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Submissions relating to structures within the Ballymote-Tobercurry Municipal District

22 September 2016

Brendan Connaughton

CDP RPS no. 90 – Thatched cottage, Easky

Issue no. 1

This submission supports the retention of RPS no. 90 on the Record of Protected Structures, but objects to the required standard of repairs and works to such buildings. In particular, the cost of re-thatching a cottage in 2016, relative to the available grant from the Department, is problematic.

Opinion

The support for retaining this building on the Record of Protected Structures is noted.

The architectural value of each building on the RPS must be protected and to this end, buildings must be repaired and maintained to a high standard, retaining the character and features of interest of the particular building. The level of grant aid available from the Department of AHRRGA for such works is a matter outside the jurisdiction of the County Council.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 4

28 September 2016

Joe Fleming, Bishop of Killala CDP RPS no. 275, 292, 341

Issue no. 1

This submission queries the retention of RPS no. 275 (St. Adamman's RC Church) and RPS no. 341 (Star of the Sea Church (RC)) on the Record of Protected Structures, on the basis that the buildings were included on the RPS following their complete renovation where none of the original features were retained.

Opinion

The decision to include these buildings on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendations of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). These structures have been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on their architectural, artistic and social interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structures read as follows:

RPS no. 275 - This Catholic Church is an imposing local landmark with considerable social and historical interest. The ashlar stone dressings, fine tracery to the chancel window, and the free-standing bell are of particular interest.

RPS no. 341 - This recently renovated church is a good example of the simple local parish church. Well-executed chancel arch, stained and coloured glass windows are features typical of the type. The building is a local landmark. It is also of considerable social importance.

Based on the above appraisals from the NIAH and following consideration of the submission and the structures by the Planning Section, it is considered that these structures continue to merit protection.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

Issue no. 2

This submission supports the retention of RPS no. 292 (Templeboy Catholic Church) on the Record of Protected Structures.

Opinion

The support for the retention of RPS no. 292 on the Record of Protected Structures is noted.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 5

28 September 2016

Neil Egan CDP RPS no. 71 – Banada Abbey Convent and Church

Issue no. 1

This submission requests assurance from the Council that certain buildings on the site of Banada Abbey Convent and Church are not included in the Record of Protected Structures.

Opinion

A protected structure is defined as any structure or specified part of the structure which is included in the RPS. The meaning of the term "structure" is expanded to include the land within the curtilage of the structure and any other structures within that curtilage.

The *protected structure* status applies to all the buildings and structures within the curtilage of Banada Abbey Convent and Church. There may be elements of the site which are not worthy of retention and conservation. However, a determination of this nature cannot be made in the absence of a comprehensive survey and assessment of the existing structures on site, prepared by a Conservation Architect.

Such a report would be required in the context of pre –planning consultations and/or a planning application for development on the site.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 11

24 October 2016

Michael Conmy (PlanDesign Associates) on behalf of Matthew Cavanagh CDP RPS no. 139 – Roslea Cottage, Easky

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the removal of Roslea Cottage (a two-storey farm house) from the Record of Protected Structures. A report on the condition of the building accompanies the submission. It is argued that the property is not suitable to be retained on the RPS on account of its poor condition. The value of the house is said to be limited to the 'very features that will be lost by the necessary replacement works', i.e. sash windows, cast iron gutters, natural slate roof.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This distinctive little house sits comfortably in the landscape and retains many original features including sash windows and wrought-iron gates.

The document *Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* advises that deletions of structures from the RPS will only take place where the planning authority considers that the protection of a structure, or part of a structure, is no longer warranted. This will generally take place only when the structure has **entirely** lost its special interest value through major accident or where new information has come to light which proves that the special interests value was mistakenly attributed.

The report accompanying this submission provides a very brief description of the condition of the building, illustrated with several photographs. It suggests that the sash windows are beyond repair, but it does not appear that the windows were examined in detail. A close-up photograph of two external windows does not amount to a thorough examination. It is likely that these windows can be repaired. Similarly, cast-iron gutters and the natural slate roof can be repaired or replaced to conservation standard without impacting on the character of the building.

The report is not convincing in indicating that Roslea Cottage has lost its special interest. It merely illustrates that the building is in a very poor condition resulting from years of consistent neglect. This is not a valid reason for deletion from the RPS.

Given the absence of comprehensive information supporting the deletion of this building from the RPS, and having regard to the NIAH appraisal of the building, it is not considered appropriate to remove this structure from the RPS. This structure merits continued protection.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 12

3 November 2016

Dermott Mc Dermott CDP RPS no. 214 - Church View, Gorteen

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the removal of the above property from the Record of Protected Structures for financial reasons. The cost of protecting the structure without grant aid is prohibitive. Grant aid was refused to the property owner in 2011. D. Dermott is of the opinion that the property is not of national, regional or local significance.

Opinion

This building has been on the County Record of Protected Structures since 2005, when it was included on the RPS on foot of a recommendation from the Heritage Consultancy Services LTD (HCS), commissioned by Sligo County Council. The HCS appraised the building as follows:

Church View is a modest late 19th Century dwelling located just outside the village of Gorteen. It gets its name from its historic view of the Church of Ireland located to the south. The house is of architectural and artistic merit in that it retains its natural slate roof, timber sash windows and cast-iron gateway. Church View is an attractive house situated in a picturesque location, and forms a significant part of the overall character of Gorteen.

Based on the above appraisal and following consideration of the structure by the Planning Section, it is considered that this structures merits protection.

Recommendation

Very Rev. Patrick J.Holleran P.P. CDP RPS no. 354 - St Joseph's (Rockfield) Church RC

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the removal of the above property from the Record of Protected Structures. The reasons given for this request include the increased financial costs of repairing and insuring the property.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This well composed substantial church is of considerable social significance as the ecclesiastical centre for the Roman Catholic community in the locality. It is a representative example of the new approach to the catholic church at the beginning of the twentieth century. It retains many original features both internally and externally. The church forms an appealing centrepiece in the village and contributes to the character of the locality, with its distinctive rendered panels in relief and moulded string courses and cornices, enlivening the streetscape.

The Reverend's reasons for removing the church from the RPS do not conform with the requirements of the document *Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* regarding the deletion of structures from a RPS.

Based on the above appraisal from the NIAH and following consideration of the structure by the Planning Section, it is considered that this structure merits protection.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 16

14 November 2016

Gabriel Gavigan on behalf of the late Mary Gavaghan CDP RPS no. 281 – Aclare Pharmacy, Aclare

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the removal of the above building from the Record of Protected Structures. It is considered that this building does not merit retention on the RPS.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This unpretentious shop retains sash windows, painted sills, painted smooth render, natural slate and plain corbelled chimneys all of which are the ubiquitous palette that typifies the rural Irish village.

Based on the above appraisal and following consideration of the structure by the Planning Section, it is considered that this structures merits protection and contributes significantly to the streetscape in Aclare.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 17

11 November 2016

May Coen and Marian Maloney

CDP RPS - 277 – Lisconny House Servants Quarter

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the removal of the above structure from the County Sligo RPS on the grounds that it is a very old building and is in poor condition. Photographs of the building have been included with the submission.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of Heritage Consultancy Services LTD (HCS), commissioned in 2004 by Sligo County Council.

