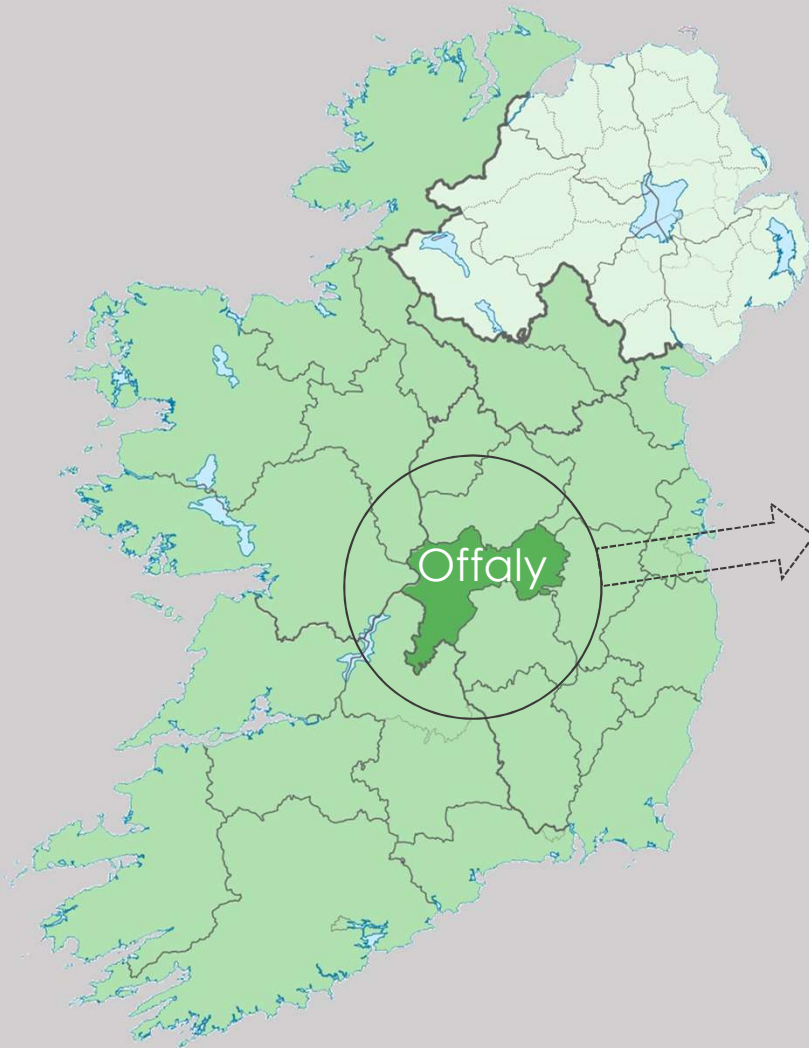




## ACRES' FOLLY – CONSERVATION WORKS

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Tullamore, County Offaly



FLIGHTS OF FANCY  
FOLLIES, FAMILIES AND DEMISES IN OTTAWA  
BY RAUPE, MCKENNA

## 2017 Follies Book



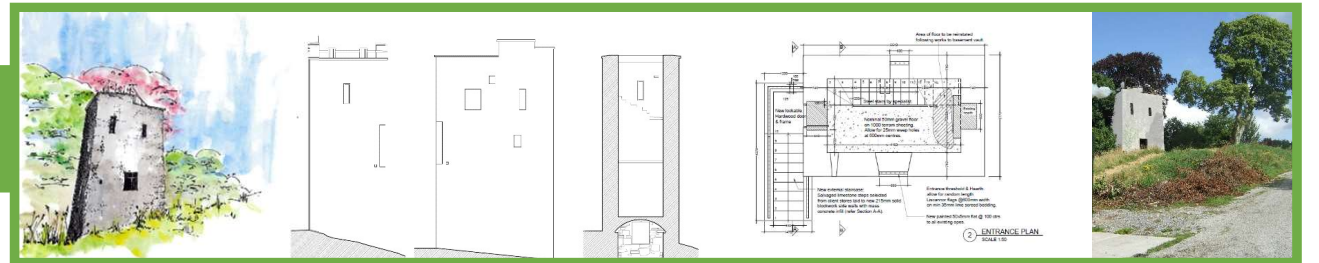
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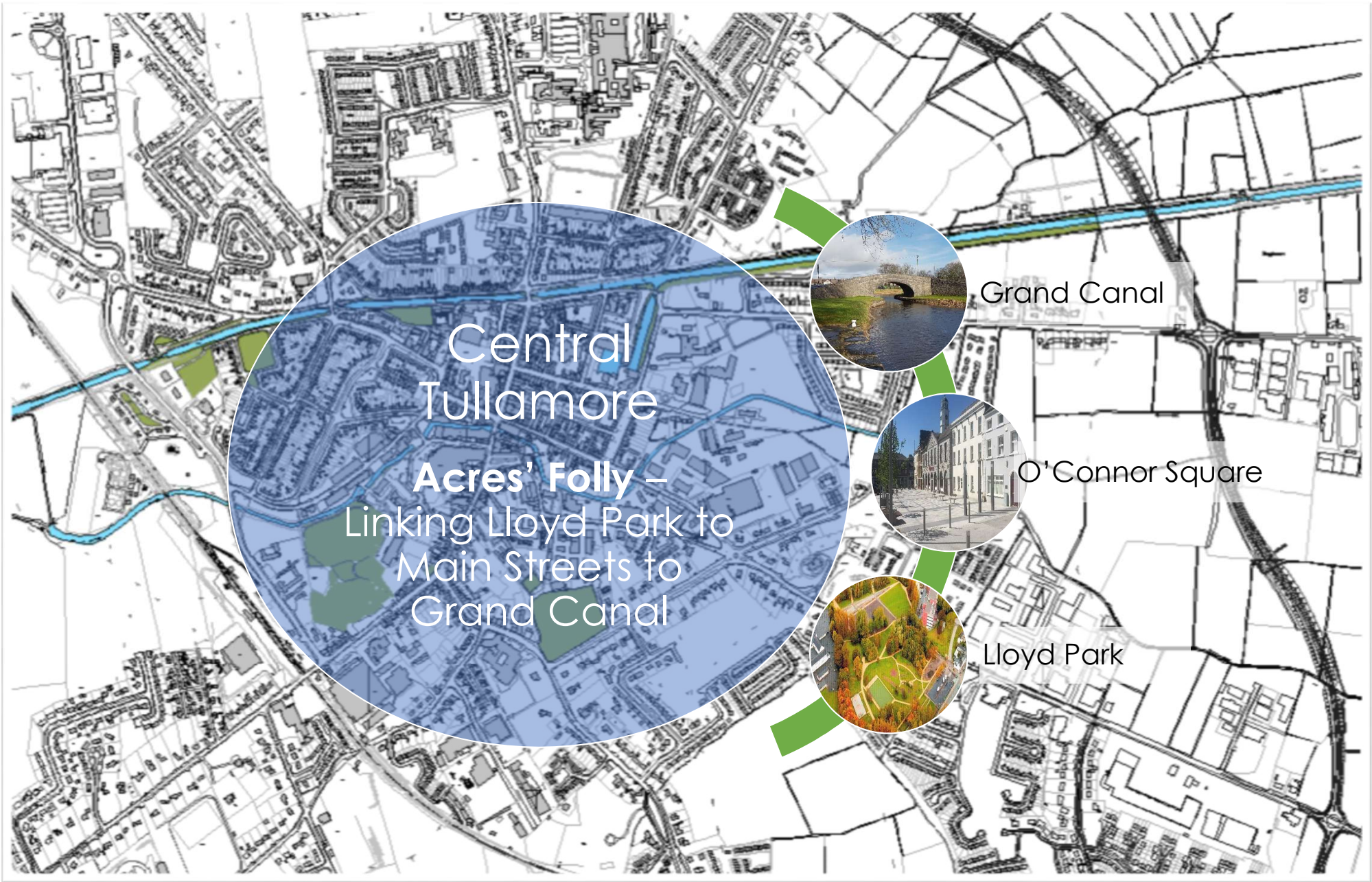


