

**OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL
DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 57 OF THE
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000, as amended**

Dec 57 21/01 Fancroft Mill, Roscrea, Co. Offaly

Works which would materially affect the character of the protected structure and, as a result, require planning permission

Please note that this is Partial Declaration and therefore it relates only to proposal of erection of a Photovoltaic Array on the roof of Fancroft Mill.

Any other works related to the protected structure and its curtilage which are not part of this Declaration.

Works which would not materially affect the character of the protected structure and as a result would not require planning permission

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Proposed panels are a reversible solution and installation does not require removal of any existing roof material or cutting into the roof. The panels are proposed in two blocks of 4x3 panels. They will be visible on approach both from the south and west along Fancroft Road. When driving east towards Fancroft Mill, the road is straight but elevated with a consistent view of the mill roof, so the panels might have less impact if they were kept down from the ridge, perhaps just two panels high.

Special Remarks

Extensive conservation works carried out over the last ten years, roof repairs, window, door, internal timbers and mill working repaired/restored by current owners.

Please note:

All works shall be designed to cause minimum intervention to existing fabric.

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Declaration

Declaration Type: **Partial Declaration**

Plan Type: CDP 2014_2020

In accordance with Section 57 (2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000

Number: **DEC/21/002**

Planning Authority

NIAH 14943002



This Declaration specifies what works would, or would not, in the opinion of the planning authority materially affect the character of the protected structure, or any element thereof, and, as a result, require planning permission. Under the Act, protection extends to the entire structure including its interior and the land lying within its curtilage. It also extends to any other structures lying within the curtilage of the protected structure, to their interiors and to all fixtures and features that form part of the interiors or exteriors of any of these structures. Where specified in the Record of Protected Structures, protection may also extend to any other feature within attendant grounds of the protected structure.

Nothing in this declaration exempts works that would nor otherwise be exempt from a requirement for planning permission. Changes of use or intensification of the current use may require planning permission. In doubt, the owner/occupier should consult the planning authority for further advice before commencing any works.

Applicant Name	Marcus & Irene Sweeney	Status	Owner
Name of Building	Fancroft Mill	Former Name	Bergins Mill
Townland	Fancroft	OS Map Type	4050
Address 2	Roscrea	Map Sheet	
Address 3	County Offaly	National Grid co-ordi	213351, 192605
Date of Request	02-Feb-21 27-Apr-21	Date of Inspection	
Previous Declaration	DEC/12/053	Date of Declaration	Monday 15 March 2021
Protection Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Record of Monuments and Places	N/A
Record of Protected Structures	62-01	Archaeological Potential	N/A
Architectural Conservation Area	N/A	Preservation Order or Temp PO	N/A

NIAH Description of Structure

Detached L-plan multiple-bay three- and four-storey former corn mill, built c.1820, with two-storey range to west. No longer in use. Located north of miller's house and powered by a tributary of the River Barrow. Constructed in phases. Pitched and half-hipped slate roofs with some cast-iron rainwater goods. Terracotta ridge cresting to principle mill building to north. Random coursed limestone and sandstone walls with remnants of roughcast render. Square-headed window openings with limestone flat arches and yellow brick reveals, some with timber sash windows. Flat arched door openings to mill with some decorative ogee-headed door openings with yellow brick reveals. Modern weighhouse and platform to south of yard. Yard enclosed by random coursed stone wall and accessed through carriage arch openings.

Appraisal

This former mill is an interesting reminder of the industrial activity which was once associated with this area. Fancroft Mill was just one of approximately six mills in the immediate area of which Fancroft Mill survives in the best condition. The mills were big employers and played an important role in the economic fortunes of an area. The mill retains many original features and materials that contribute to this significance and together with the miller's house and ancillary outbuildings forms an interesting group of related buildings.

Composition:

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Roof:

Pitched and half-hipped slate roofs with some cast-iron rainwater goods. Terracotta ridge cresting to principle mill building to north.

Walls:

Random coursed limestone and sandstone walls with remnants of roughcast render.

Openings:

Square-headed window openings with limestone flat arches and yellow brick reveals, some with timber sash windows. Flat arched door openings to mill with some decorative ogee-headed door openings with yellow brick reveals.

Interior:

Furniture and Fittings:

Site:

Yard enclosed by random coursed stone wall and accessed through carriage arch openings.

Mapping References:

Mill is visible on all historic maps.

On historical 6inch Map we can notice original footprint and smaller number of additional buildings and outbuildings. 25inch Map and Cassini Map present significant change in the footprint of the Main building, but also additional structures within the curtilage of the Mill. Recent OSI map shows small changes to the footprint of the Main building, but also shows significant amount of outbuildings added within the curtilage of the Mill.

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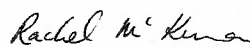
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Any further documentation attached

Inspector

Rachel Mc Kenna



Inspector Date

Monday 15 March 2021