The HCS description and appraisal of the building are follows:

Detached, three to four-bay, two-storey rendered former servants quarter to Lisconny House which was demolished in the 19 Century. A single-storey, single-bay, gabled creamery building projects to the north façade.

According to the owners, the creamery projecting from the north façade still retains its original equipment. The interior of the servant quarter retains early timber door leafs.

Upon inspection of the site in January 2017 and after a conversation with the owner, Marian Moloney, it was established that no creamery exists at this location. The building projecting from the north façade was known as the 'dairy' and was used as a store by the occupants of the house. According to M. Maloney, there is no historic equipment in this building. Access to this building was not possible on day of site inspection.

The building does contain several historic sash windows of note and several fireplaces worthy of retention. However, it is considered that these features alone do not render the entire building worthy of protection in the Record of Protected Structures.

Recommendation

It is recommended to **delete** this structure from the Record of Protected Structures.

RPS Submission no. 18

14 November 2016

Patrick Kilcullen

CDP RPS no. 112 - Single-storey cottage, Main Street, Enniscrone

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that the above property be removed from the Record of Protected Structures for County Sligo because it "provides a minimal contribution to the streetscape of Enniscrone" and there are "no fixtures or fittings contained or within the building that are considered to be of architectural or heritage merit". The property has fallen into significant disrepair and any renovation of the structure would result in "little more than the perimeter walls remaining".

Opinion

This property can be described as follows:

Attached 4 bay single storey stone cottage, built circa 1850.One room deep, three interconnecting rooms, with two extensions to the rear, one of which is a ruin and comprises exposed stone walls only. The fourth room is occupied by the adjacent hotel. Projecting pitched roof porch. Pitched natural slate roof, clay ridge tiles, rendered unpainted chimney stacks x 3, painted wet dash walling. Square headed window openings, painted stone cills, painted one over one timber sash windows.

The building is not recorded in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage survey of County Sligo. The structure was added to the County Sligo RPS in 2011, on foot of recommendations from Manogue Architects who were commissioned to propose structures within Local Area Plans for inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures for the County.

Manogue Architects appraised the building as follows:

This is a good example of the small vernacular house type, dating from the early 19 Century, which sits well in the rural village setting. The house retains much original and early fabric.

A *declaration* was issued to the property owner in 2013. This declaration stated that internal works to the building or an extension to the rear would not materially affect the character of the building. In effect, the declaration clarified that the façade, including the visible gable elevation, were the only elements of the building which should be retained and protected.

Recommendation

Paul Williams CDP RPS no. 105 – Former Carrowcrory National School

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that the above property be removed from the Record of Protected Structures for County Sligo. It is stated that the property is a concrete structure built in the 1950s, with little or no special interest. The financial implications of the *protected structure* status would make the renovation costs of this building prohibitive. A report from a chartered engineer, which accompanies the submission, describes the structural condition of the building and necessary remedial works to render the building habitable.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of Heritage Consultancy Services LTD (HCS), commissioned in 2004 by Sligo County Council.

The HCS appraisal of the building reads as follows:

This is a good example of a mid-20th Century National School design and unlike most of the working and former schools in the Sligo area, it still retains many of its original external features such as the timber sashes, slate roof, metal gate.

The Carrowcrory building is not recorded by the NIAH, but Scoil Bride (Mount Temple) is recorded as being of *Regional* importance for architectural, social and historical reasons. It is very similar in style and type to the former Carrowcrory School, which is the only such building in the County on the RPS representing the new age of state-sponsored education in terms of a particular building form and style.

Based on the above appraisals and following consideration of the structure by the Planning Section, it is considered that this structure merits protection.

The continued protection of the building should not unreasonably inhibit the refurbishment of the building. Any refurbishment works should be discussed in detail with the relevant Area Planner and Heritage Officer.

Recommendation



17 November 2016

Rita Flannery Proposed protected structure P-24 Springmount, Tobercurry

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that the above property (two-storey three-bay house) not be included on the Record of Protected Structures. Ms Flannery states that she has always taken care of the property and its inclusion on the RPS would cause concern, inconvenience and intrusion into her privacy.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This handsome self-contained house retains its original fenestration and much original fabric. The outbuilding to the rear complements the setting. The modestly-detailed gatescreen is well-executed and enhances the roadside.

Based on the above appraisal from the NIAH, it is considered that this structure merits protection.

Recommendation

No change to the Proposed additions and deletions document.

RPS Submission no. 23

22 November 2016

Dermot and Sheila McDermott

Proposed protected structure P-21 – Former Easky Barracks

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that the above building is not included Record of Protected Structures. It considers that this building does not merit inclusion on the RPS, as it does not have any special interest from an architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical point of view. The location of a telecommunications mast to the rear of the building detracts from the setting of the building.

Opinion

This building is proposed for inclusion on the County RPS. The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the contribution made by building to the streetscape at the entrance of Easky.

The structure has been given a Local rating in the NIAH, based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This is an interesting building at the entrance to Easky from the west. The design of the building is influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement and contrasts markedly with the typical architecture of the town with its hipped roofs, multiple chimneystacks and sprocketed eaves. The retention of original sash windows to the sides and rear is particularly pleasing.

Based on the above appraisal and following consideration of the structure by the Planning Section, it is considered that this structures merits protection and contributes significantly to the streetscape of Easky village.

Recommendation

No change to the Proposed additions and deletions document.

RPS Submission no. 24

23 November 2016

David Cahill, Fortland Fisheries CDP RPS No. 209 – Limestone farm building, Easky

Issue no. 1

This submission acknowledges receipt of the notice in relation to the retention of RPS No. 209 on the Register of Protected Structures. D. Cahill would like to apply for a grant to re-roof the building and requests a declaration from the Planning Authority regarding the structure and its curtilage.

Opinion

The issue of financial grants or declarations does not require discussion in this report. Contact has been made directly with Mr Cahill in this regard.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 25

24 November 2016

Michael Conmy (PlanDesign Associates)

on behalf of Desmond Clarke

Proposed protected structure P-22 - St Mary's Church, Enniscrone

Issue no. 1

This submission opposes the proposal to include St Mary's Church in Enniscrone in the RPS for County Sligo. A report accompanying the submission states that the protection should not apply to the entire building, but only to its 'external envelope'. Much of the building has been modified and is in poor condition. It is argued that the exterior masonry, fenestration and slating of the building are elements which are afforded protection from alteration under planning legislation. The protection of the curtilage of the building would have implications for the adjacent former Ben Bulben Hotel, which is in need of redevelopment.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

Although no longer in use and sadly modified, this former church still commands attention. Masonry and roof slating survive as a testament to the skills of the craftsmen who created this fine structure.

The document *Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* advises that deletions of structures from the RPS will only take place where the planning authority considers that the protection of a structure, or part of a structure, is no longer warranted. This will generally take place only when the structure has **entirely** lost its special interest value through major accident or where new information has come to light which proves that the special interests value was mistakenly attributed.

The report accompanying this submission provides a very brief description of the condition of the building illustrated with several photographs. It states that windows and doors have been blocked up, the interior of the building has been substantially altered, parts of the roof are beyond repair, the steeple has been removed and the rainwater goods are almost all gone.