## 2019 Ballycumber Gazebo



## 2020 Acres' Folly





Central  
Tullamore

**Acres' Folly** –  
Linking Lloyd Park to  
Main Streets to  
Grand Canal



Grand Canal

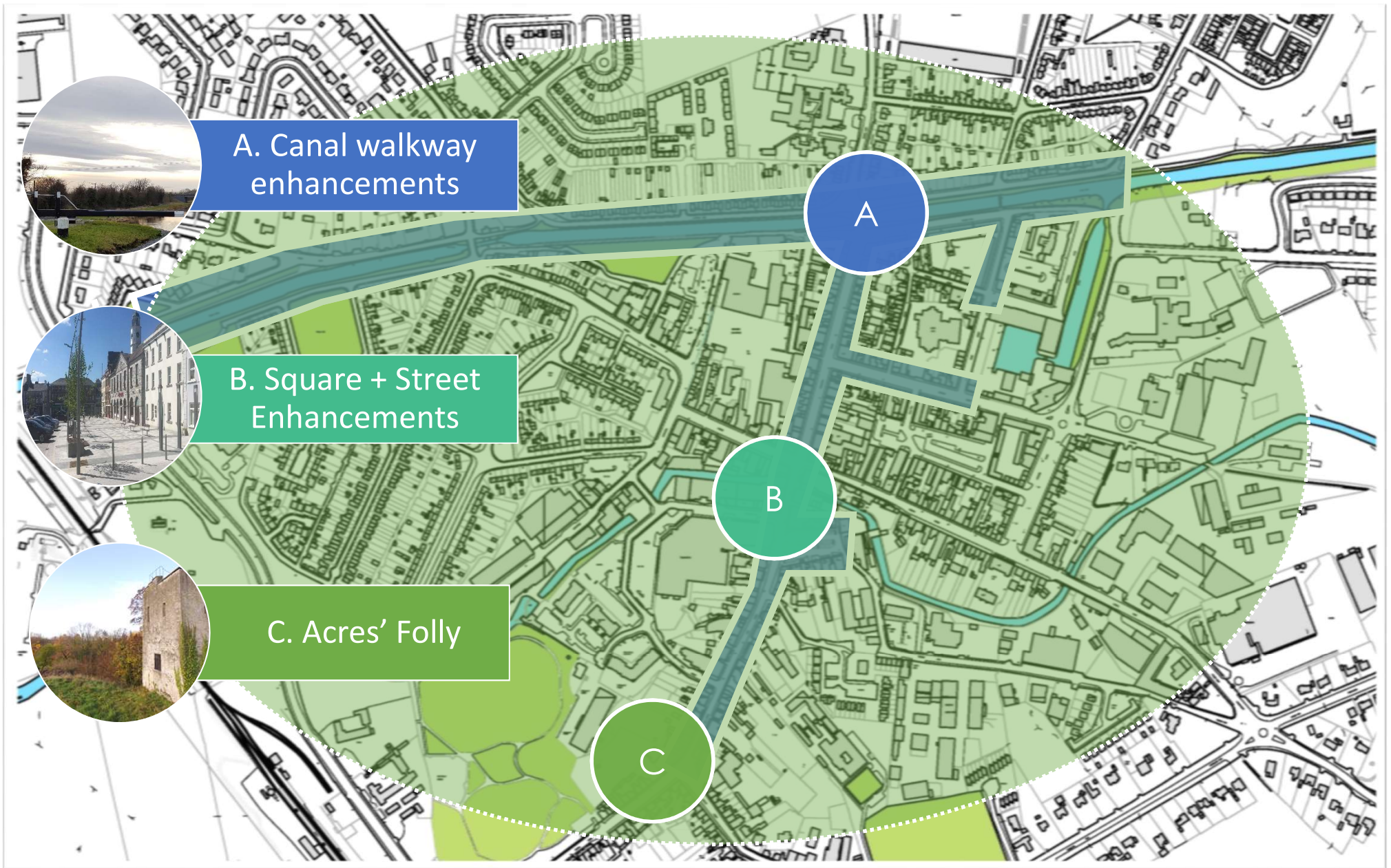


O'Connor Square



Lloyd Park





A. Canal walkway enhancements



B. Square + Street Enhancements



C. Acres' Folly





Acres' Hall



## Acres' Folly Enhancements

Acres' Folly is set within former gardens to the rear of Acres' Hall in OCC ownership, at the south end of High Street. The folly is situated on high ground overlooking Lloyd Park. It was built as a simple pleasure building combining a summerhouse and prospect tower by the prosperous Thomas Acres in 1786.

It is in a key location overlooking Lloyd Park and when restored will allow for public viewing across the park and the town of Tullamore, offering an important local and national focal point for this historic property – encouraging the regeneration of its original purpose.

