towns. Individually, these structures would be considered to be of local importance only but cumulatively, these would be considered to be of regional importance.

No. 2 Parliament Street is a good example of an urban vernacular dwelling dating from the late 18th, early 19th century with original surviving internal features. A dormer was added in the 20th century but there are images of the house from the Lawrence Collection, pre-1920. It is considered to be of architectural and artistic interest and warrants protection.

The Old Forge is recorded as being on site in the first edition OS map (c. 1843) and was in use until 1991. It is in quite a prominent location on the neglected side of the river. The forge forms part of the social history of Ennistymon and should be added to the RPS. An adaptive reuse scheme for this building is to be considered and should form part of any masterplan for the town.

I consider it appropriate that the structures as proposed in the submission be included on the RPS.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

I recommend that the ten properties listed below **are included** in the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.

Proposed Protected Structure -Cyril Hynes Pub



Proposed Protected Structure -Tall House, Parliament Street





Proposed Protected Structure -Water Pump, Monastery Lane



Proposed Protected Structure -Water Pump, Church Street



Proposed Protected Structure -Water Pump, Ballingaddy Road



Proposed Protected Structure -G Hayes, Church Street





Proposed Protected Structure -O'Briens Bakery, New Road



Proposed Protected Structure -O'Rourke's, Church Street




Proposed Protected Structure -Apple Blossom, Main Street



Proposed Protected Structure -Maloney's Forge, Bogberry



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Relevant Chapters / Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of Protected Structures
Summary of Issues Raised in Submission	
<p>This submission proposes the inclusion in the Record of Protected Structures the following structures under Architectural, Historic, Social and Technical headings in the RPS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The remaining bridge abutments of the former West Clare Railway at Crag, Lahinch <p>Abutments are under threat from development encroachment and their inclusion in the RPS will provide access to funding streams and ensure their survival for future generations.</p>	
Chief Executive's Response	
<p>I thank Bláthmhac.O'Muirí for his submission seeking the inclusion of the bridge abutments of the former West Clare Railway at Crag, Lahinch.</p> <p>I am advised that the stone bridge abutments are of technical, social and architectural interest, demonstrating the engineering of the late 19th century. They were constructed c. 1880 as part of the West-Clare railway which was closed in 1961. The steel deck collapsed in the last twenty years and the stone abutments are the last surviving element of the original bridge. They form a gateway to the southern approach to Lahinch and are extremely prominent visually. I agree that these abutments should be protected and included on the RPS.</p>	
Chief Executive's Recommendation	
<p>I recommend that the stone bridge abutments at Crag, Lahinch are included on the Record of Protected Structures 2023-2029.</p> <p>Proposed Protected Structure -Crag Bridge Abutment</p> 	



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