It is considered that the report is not convincing in indicating that St Mary's Church has lost its special interest. It merely illustrates the building's poor condition resulting from years of consistent neglect. This is not a valid reason for deletion from the RPS.

Furthermore, the submission states that the external features of the building already have protection under planning legislation. This is incorrect. It is presumed that M. Conmy refers to Section 4(1) h of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). This section does not afford protection to the external appearance of a building. It simply stipulates that planning permission will be required for any external works which materially affect the external appearance of a building so as to render its appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure.

This section of the Act does not offer sufficient protection to the building. It is considered appropriate to include the church on the Record of Protected Structures for the County.

The Planning Authority would welcome the refurbishment or redevelopment of the adjacent former hotel. Any such redevelopment should be of a high standard, appropriate to its prominent location on the Main Street in Enniscrone and close to the former St Mary's Church building, regardless of whether this building is protected or not. The Council will adopt a flexible approach regarding any redevelopment proposal, in order to improve the visual amenity of the area.

Recommendation

No change to the Proposed additions and deletions document.

John Doddy CDP RPS No. 53 – Doddy's shop and house

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that Doddy's house and shop on Main Street in Ballymote be removed from the Record of Protected Structures for County Sligo. The NIAH description and appraisal included in the Ballymote Local Area Plan 2012-2018 refer to features of the building which are modern and do not contribute to the heritage of the area. The building is not in keeping with any particular style to merit protection.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This brightly-painted public house dominates the streetscape with its high roofline and busy facade. The roadside petrol pumps are a rapidly disappearing feature of Irish towns.

The above appraisal refers to the high roofline, the busy façade and the roadside petrol pumps as being features of interest in the building. It is considered that this building was given a *Regional* status on account of the roadside petrol pumps which, according to the NIAH appraisal, are rapidly disappearing features of Irish towns.

Based on the above NIAH appraisal, it is considered that this structure merits protection.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 29

29 November 2016

Roger Maye CDP RPS No. 391 – House

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the removal of the above building from the Record of Protected Structures, having regard to its poor condition, proximity to a main road (which makes it unviable for a residential dwelling) and its lack of special characteristics which would merit protection.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the County RPS was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural

heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH description and appraisal of the structure read as follows:

This interesting farm complex is a good example of vernacular agricultural layout. Slate roofs and unpainted rendered walling form a muted palette. Some original sash windows and wrought-iron gates survive.

The document *Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* advises that deletions of structures from the RPS will only take place where the planning authority considers that the protection of a structure, or part of a structure, is no longer warranted. This will generally take place only when the structure has **entirely** lost its special interest value through major accident or where new information has come to light which proves that the special interests value was mistakenly attributed.

The poor condition of the building, resulting from years of consistent neglect, is not a valid reason for deletion from the RPS.

Having regard to the absence of comprehensive information supporting the deletion of this building from the RPS, it is not considered appropriate to remove this structure from the RPS. It is considered, however, that the entry on the RPS should refer to a *farm complex* as per the NIAH appraisal and description, rather than 'House'.

The submission states that the proximity of the site to a main road and the associated noise make the use of the structure as a dwelling unviable. The site is zoned for mixed uses in the Enniscrone Local Area Plan 2014-2020 and has been earmarked for potential commercial use in Section 4.2.2 of the LAP.

Recommendation

Retain this building on the RPS and amend the entry **RPS 391** by replacing House with Farm complex.

RPS Submission no. 30

25 November 2016

Noelle Harte

on behalf of the Select Vestry and Committee for St. Mary's Church

CDP RPS No. 142 - St Mary's Church, Dromore West

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the retention of St Mary's Church on the Record of Protected Structure for County Sligo.

Opinion

The request to retain this structure on the RPS is noted. It is not proposed to delete this structure from the County Sligo RPS.

Recommendation

Nicholas Prins CDP RPS No. 62 – Bunnanaddan Mill

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the addition of Bunnanadden Corn Mill to the RPS for County Sligo.

Opinion

This building is already included on the RPS for the County (RPS No. 62).

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 33

28 November 2016

Mary Timoney

Proposed protected structure P-28 – Old Emlaghfad Church, Ballymote

Issue no. 1

This submission supports the addition of the Old Emlaghfad Church to the RPS for County Sligo and supplies additional information regarding the history of the site.

Opinion

Noted.

Recommendation

No change to the Proposed additions and deletions document.

Issue no. 2

This submission notes that decorated box tombs by the Diamond School of Stone Masons are of national importance and several of them should be included in the Record of Protected Structures.

Opinion

The information is noted. In the coming years, it is the intention of the Planning Section to review several structures mentioned in submissions and proposed to be added to the RPS. Should it be considered that they merit protection, they will be proposed for inclusion on the RPS as part of the next development plan review cycle.

For the time being, there is insufficient information regarding the locations and ownership of the structures highlighted as potential additions to the RPS.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

27 November 2016

David McMunn on behalf of William McMunn Proposed protected structure P-23 – South Lodge, Enniscrone

Issue no. 1

This submission objects to the inclusion of the above building on the RPS for County Sligo on the grounds that the building has been much altered in recent years and bears little resemblance to the original structure built over 100 years ago.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage in County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH description and appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This house is an attractive example of a detached seaside villa of the late-nineteenth century. Although modest in size, it is full of interesting details and the survival of many of the original windows is a particularly attractive feature. Situated at a height with splendid views of the beach, it adds greatly to the character of this seaside town.

Since this survey, the original windows of the building were replaced with modern PVC windows. This change and the other changes listed in the submission are not irreversible and do not alter the building to such an extent that its protection is no longer warranted.

The document *Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* advises that deletions of structures from the RPS will only take place where the planning authority considers that the protection of a structure, or part of a structure, is no longer warranted. This will generally take place only when the structure has **entirely** lost its special interest value through major accident or where new information has come to light which proves that the special interests value was mistakenly attributed.

This structure has not lost its special interest value. Having regard to the NIAH appraisal of the building, it is considered appropriate to include this building on the RPS.

Recommendation

No change to the Proposed additions and deletions document.

Michael Conmy, (PlanDesign Associates) on behalf of Reverend Noel Regan CDP RPS No. 213 – Thatched cottage, Ballintrillick

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the removal of the above building (known as Gorteen Farm) from the Record of Protected Structures following works carried out to repair extensive damage to the thatch caused by pine martens.

The report accompanying this submission provides a brief description of the condition of the building, illustrated with several photographs. The submission proposes that the building be delisted and 'moth-balled' until future financial circumstances are favourable to re thatch it.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This particularly fine thatched cottage has been very well preserved. Thatch and multiple-pane sash windows are of particular note. A brief glimpse of the interior revealed it too to retain a large amount of original and early fabric. It is a classic example of the vernacular type and represents an important survival preserving a traditional local craft and a building type once much more common in the Irish countryside. Fine wrought-iron gates are also an important survival and add to the overall interest of the site.

The document *Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* advises that deletions of structures from the RPS will only take place where the planning authority considers that the protection of a structure, or part of a structure, is no longer warranted. This will generally take place only when the structure has **entirely** lost its special interest value through major accident or where new information has come to light which proves that the special interests value was mistakenly attributed.