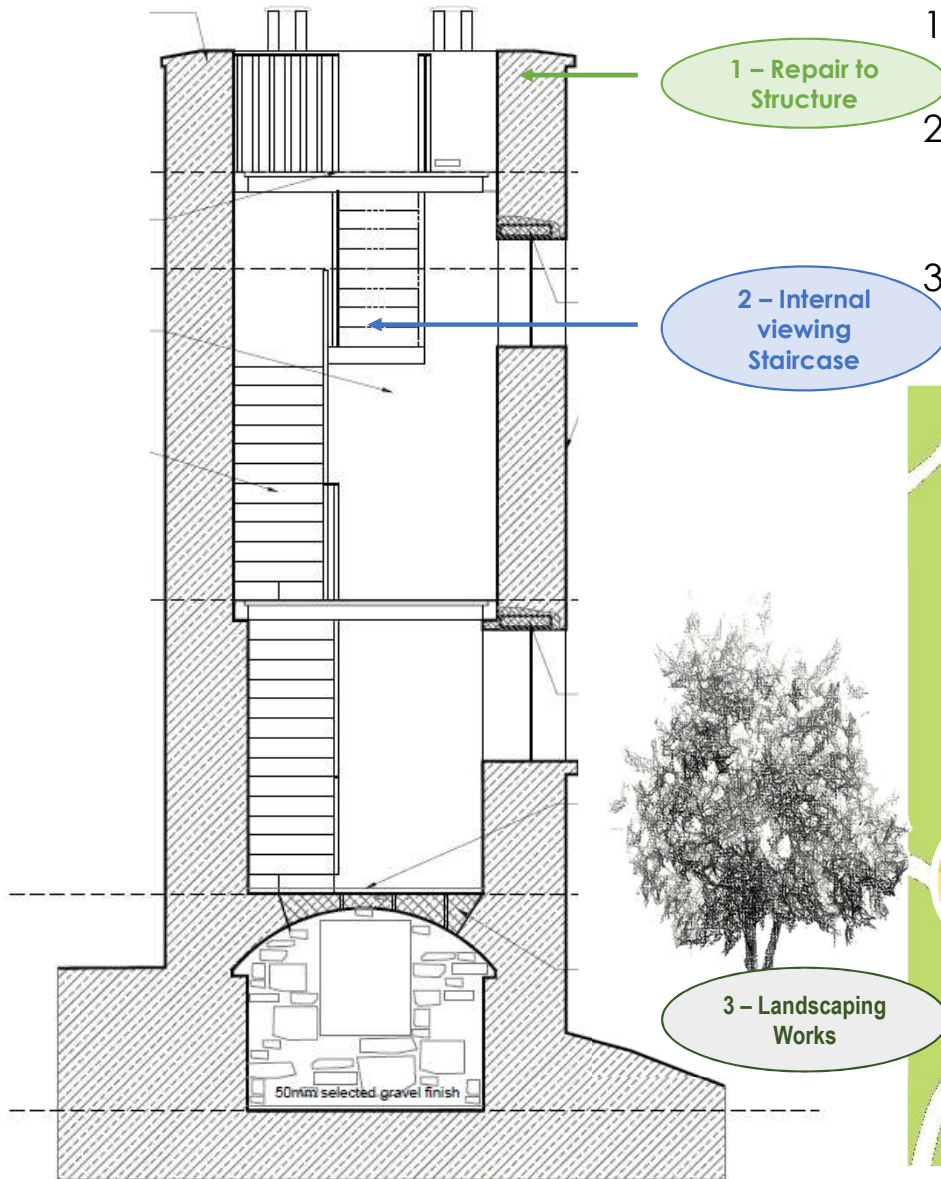
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Acres' Folly is an unusual tower-like structure, which rises to some 9m in height from a ground plan measuring approximately 4m x 6m. Internally it contains a vaulted undercroft, while the upper rooms were originally divided by a partition in a proportion of one third to two thirds. Within the smaller space a timber staircase rose to what appears to have been a roof terrace, while the larger space provided basic, limited accommodation heated by an open fireplace in the gable end.

Howley Hayes Architects,  
Condition Survey of  
Eleven Follies  
in Offaly.



# Acres' Folly Enhancements



1. The proposals involve repairs to the main structure and reinstatement of the external stone steps.
2. The provision of a new internal stair (to replace former, missing stair) to allow managed access to the rooftop viewing area.
3. Landscaping will reinstate original walkways.

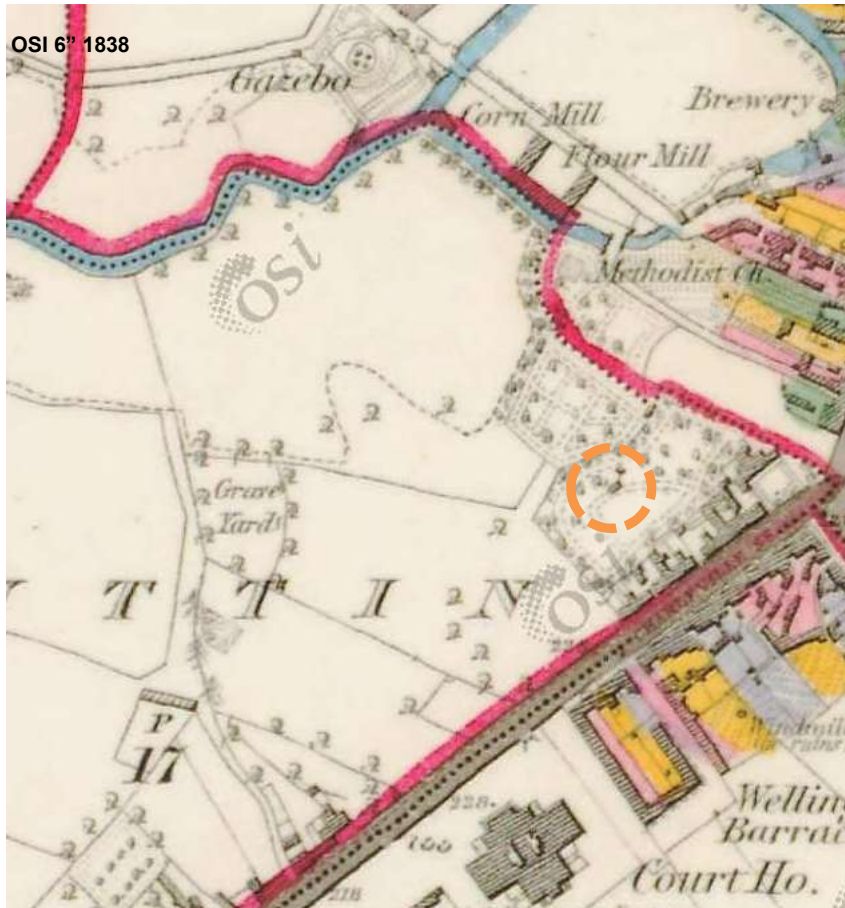






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## HISTORIC MAPPING AND DESCRIPTION



The 1838 Ordnance Survey shows Acres' Hall in an authoritative position at the top of Charleville Street looking south down a broad Earl Street with the Tullamore River running close to its northern boundary. The one acre gardens to the rear are divided in two. The first garden wraps along the length of the adjacent terrace onto Charleville Street. It contains a perimeter path and trees with a smaller central path which links to the folly. The folly is set back from the rear of the houses on higher ground and appears to be linked to a second smaller structure. This garden gives onto a second smaller garden to the rear or north with a small building located between the two. It is laid out in a formal manner divided into six sections with central and perimeter paths interspersed with some trees.

The 1910 Ordnance Survey, while containing less detail, indicates a similar boundary which surrounds the former gardens to the rear. Current maps and the aerial image show no formal paths or links to folly. Castle Buildings are situated within the former rear garden site and the landscaped Lloyd Park to the west with mature trees and meandering paths.

