

Project Proposal

Templemore Town Hall is one of the town's most important historical landmarks, the centrepiece of the Main Street and a building which has served the community for generations. This proposal seeks to breathe life back into the building; restoring its historical fabric and re-purposing the building for cultural, enterprise and community uses. The ambition for this project is that Templemore Town Hall will continue to serve its community for generation to come.

The proposal also includes the development of a new Civic Plaza, through public realm enhancement works and landscaping. The Civic Plaza will showcase the Town Hall and its setting and will also enhance linkages to Templemore Town Park and the broader streetscape and square. The Plaza will also serve as a new community public open space for locals and visitors to visit and enjoy.

The proposed refurbishment and re-purposing of the building is a response to the priorities identified by the local community and forms part of an emerging 5 year Community Action Plan being prepared by the Templemore Community Development Association. The proposal has sought to incorporate the uses brought forward by the community including – cultural and meeting spaces, information points and remote working facilities to support local enterprise. Subject to the approval of the Part 8, it is intended to seek funding opportunities to support the development of the project. The Council will continue to partner with and consult with the local community, enterprise and cultural stakeholders as the project is further developed.

The proposal has been prepared in accordance with the policies and objectives set out in the Templemore Town and Environs Development Plan, 2012 (as extended). Templemore Town Hall is a protected structure under the Development Plan and the development is located in the Main Street/Patrick Street Architectural Conservation Area. The proposals have been subject to an Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by a Grade 1 Conservation Architect and all works proposed seek to enhance and showcase the unique built heritage of the project site and wider streetscape.

The proposal has been subject to an Appropriate Assessment Screening in accordance with Article 250(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). The report has concluded that the proposed development would not be likely to give rise to significant or indeterminate impacts on any Natura 2000 site. The proposal has also be subject to a preliminary examination under Article 120(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). The report has concluded that is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

The project proposal comprises of:

1. Copy of Newspaper Notice
2. Copy of Site Notice
3. Site Location Map
4. Site Plan
5. Elevational Drawings & Floor Plans
6. Architectural Impact Statement
7. Appropriate Assessment Screening Statement
8. EIA Preliminary Examination