As per the NIAH appraisal, the roof was not the only element of the building worthy of protection. The report does not indicate that Gorteen Farm has lost its special interest. The historic roof structure and base layer of thatch can be reinstated.

It is considered that this structure merits continued protection.

Recommendation

Dermot Freeman CDP RPS No. 328 – Thatched cottage, Parke Td, Enniscrone

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the removal from the RPS of the outbuildings associated with this thatched cottage in Parke, Enniscrone, County Sligo. D. Freeman has no objection to the retention of the thatched cottage on the RPS. He indicates that the outbuildings are in various states of decay and have not been used for more than 20 years. They are a "health and safety hazard" and should be removed from the RPS in order to make them safe.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH description and appraisal of the structure read as follows:

Detached four-bay single-storey thatched house, built c. 1820. Rectangular plan, flat-roofed porch projects from east end of north elevation. Pitched thatched roof, raised ridge, painted concrete verge skews with corbelled kneelers, painted smooth-rendered corbelled chimneystacks with mortar aprons. Painted smooth-rendered walling, large boulder stone protruding from each corner. Square-headed window openings, painted stone sills, painted sixover-six timber sash windows. Square-headed door openings, painted vertically-sheeted timber door. Set at right angles to road, concrete perimeter path, gravelled forecourt to north, painted smooth-rendered boundary wall to road. Single- and two-storey outbuilding to west, corrugated-iron roofs, painted roughcast walling, external stone staircase to upper floor.

This handsome thatched house relates well to its adjacent outbuilding. Traditional thatch and corrugated-iron roofing materials harmonise. Original sash windows survive on the north elevation.

A *protected structure* is defined as any structure or specified part of the structure which is included in the RPS. The meaning of the term *structure* is expanded to include the land within the curtilage of the structure and any other structures within that curtilage.

The *protected structure* status applies to all the buildings and structures within the curtilage of the thatched cottage. There may be elements of the site which are not worthy of retention and conservation. However, a determination of this nature cannot be made in the absence of a comprehensive survey and assessment of the existing structures on site prepared by a Conservation Architect. Such a report would be required in the context of pre–planning consultations or a planning application for development on the site.

It is not considered appropriate to remove any element of this structure or its curtilage from the RPS.

Recommendation

Christopher O'Neill CDP RPS no. 2 – Achonry Parochial Hall

Issue no. 1

The submission objects to the inclusion of the above building on the Draft RPS, having regard to the extent of alterations and subsequent neglect of the building. C. O'Neill indicates that the structure is in a very advanced state of decay.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural, historical and social interest.

The NIAH description and appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This unusual parochial hall, although in an advanced state of decay, retains its original form and character together with its roof slating and rendered walling with moulded details. The hall remains a picturesque landmark in Achonry and contributes to the historical character of the area.

The document *Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* advises that deletions of structures from the RPS will only take place where the planning authority considers that the protection of a structure, or part of a structure, is no longer warranted. This will generally take place only when the structure has **entirely** lost its special interest value through major accident or where new information has come to light which proves that the special interests value was mistakenly attributed.

The NIAH appraisal recognised the advanced state of decay of the building, but nonetheless assigned a *Regional* rating. Consistent neglect and its consequences are not valid reasons to support the deletion of a structure from the RPS.

The submission does not demonstrate that the structure has '*entirely lost its special interest value*', nor does it prove that the special interest value was mistakenly attributed.

It is not considered appropriate to remove this structure from the RPS.

Recommendation

Section II.

Submissions relating to structures located within the Sligo Municipal District

26 September 2016

Irish Ursuline Union CDP RPS no. 137 – Clogherevagh House and two Gate Lodges

Issue no. 1

This submission notes that there is only one Gate Lodge associated with Clogherevagh House.

Opinion

The record for this RPS entry no.137 specifically refers to Clogherevagh House and two Gate Lodges. There are two Gate Lodges in the proximity of Clogherevagh House.

On review of the 25-inch OS map, it would appear that only one of the gate lodges is associated with Clogherevagh House. The other gate lodge is in separate ownership and would appear to be associated with Holywell House to the south-west.

It is therefore considered necessary to split this entry into two separate entries to the RPS.

Recommendations

A. Amend the entry for CDP RPS no. 137 as follows:

Clogherevagh House and two Gate Lodges

B. Add **Holywell Gate Lodge** to the RPS (a reference number will be allocated when the amended RPS is finalised):

Holywell Gate Lodge 1860 - 1900, NIAH Reg.No. 32401510

RPS Submission no. 3

27 September 2016

Eoghane Lehane, Commissioner of Irish Lights CDP RPS no. 357 – Blackrock Lighthouse

Issue no. 1

This submission objects to the retention of RPS no. 357 on the Record of Protected Structures on the basis that the Commissioner of Irish Lights (CIL) has a statutory duty to provide aids to navigation and allied services for the safety of persons and infrastructure at sea.

Blackrock Lighthouse may be subject to the necessary operational changes to comply with the obligations under the Merchant Shipping Acts. It is argued that it is not appropriate that the CIL be restricted in any way in exercising their powers and fulfilling their statutory duties.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the County RPS was based on the recommendations of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

The Blackrock Lighthouse is an important element in the maritime history of Co. Sligo. The construction of the beacon attests to a high quality of stone masonry and now, as a lighthouse since 1834, forms a dramatic landmark on Blackrock within Sligo Bay. The lighthouse is well maintained and retains its original form and fabric with the electric lantern being of technical interest.

Based on the above appraisal from the NIAH, it is considered that this structure merits protection. However, the Planning Authority will have regard to the ongoing operational needs of CIL in considering proposals to carry out works to this lighthouse.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 6

5 October 2016

Noel Kelly, Kelly & Ryan Solicitors on behalf of the legal personal representative of the late John Gilmartin SEDP RPS no. 270 – 16 Wolfe Tone Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that the 'façade only' protection of the above structure be retained. It is submitted that the entire building does not merit protection and has been substantially altered and remodelled since construction.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government in a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This house forms part of a planned terrace and as such is a fundamental component of this residential street. The projecting canted bay window contributes to the characteristic appearance of what is one of the best preserved streets in Sligo.

The record in the SEDP RPS states that the "façade only" is protected, similar to the other five buildings in this particular group of buildings. No change is proposed to this.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 7

5 October 2016

Michael Mullaney SEDP RPS no. 162 – 1 Teeling Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that only the façade of this building be included on the RPS for the County. It is submitted that entire building does not merit protection and has been substantially altered and remodelled since construction.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a Regional rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This distinctive building is much later than, and quite different from, the remainder of the terrace fronting Teeling Street which it terminates. It contains some attractive features such as the oriel window, moulded classical detail and leaded lights to main windows.

While the interior of the building may no longer contain original features, the designation of a 'façade only' protection without a comprehensive survey of the interior of the building and its curtilage (by a Conservation Architect) would set an undesirable precedent for similar requests.

This may result in valuable heritage features being overlooked and therefore not protected for future generations. This would be contrary to the intent of a Record of Protected Structures.

Recommendation

Tamlyn McHugh

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that a building on the corner of Lower Quay Street be added to the Record of Protected Structures. The building is likely to date from the late 18th Century.