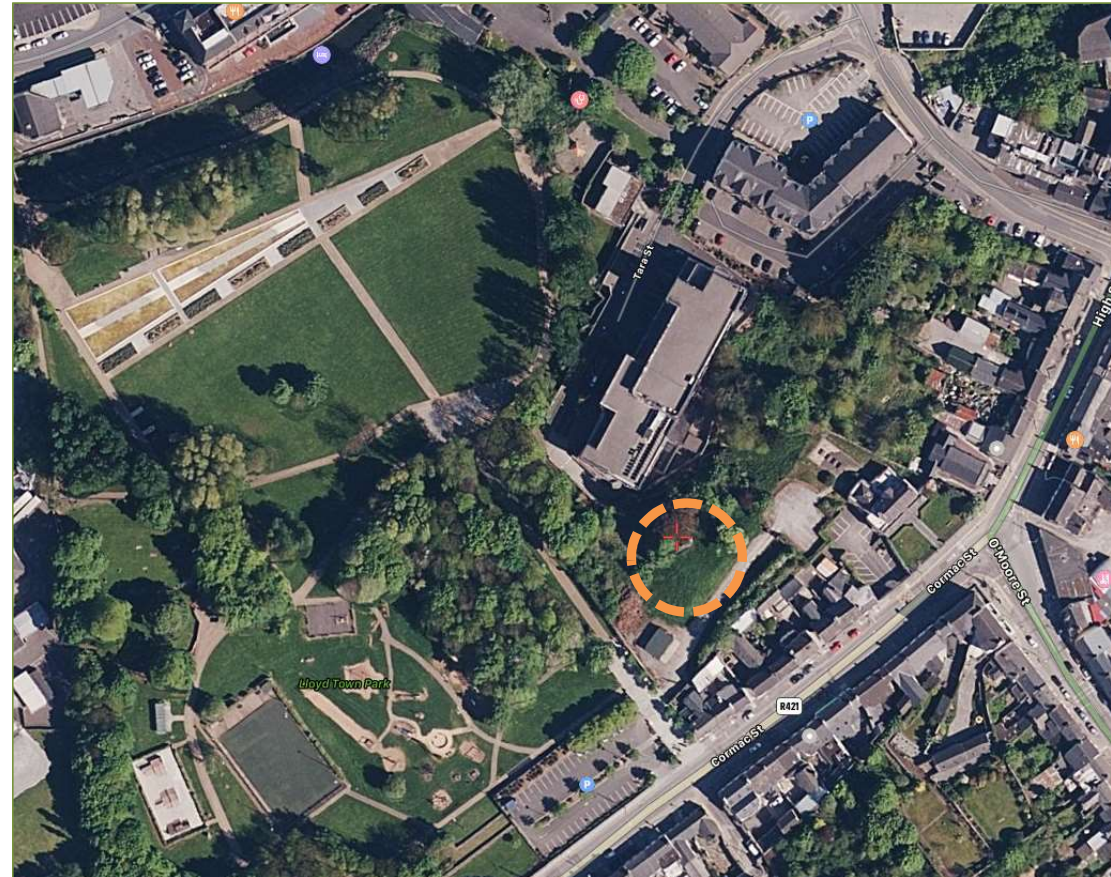


## ACRES' FOLLY – CONSERVATION WORKS

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The purpose of the structure is not clear. It may have been constructed to serve as a watchtower, but is more likely to be a simple pleasure building combining summerhouse and prospect tower, to serve the nearby Acres' Hall built by the prosperous Thomas Acres in 1786. Local tradition suggests that Acres' Folly was built in 1812 to commemorate the victory of the Duke of Wellington over Napoleon during the Peninsular War.

Howley Hayes Architects, Condition Survey of Eleven Follies in Offaly, Offaly County Council 2013, [www.offaly.ie/heritage/](http://www.offaly.ie/heritage/) Architecture





# ACRES' FOLLY – CONSERVATION WORKS

BACKGROUND – Providing context for proposed landscape works within the setting of Acres' Folly



1838 Ordnance Survey of Tullamore indicating the pedestrian route around the garden to the rear of Acres' Hall and an inner circuitous route to the folly.



Aerial photograph with the 1890 map superimposed. This gives an indication of how the pedestrian routes were laid out in relation to the current vehicular access to the rear of Acres' Hall. The large portacabin is also visible to the SW corner. Digi Globe Aerial Photograph

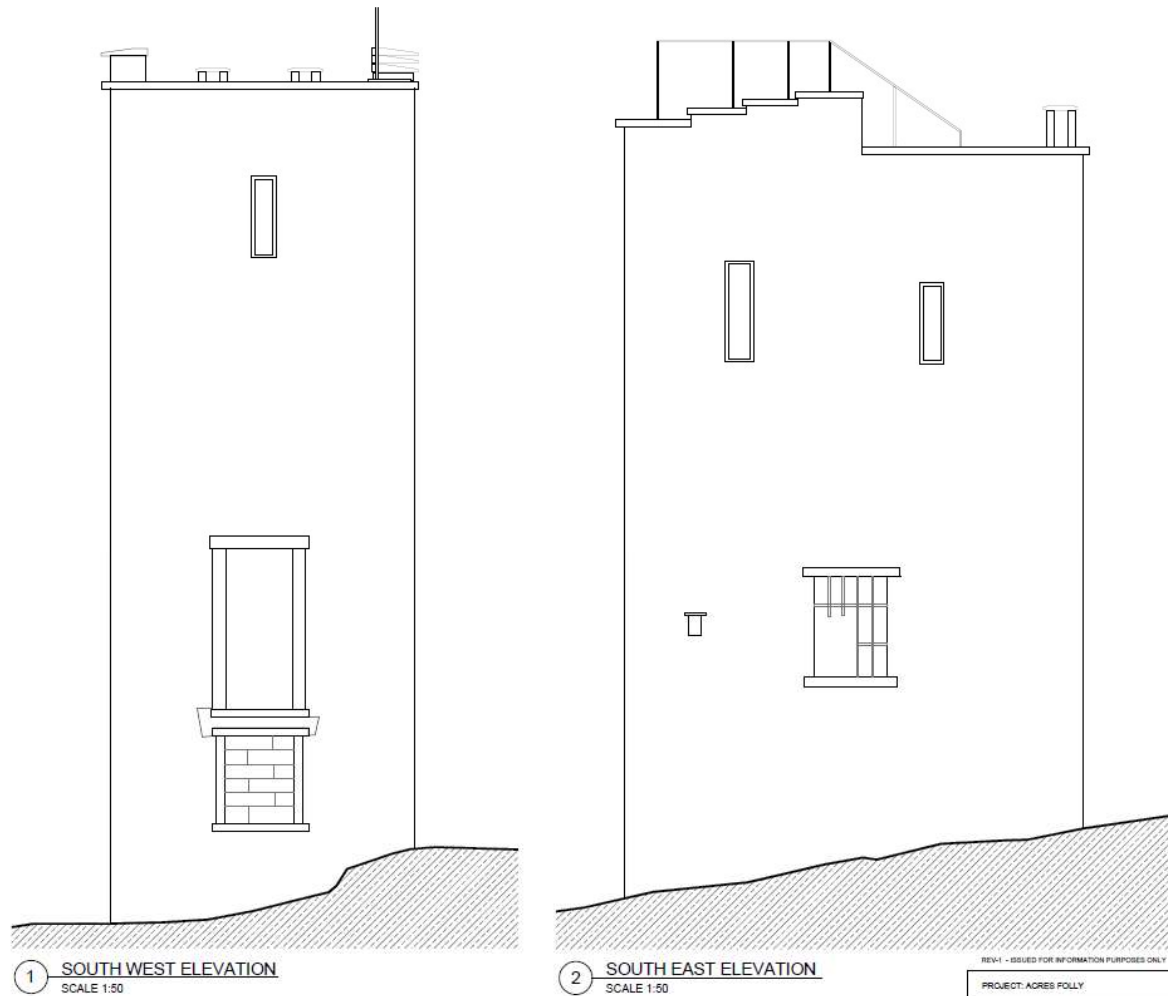


1890 Map showing garden layout to Acres' Hall with the folly to the rear. The steps to the folly are clearly shown on the map to the LHS of the folly. These steps were recently removed and are located off site in Tullamore. 1890 Ordnance Survey Sheet XVII.52, Town of Tullamore, © Public domain. Digital content: © Ordnance Survey Ireland, published by UCD Library, University College Dublin



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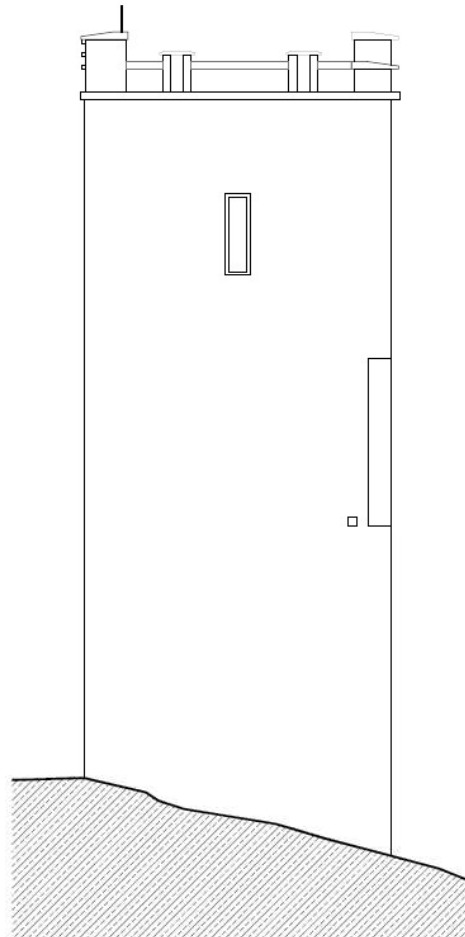
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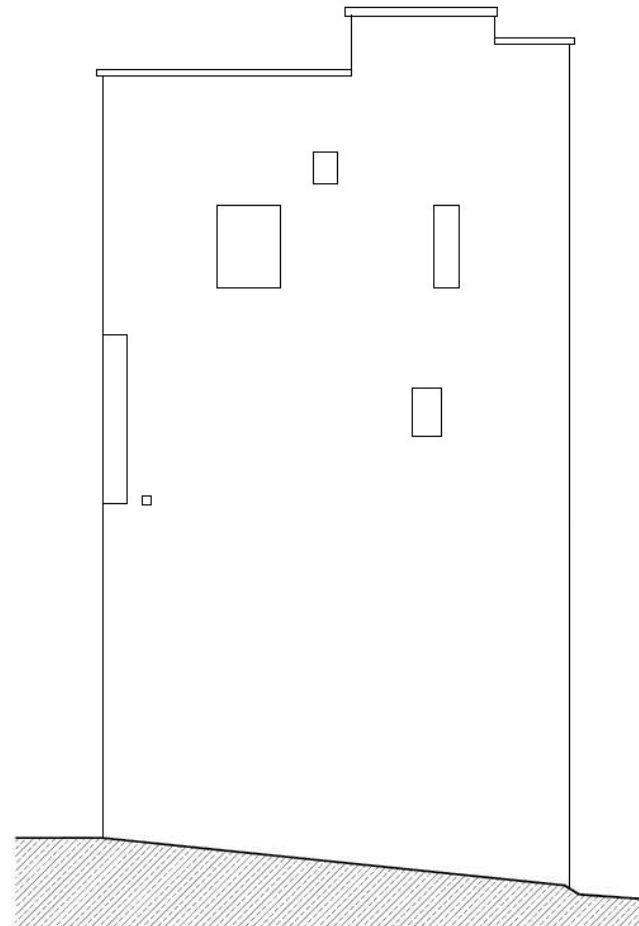


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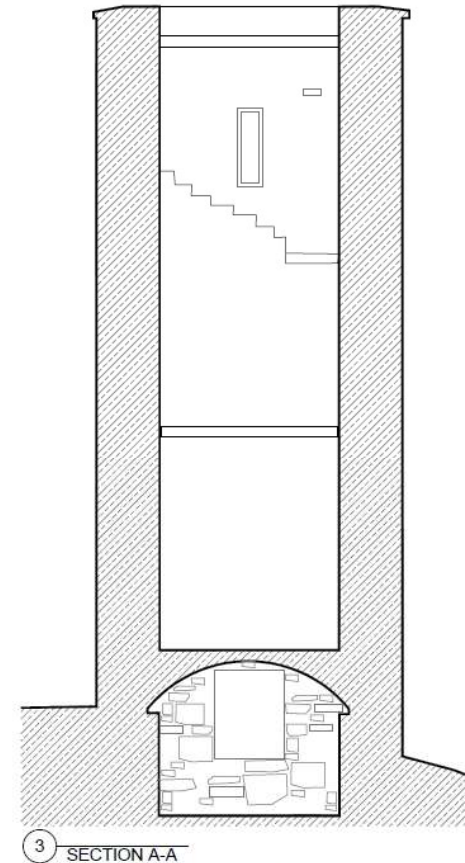
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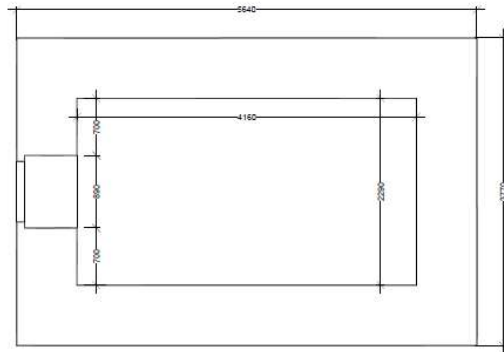
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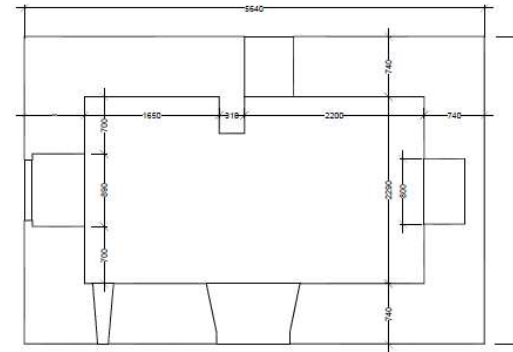