Opinion

This building is not recorded on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. While it may be an old building, pre-1837 (it appears to be marked on the 6-inch maps for Sligo, which were drawn in 1837), the submission does not provide additional details. It is considered that a more comprehensive analysis would be required to confidently list this building.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 9

13 October 2016

John Sexton SEDP RPS no. 87 – House, John Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

This submission refers to the lack of assistance from Sligo County Council in relation to listed buildings and suggests a waiving of the Local Property Tax (LPT) for people who maintain their property well.

Opinion

It is not within the remit of the Planning Authority to recommend amendments to the manner in which the LPT is administered by the Revenue Service.

The Council administers building conservation grants on behalf of the Department of AHRRGA. While the level of funding is limited and grant applications are competitive, there is some direct support from the Council for owners of protected structures to carry out necessary conservation works. In addition, other funding can be accessed through grant schemes operated by The Heritage Council, The Irish Georgian Society and the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (Thatch).

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

14 October 2016

Conan Burke Proposed protected structures P-2 and P-3 – Wine Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

This submission objects to the proposal to include Burke's Pharmacy (P-2) on the Record of Protected Structures for County Sligo. It argues that the presence of a couple of sash windows and a cast iron drain pipe do not make the building worthy of preservation.

The submission also requests that the adjacent building, formerly Rogers & Lyons (P-3), also be removed from the Record of Protected Structures.

Opinion

The two buildings are part of a terrace of three buildings, the third one of which is protected structure no. 229 on the existing SEDP RPS. All three buildings retain original sash windows with historic glass, features which are becoming increasingly rare in Sligo town. By including these buildings on the Record of Protected Structures, Sligo County Council is signalling to the owners of these buildings and to the general public that these features should not be removed without planning permission, and that doing so would have a detrimental effect on the character of the buildings and on the streetscape.

Architectural features such as historic sash windows and historic glass, natural slate roofs and castiron rain water goods add character to a streetscape and a town. At a certain point in history, all buildings in Sligo had these features.

Over the years, buildings were refurbished with little regard to historic features. In recent times, the opposite is happening. Planning authorities around the country are requiring the re-insertion of sash windows into streetscapes, in an effort to restore the character and nostalgic charm of a place.

By including these buildings on the RPS, Sligo County Council is attempting to protect the traditional features of the façades and the character they give to the terrace and the streetscape.

Regarding the Rogers and Lyons (P-3) building, it is noted that the shop contains original shop fittings that date from the early 20th Century or even earlier.

Recommendation

No change to the Proposed additions and deletions document.

RPS Submission no. 13

9 November 2016

Ann Hickey and Noel Kilgallon Proposed protected structure P-9 – Farmhouse, Lower Rosses Point

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that the above property not be included on the Record of Protected Structures. No reason has been provided to support this request.

Opinion

This building is proposed for inclusion on the County RPS based on the following appraisal by the Planning Section:

This building is a rare example of a five-bay, two-storey house with all of its original features still surviving, albeit in poor condition. The context of the building remains intact also in terms of its accessway and garden.

While currently uninhabited and in poor condition, this building is of vernacular interest. It deserves to be protected for the unique and special contribution that it makes to the Lower Rosses area.

With careful consideration and a conservation-led approach, the building could become a suitable family home and its heritage value retained for the future. If demolished, the landscape contribution of the building to the Lower Rosses area will be lost forever.

The inclusion of a building on the Record of Protected Structures facilitates access to conservation grant funding, which would assist in the repair and conservation of the structure.

Recommendation

No change to the Proposed additions and deletions document.

RPS Submission no. 15

10 November 2016

Tony Wehrly SEDP RPS no. 113 - Wehrly Brothers, O'Connell Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

Tony Wehrly requests that the 'façade only' of the above building, Wehrly Brothers shop on O'Connell Street, be protected on the County RPS. It is stated that this would be in keeping with other properties on the street, e.g. Mullaney Brothers.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This building's traditional jeweller's shopfront forms an interesting group with Hargadon's pubfront to its immediate north. It represents an important survival from the era of Sligo's thriving commercial role as a busy port city. Tall, elegantly balanced proportions are of considerable importance to the streetscape, and the elaborate shopfront, with fine detailing and wrought-iron work of significant artistic interest, contrast pleasingly with the relative simplicity of the upper floors.

Based on the above appraisal from the NIAH and following consideration of the building by the Planning Section, it is considered that this structure merits protection.

It is noted that Mullaney Brothers is the only protected structure on O'Connell Street with 'façade only' protection. While the interior of the building may no longer contains original features, the designation of a 'façade only' protection without a comprehensive survey of the interior of the building and its curtilage (by a Conservation Architect) would set an undesirable precedent for similar requests. This may result in valuable heritage features being overlooked and therefore not protected for future generations. This would be contrary to the intent of a Record of Protected Structures.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 21

17 November 2016

Ursula and Raymond O'Connor RPS No. 364 – Streedagh House Gate Lodge

Issue no. 1

This submission requests clarification on the "nature of the preservation order" for the above building. The merit in protecting the main building is noted, but it is considered that a concrete extension to the rear is probably not worth preserving.

Opinion

A protected structure is defined as any structure or specified part of the structure which is included in the RPS. The meaning of the term *structure* is expanded to include the land within the curtilage of the structure and any other structures within that curtilage.

The *protected structure* status applies to the entire building and curtilage. While there may be elements of the site/building which are not worthy of retention and conservation, a determination of this nature cannot be made in the absence of a comprehensive survey and assessment of the existing structures on site, prepared by a Conservation Architect.

Such a report would be required in the context of pre –planning consultations and/or a planning application for development on the site.

Recommendation

Edward Walsh and Constance Cassidy CDP RPS No. 283 – Lissadell House

Issue no. 1

This submission argues that neither Lissadell House nor any structure within the Lissadell estate are currently included within the RPS for the County. This is because in the Draft CDP 2011-2017, when it was proposed to change the wording of the entry from 'Lissadell House and demesne' to 'Lisadell House and associated features and structures', the owners were not notified in accordance with statutory requirements.

Opinion

The Planning and Development Act 2000 defines a structure as including any others structures lying within the curtilage of that structure.

The wording of RPS entry No. 283 was changed in 2011 to clarify that there are features and structures located within the curtilage of Lissadell House which come under the protection afforded to the main house.

These structures were already protected under the 2005-2011 RPS entry which read 'Lissadell House and demesne'. In the interest of clarity, it was considered appropriate to replace 'demesne' with 'associated features and structures' and to identify these structures by listing the NIAH registration numbers of each feature.

Hence, it is the view of the Planning Authority that since there was no change to the items being afforded protection, no new notification was necessary.

In the context of the current proposed changes to the RPS and the notification sent in 2016 to the owners of Lissadell House regarding 'Lissadell House and associated features and structures', it is considered that the argument raised in this submission is no longer relevant.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

Issue no. 2

This submission argues that the wording of RPS Item 283 - *Lissadell House and associated features and structures* is invalid. It is not sufficient to state 'associated features and structures'. E.Walsh and C. Cassidy quote the definition of a protected structure from the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). It is argued that according to this definition, each feature must be specified in the RPS. Features which are not specified are not included within the definition.