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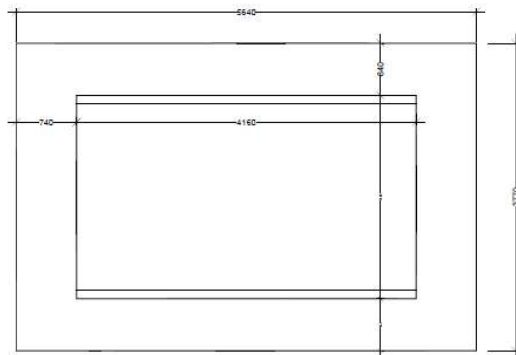
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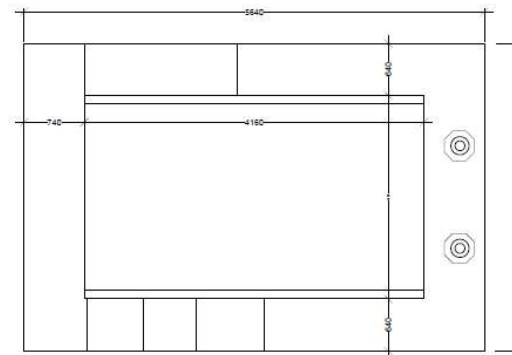
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**2** FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
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**4** VIEWING PLATFORM PLAN  
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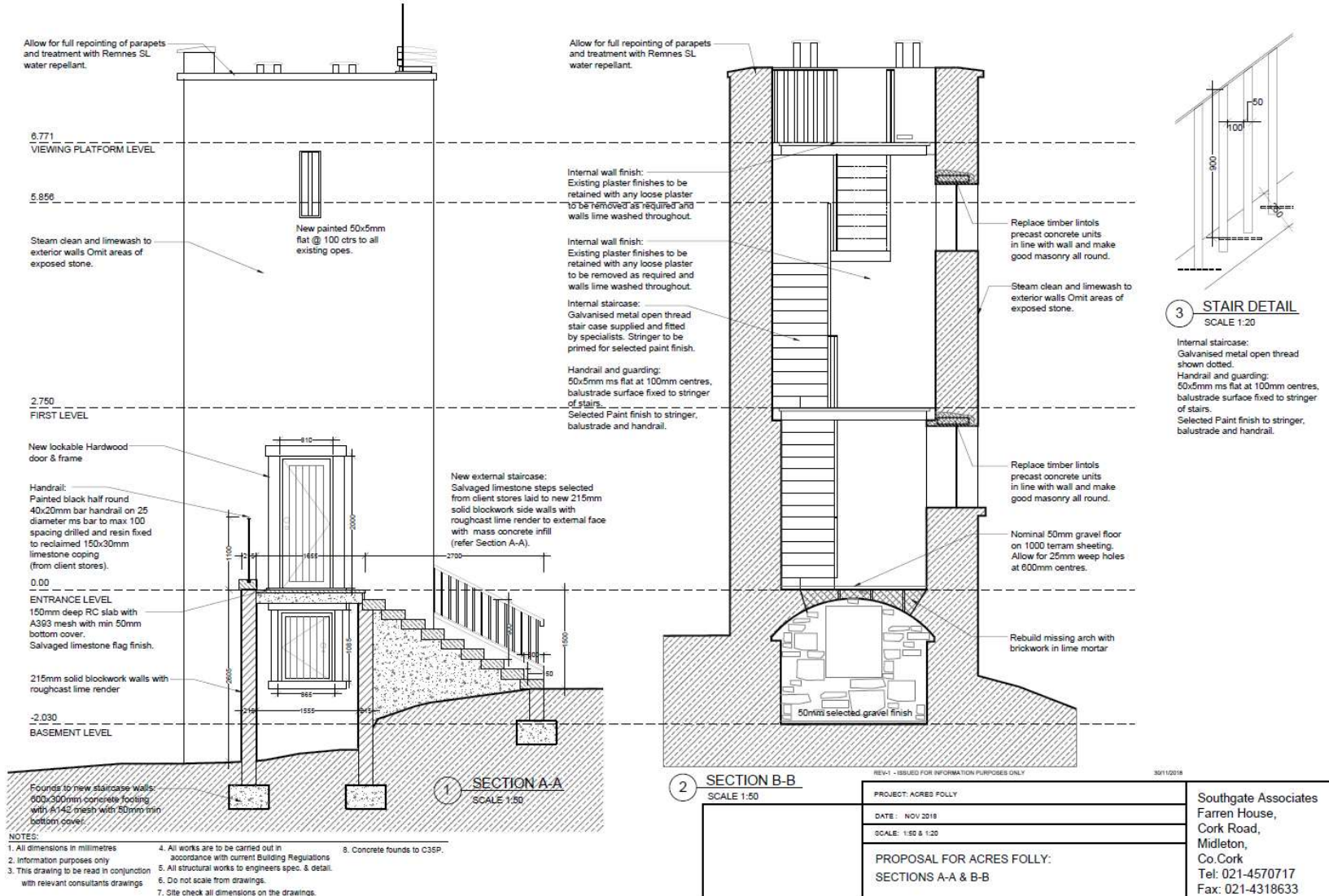
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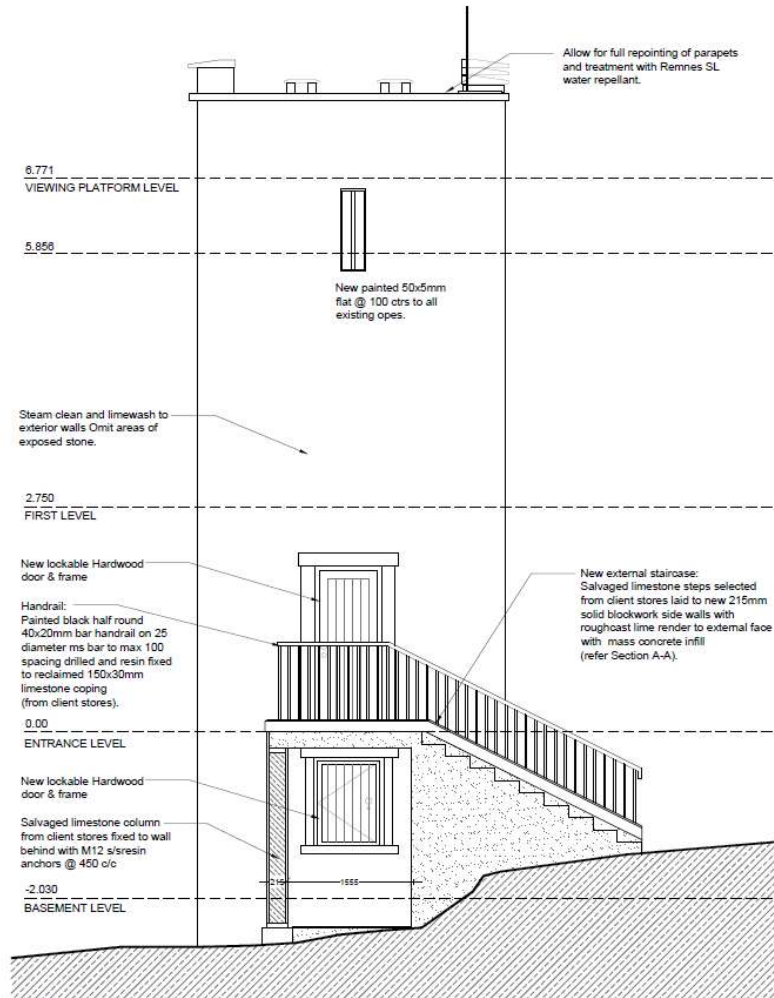
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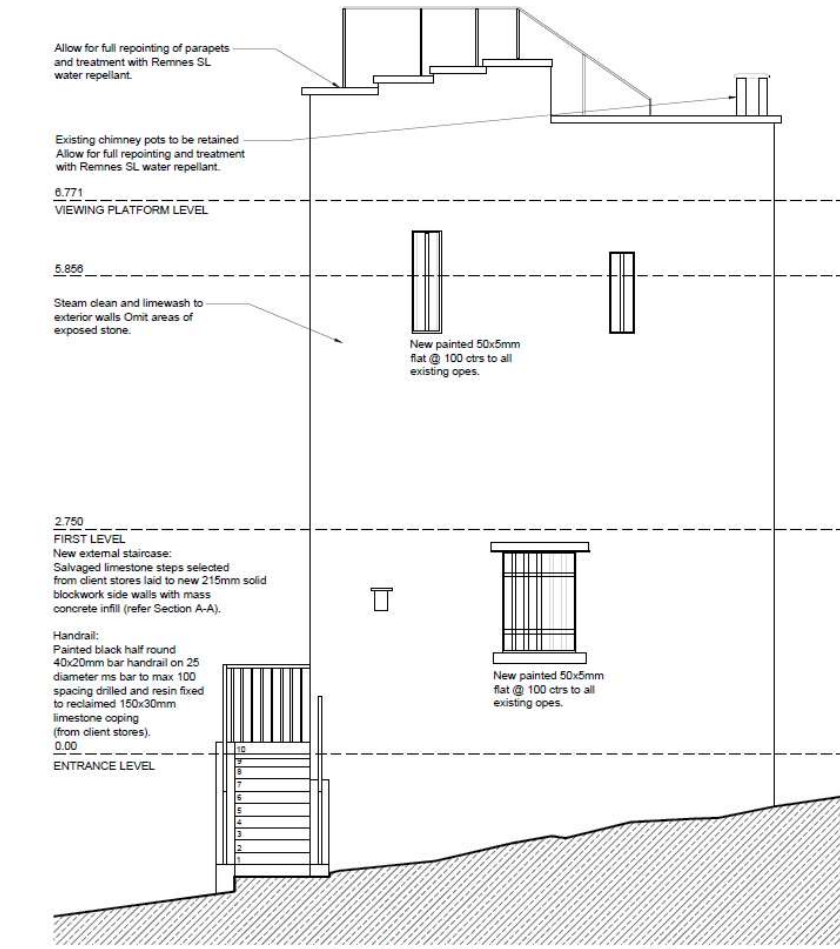
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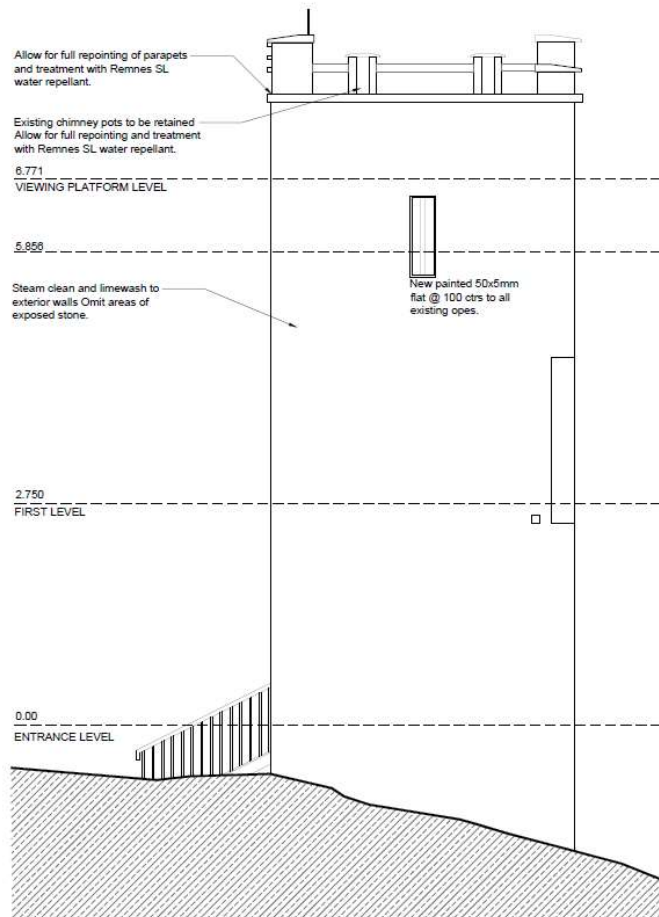