Opinion

Definition of 'protected structure'

The submission quotes the definition of a protected structure from the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (henceforth known as 'the Act'). This is as follows:

"protected structure" means— (a) a structure, or (b) a specified part of a structure, which is included in a record of protected structures, and, where that record so indicates, includes any specified feature which is within the attendant grounds of the structure and which would not otherwise be included in this definition;

Definition of 'structure'

The authors of the submission did not quote the definition of 'structure' in the Act which is as follows:

"structure" means any building, structure, excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in or under any land, or any part of a structure so defined, and—

(a) where the context so admits, includes the land on, in or under which the structure is situate, and

(b) in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes—(i) the interior of the structure, (ii) **the land lying within the curtilage of the structure, (iii) any other structures lying within that curtilage and their interiors, and** (iv) all fixtures and features which form part of the interior or exterior of any structure or structures referred to in subparagraph (i) or (iii);

Definition of 'attendant grounds'

In their submission, the authors highlight the term '*specified features*' in the above definition of a protected structure. The term relates to 'the attendant grounds of the structure' which is defined as follows in the Act:

"attendant grounds", in relation to a structure, includes land lying outside the curtilage of the structure.

Discussion

RPS Item 283 Lissadell House includes the wording 'associated features and structures'. Reference is made to the NIAH Registration numbers of 15 items included within this term.

All of these features are considered to be within the curtilage of Lisadell House as defined by the extent of the demesne on the 6-inch OSI maps. They are not considered to be within the 'attendant grounds', i.e. on lands *outside* the curtilage (see above definition).

It is acknowledged that the term 'curtilage' has not been defined in legislation. The *Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities* provide guidance on determining the curtilage of a protected structure. The Guidelines recognise that the curtilage of a structure might not necessarily coincide with land ownership.

In making a decision as to the extent of the curtilage of a protected structure, a planning authority is advised to consider whether there is a functional connection between structures, whether there is a historical relationship between the main structure and the other structures within the curtilage and whether the structures are or were in the same ownership.

All three points are considered to be relevant for Lissadell House and the associated features listed under RPS Item 283. All the features listed are functionally connected and historically connected to Lissadell House and formed part of the original workings of the estate. They would all have been at one stage under the same ownership as Lissadell House.

The authors of this submission are correct to assert that items within the *attendant grounds* of a protected structure must be specified in the record if they are to be protected. The 15 structures included within 'associated feature and structures' are not considered to be within the 'attendant grounds'. They are considered to be within the curtilage of Lissadell House and therefore, by definition, part of the protected structure and included within its protection.

Conclusion

Therefore, if it is accepted that these structures are within the curtilage of Lissadell House and given the definition of a protected structure as including all features within its curtilage, it follows that these 15 structures (encompassed in the term 'associated features and structures' and identified by their NIAH registration numbers) are protected within the meaning of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

It is considered that the current listing in the RPS for County Sligo is correct and adequate to ensure that Lissadell House and 15 additional structures within its curtilage are protected.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

Issue no. 3

E. Walsh and C. Cassidy inform the Planning Authority that one of the 15 items identified as being included under RPS Item no. 283 is not in their ownership. The particular structure in question was not identified in the submission.

Opinion

Lissadell estate was viewed on the Property Registration Authority's website at <u>www.landdirect.ie</u>. Most of Lissadell estate is not registered. However, one of the features listed under RPS Item no. 283 (32400804 saw mill) is registered to Kevin Deering and Jacqueline Ellis Deering of Furnaceland, Swanlinbar, County Cavan.

It is therefore considered necessary to split RPS Item 283 into two separate entries on the RPS.

Recommendations

A. Amend CDP RPS no. 283 by deleting the NIAH registration number 32400804

B. Add a new item to the RPS:

Former saw mill 1870 - 1910, NIAH Reg. No. 32400804

RPS Submission no. 26

25 November 2016

Chris and Lynne Jermyn SEDP RPS No. 294 – Rathbraughan House

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that Rathbraughan House be removed from the Record of Protected Structures for County Sligo. It notes that the house was not surveyed by the NIAH and is not considered to be of significant cultural or heritage interest by the Heritage Council. The submission states that the house falls well below the threshold for inclusion on the RPS and does not have any special interest.

Opinion

Rathbraughan House has been on the RPS for the Sligo and Environs area since 2004.

The farm holding and two buildings appear on the 6-inch OSI maps. They were originally part of the Wynne Estate. The house and outbuildings again appear on the 2^{nd} edition of the OS maps, c. 1910. The house appears to have been in the same ownership since then.

The conservation report submitted with a recent planning application (PL16-190) records the house as being in good condition, with many original features worthy of protection.

The document *Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* advises that deletions of structures from the RPS will only take place where the planning authority considers that the protection of a structure, or part of a structure, is no longer warranted. This will generally take place only when the structure has **entirely** lost its special interest value through major accident or where new information has come to light which proves that the special interests value was mistakenly attributed.

It is considered that neither the submission nor the conservation report submitted with the recent planning application indicate that Rathbraughan House has lost its special interest or that its special interest was mistakenly attributed.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 28

25 November 2016

Eamonn O'Dowd Proposed protected structure P-9 – Farmhouse, Lower Rosses Point

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that the above property not be included on the Record of Protected Structures, on the basis of a visual inspection carried out in November 2016, which confirmed the poor condition of the building. The report accompanying this submission indicates that the building is in very poor condition resulting from its age (estimated to be c.150 years) and years of not being occupied.

Opinion

Please refer to the Chief Executive's response on RPS Submission no. 13, which relates to the same structure.

Recommendation

No change to the Proposed additions and deletions document.

Marie Gilgan CDP RPS No. 336 – House, Rathcarrick

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the removal of the above building from the Record of Protected Structures, having regard to its very poor condition.

Opinion

The decision to include this building (containing two semi-detached cottages) on the County RPS was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH description and appraisal of the structure read as follows:

Two semi-detached three-bay single-storey rendered houses, built c. 1860. Pitched slate roof, clay ridge tiles, painted smooth-rendered chimneystacks each with yellow clay pot, gutters missing. Painted roughcast walling, corbelled eaves course. Square-headed window openings, stone sills, painted six-over-six timber sash windows. Square-headed door opening, painted vertically-sheeted timber doors. Grass verge fronting to road. Although in an advanced state of decay, these vernacular dwellings are virtually unaltered since their construction.

The document *Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* advises that deletions of structures from the RPS will only take place where the planning authority considers that the protection of a structure, or part of a structure, is no longer warranted. This will generally take place only when the structure has **entirely** lost its special interest value through major accident or where new information has come to light which proves that the special interests value was mistakenly attributed.

The poor condition of the building, resulting from years of consistent neglect, is not a valid reason for deletion from the RPS.

Having regard to the absence of comprehensive information supporting the deletion of this building from the RPS, it is not considered appropriate to remove this structure from the RPS.

However, it is considered appropriate to amend the RPS entry to clarify the presence of two dwelling units.

Recommendation

Retain this building on the RPS and amend the entry **RPS 336** by replacing House with Two cottages.