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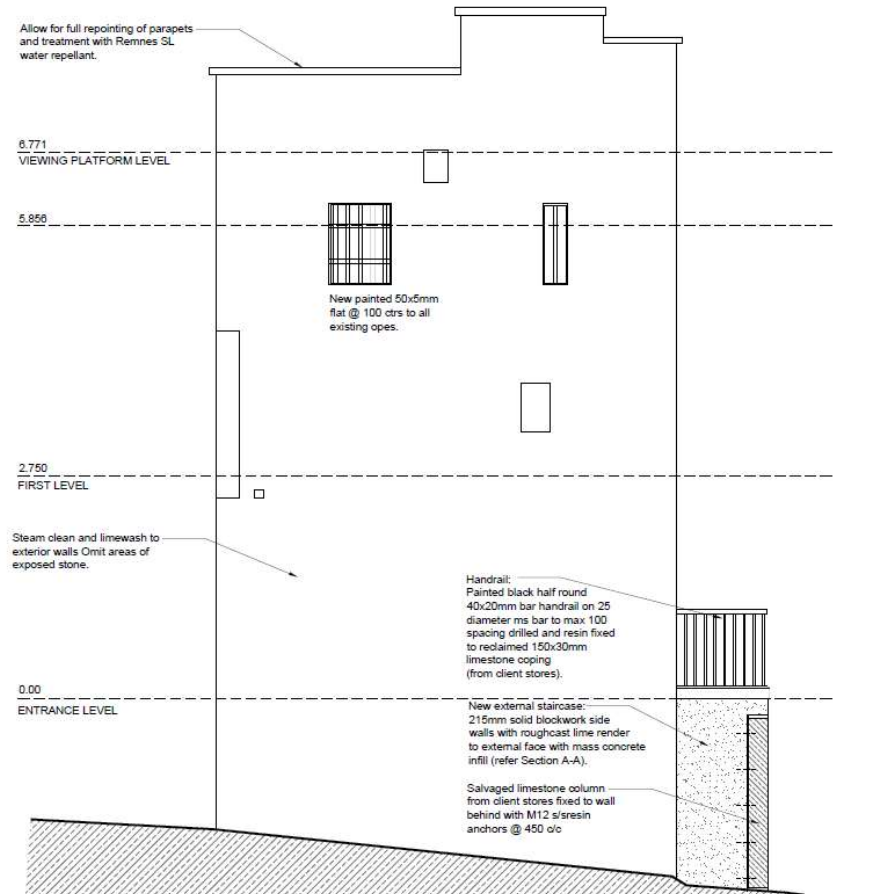
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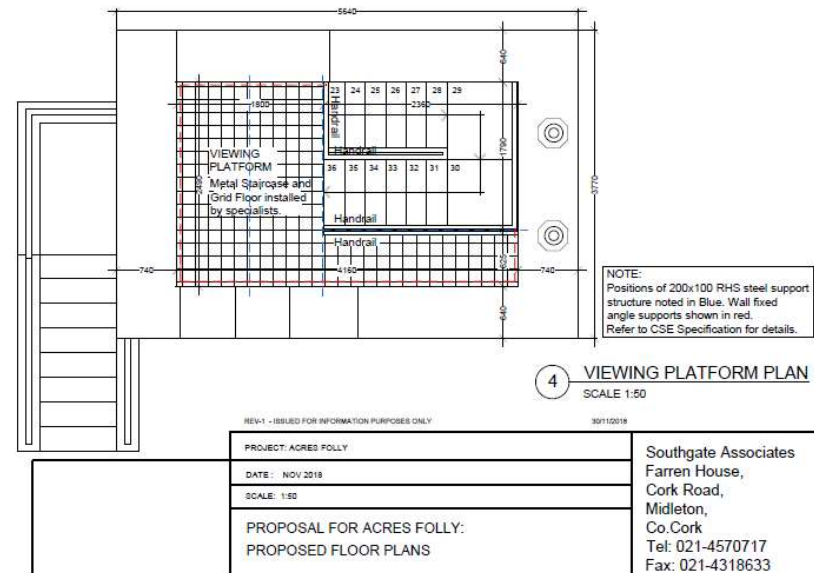
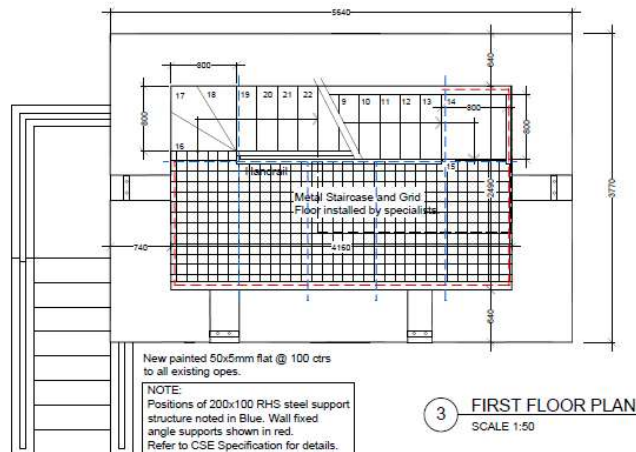
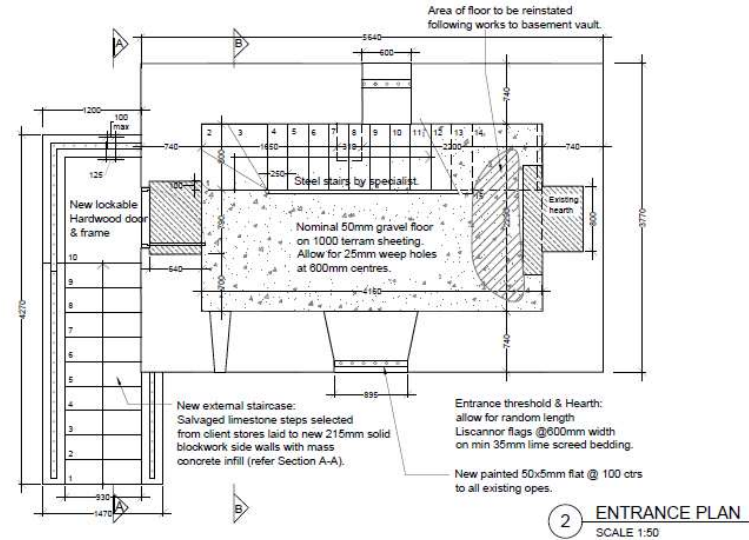
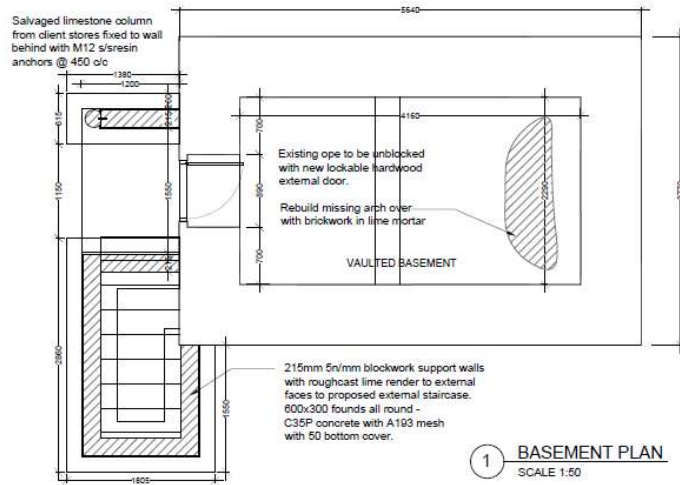
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