Michael Kirby on behalf on An Taisce North West Local Association

Issue no. 1

The submission identifies a number of structures that warrant inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures for the County.

Opinion

The information is noted. In the coming years, it is the intention of the Planning Section to review several structures mentioned in submissions and proposed to be added to the RPS. Should it be considered that they merit protection, they will be proposed for inclusion on the RPS as part of the next development plan review cycle.

For the time being, there is insufficient information regarding the structures highlighted as potential additions to the RPS.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 35

29 November 2016

Barry Cannon, Hamilton Young Architects on behalf of Peter Martin and Gerry Conway SEDP RPS no. 118 – No. 45 and 46 – O'Connell Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

The owners of these buildings welcome their inclusion on the RPS as their façade forms 'an important element of the streetscape'. It is submitted that there is nothing of any heritage value remaining in the buildings, as there has been substantial remodelling through the years.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage in County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). These structures have been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on their architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the buildings reads as follows:

No.45 - This property is an integral and harmonious component in the streetscape setting. The modern shop front contributes positively to the streetscape and other details to the upper floors such as the inscribed render, sash windows and dormer windows all combine to create an overall pleasing effect.

No.44 – This property is an integral and harmonious component in the streetscape setting. Details to the upper floors such as the inscribed render, sash windows and dormers all combine to create an overall pleasing effect.

While the interior of the building may no longer contain original features, the 'façade only' protection without a comprehensive survey of the interior of these building and their curtilage by a Conservation Architect would set an undesirable precedence for similar requests. This may result in valuable heritage features being overlooked and therefore not protected for future generations. This would be contrary to the intent of a Record of Protected Structures.

In this context, it is considered that there should be no change to the status of these buildings.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 36

29 November 2016

Dylan Foley on behalf of Eamonn MacSharry Proposed protected structure P-4 – 39 High Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

This submission requests that the 'façade only' of this building be included on the Record of Protected Structures. It claims that there is nothing of particular heritage value in the interior of the building. The submission includes a brief description and photographic survey of the building.

Opinion

This building is proposed for inclusion on the County RPS based on the following appraisal by the Planning Section:

This building, while in poor condition, contains many original features and makes a significant contribution to the streetscape.

While the interior of the building may no longer contain original features, a 'façade only' protection without a comprehensive survey of the interior of the building and its curtilage by a Conservation Architect would set an undesirable precedence for similar requests. This may result in valuable heritage features being overlooked and therefore not protected for future generations. This would be contrary to the intent of a Record of Protected Structures.

Recommendation

No change to the Proposed additions and deletions document.

Denis and Brian O'Connor SEDP RPS No. 174 and 175 – Temple Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

This submission agrees with the protection of the façade of these two buildings, but considers that there is nothing worth protecting in the interior of the buildings, following renovation works.

Opinion

These two buildings are currently on the RPS for the Sligo and Environs area. The records in the SEDP RPS indicate that only the façades of the buildings are protected. It is not proposed to make any change to this level of protection.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 40

29 November 2016

Peter Bowen Walsh

Issue no. 1

The submission identifies a number of railway bridges, cottages and miscellaneous structures that warrant inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures for the County.

Opinion

The information is noted. In the coming years, it is the intention of the Planning Section to review several structures mentioned in submissions and proposed to be added to the RPS. Should it be considered that they merit protection, they will be proposed for inclusion on the RPS as part of the next development plan review cycle.

For the time being, there is insufficient information regarding the structures highlighted as potential additions to the RPS.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

Issue no. 2

This submission highlights a number of corrections needed to the *Proposed additions and deletions document*, as follows:

- The appraisal with respect to proposed protected structure P-15 is incorrect and should be amended (suggested text included);
- The Draft RPS includes the same photograph for both P-40 and P-42.

Opinion

It is agreed to correct the appraisal of the proposed protected structure P-15 and to insert the correct photograph for P-42.

Recommendations

A. The information regarding Proposed protected structure P-15 should be modified as follows (additions in blue, deletions in red):

This is a rare, possibly unique bridge which supports a disused railway line (the Collooney to Claremorris line) over another former railway line (the Collooney to Enniskillen line).

This is the only grade-separated rail over rail crossing in Connaught. The bridge accommodates the Sligo-Dublin railway over the track bed of the former link between the closed Waterford, Limerick & Western Railway line (closed 1975) & the Sligo Leitrim & Northern Counties Railway line (closed 1957). It was constructed in 1895.

B. Modify the entry for P-42 by replacing the existing photo with the following photograph:



RPS Submission no. 42

30 November 2016

Louis Doherty SEDP RPS no. 126 – Teeling House, Teeling Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

The submission objects to the inclusion of the above building on the Draft RPS on the grounds that it does not have any architectural, historical, cultural or artistic interest. It is argued that any changes to the building require planning permission from the County Council, who ultimately has the say in how the site is developed. The inclusion of the property on the RPS places very onerous obligations and responsibilities on the owner to maintain the building.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural

Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This prominent building sits on the interface between the civic dignity of the courthouse to the north and a modest residential terrace to the south. Although somewhat altered, it retains original moulded details and some original sash windows. Decorative cast-iron columns, supporting the upper floors, can be glimpsed behind the shop front.

The document *Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities* advises that deletions of structures from the RPS will only take place where the planning authority considers that the protection of a structure, or part of a structure, is no longer warranted. This will generally take place only when the structure has **entirely** lost its special interest value through major accident or where new information has come to light which proves that the special interests value was mistakenly attributed.

The submission does not indicate that the structure has '*entirely lost its special interest value*', nor does it prove that the special interest value was mistakenly attributed.

It is not considered appropriate to remove this structure from the RPS.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 43

30 November 2016

Louis and Sheila Doherty SEDP RPS no. 226 and 228 – No. 12 and No. 14 Wolfe Tone Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

The submission objects to the way in which the notice of Sligo County Council's intention to retain these buildings on the RPS was served on the owners of these buildings. The notice was served on a business premises owned by one of the owners of this property, and was only addressed to one person when it should have been addressed to both owners of this property.

Opinion

This is an operational matter which does not request any amendment to the Draft RPS.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

However, it is recommended to re-issue the notices in respect of no.12 and no.14 Wolfe Tone Street to both Louis and Sheila Doherty at No. 12 Wolfe Tone Street, Sligo.

30 November 2016

Jarlath Gantly on behalf of Drumcliffe Development Association CDP RPS No. 172 – Milltown Creamery

Issue no. 1

The submission requests Sligo County Council to seek the protection and conservation of the former Drumcliffe Creamery Co-op and associated buildings by adding them to the Drumcliffe Mini-Plan.

Opinion

This building, listed as the Milltown Creamery, is already included on the RPS as No.172. The building is not located within the boundary of the Drumcliffe Mini-Plan and hence it is not mentioned in the Mini-Plan.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 46

30 November 2016

Seamus Mc Cormack, Ballintogher Tidy Towns CDP RPS No. 254 – Kingsfort House, Ballintogher (issues extracted from Submission no. 96, addressed in Volume 2)

Issue no. 1

The submission requests Sligo County Council to seek the protection and conservation of the former Kingsfort House.

Opinion

Kingsfort House is already included on the Record of Protected Structure (RPS No.254).

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

Issue no. 2

The submission requests that the building marked 'B' on a submitted map be designated a protected structure, as it adds significantly to the character of the village. This building is located to north-east of Tiraghrill Church.

Opinion

The information is noted. In the coming years, it is the intention of the Planning Section to review several structures mentioned in submissions and proposed to be added to the RPS. Should it be

considered that they merit protection, they will be proposed for inclusion on the RPS as part of the next development plan review cycle.

For the time being, there is insufficient information regarding the locations and ownership of the structures highlighted as potential additions to the RPS.

Recommendation

No change to the RPS.

RPS Submission no. 48

30 November 2016

John Monaghan Rossess Point Development Association (issue extracted from Submission 111, addressed in Volume 2)

Issue no. 1

The submission recommends the inclusion of a number of buildings on the Record of Protected Structures:

- Pilot house (along coastal walk, south of Jackson's Pier)
- Pilot House (north of County Sligo Golf Club house)
- RC Parochial House
- Moyle Lodge

Opinion

The information is noted. In the coming years, it is the intention of the Planning Section to review several structures mentioned in submissions and proposed to be added to the RPS. Should it be considered that they merit protection, they will be proposed for inclusion on the RPS as part of the next development plan review cycle.

For the time being, there is insufficient information regarding the structures highlighted as potential additions to the RPS.

Recommendation

Peigin Doyle

(issue extracted from Submission no. 77, addressed in Volumes 1 and 2)

Issue no. 1

The submission identifies a number of structures for inclusion on the Strandhill Objectives Map as protected structures, namely:

- the bowl barrow at the junction of Carrowbunnaun and Carrowdough;
- the ringfort beside St Asicus School;
- the Giant's Grave on the Airport Road.

Opinion

The above structures are archaeological monuments and are listed on the Record of Monuments and Places. Therefore it is not considered necessary or appropriate to include these archaeological monuments on the RPS for the County.

All three structures are shown on the Designations Map for Strandhill. It is not considered necessary or appropriate to show them on the Objectives Map as well.

Recommendation

Submissions received before or after the public consultation period

Early RPS Submission no. E-1

20 September 2016

Michael Monahan SEDP RPS no. 76 – Former house, John Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

This submission notes that the property is no longer known as Fatima House and requests that the record be amended.

Opinion

Noted.

Recommendation

Amend the entry for SEDP RPS no. 76 by replacing Fatima House with House.

Issue no. 2

This submission states that the property was purchased as an unlisted building and there is no reason why the structure should be listed, as it has no particular architectural merit.

Opinion

The building has been on the Sligo and Environs Record of Protected Structures since 2004.

The decision to retain this building on the RPS was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH appraisal of the structure reads as follows:

This attractive house is one of two on the street to display a projecting porch with fine cast-iron crested railings to their parapets. The recess created by the inclusion of such a porch adds to the variety of the streetscape. The two make a handsome pair separated by another property on the street line. Round-headed window openings to the porches also contribute to variety within the streetscape, while overall proportions conform well to architectural typology in the area. Particularly fine cast-iron railings and gate are also noteworthy.

This building represents an important element of the historical character of John Street, which merits protection.

Recommendation

Late RPS Submission no. L-1

Edmund Henry SEDP RPS No. 100 – No. 14 Lord Edward Street, Sligo

Issue no. 1

E. Henry requests the removal of the structure from the RPS. This submission is accompanied by a letter from architect Eugene O'Neill, stating that due to flooding in 2011, the interior of the property has been destroyed and practically all original internal features have been removed. It is requested that only the exterior of the building be protected.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural and artistic interest.

The NIAH description and appraisal of the structure read as follows:

Attached two-bay three-storey rendered house, built c. 1820. Lower properties to either side. Now in use as a commercial office. Pitched slate roof, cement verges to gables, clay ridge tiles, unpainted smooth-rendered corbelled chimneystacks, cast-iron gutters on eaves corbel course, cast-iron downpipe with cast-iron hopper to lower section. Painted smooth-rendered walls. Square-headed window openings, painted stone sills, painted timber multi-paned casements, c. 1980. Round-headed door opening to ground floor east, with Regency 'teardrop' fanlight, painted timber three-panel double doors c. 1980. Set back from street with small garden area to front west bounded by wrought-iron railings on painted smooth-rendered walls with segmented coping.

This unusually-positioned house is an important architectural survival on Lord Edward Street. A particularly attractive fanlight is of artistic interest and suggests an early nineteenth century date.

While the interior of the building may no longer contain original features, a 'façade only' protection without a comprehensive survey of the interior of the building and its curtilage by a Conservation Architect would set an undesirable precedent for similar requests. This may result in valuable heritage features being overlooked and therefore not protected for future generations. This would be contrary to the intent of a Record of Protected Structures.

Recommendation

Late RPS Submission no. L-2

Terry Rooney CDP RPS No. 30 – Denver Lodge, Cliffony

Issue no. 1

This submission requests the removal of Denver Lodge from the RPS. The submission emphasises the difficulty in 'keeping up with the guidelines' and failure to understand the obligations of an owner of a protected structure.

Opinion

The decision to include this building on the RPS for the County was based on the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government following a survey of the architectural heritage of County Sligo, completed in 2006 and known as the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This structure has been given a *Regional* rating in the NIAH based on its architectural interest.

The NIAH description and appraisal of the structure read as follows:

Detached three-bay single-storey with attic rendered house, built c. 1890. L-plan, return to south-east with gabled dormer, centrally-located gabled single-storey porch to north (front) elevation. Pitched slate roof, clay ridge tiles, unpainted roughcast splay-capped chimneystacks, ornate pierced painted timber bargeboards to gables, half-round cast-iron gutters on overhanging eaves. Unpainted roughcast walling, chamfered plinth, painted render quoins. Square-headed window openings, painted moulded eared architraves to front block, painted two-over-two timber sash windows. Round-headed window opening to porch, painted moulded eared architraves with keystone, painted stone sill on corbels, painted timber fixed-light casement window. Square-headed door opening to east side of porch, painted timber four-panel door. Set in grounds, gravelled forecourt, one-and-a-half-storey outbuildings to south and west, gravel driveway from road to north, surrounding fields and trees, wrought-iron double gates on concrete insitu pillars, stone stile adjacent to gates.

This charming dwelling retains most of its original features and character. Of particular note are sash windows, moulded architraves and decorative bargeboards. The house is complemented by an attractive outbuilding that also retains much of its fabric and character.

Based on the above appraisal from the NIAH and following consideration of the structure by the Planning Section, it is considered that this structure merits protection.

Recommendation

List of persons and organisations that made submissions or observations relating to the Record of Protected Structures

Ref. No.	Date received	Name or Agency	on behalf of (where applicable)	Address
1	23/09/16	Brendan Connaughton		Cobra, Easkey PO, Co. Sligo.
2	26/09/16	Marianne O'Connor	Irish Ursuline Union	Clogherevagh, Co. Sligo.
3	27/09/16	Eoghan Lehane, Operations & Property Manager	Commissioners of Irish Lights	Harbour Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
4	28/09/16	Bishop John Fleming	Diocese of Killala	Bishop's House, Ballina, Co. Mayo.
5	28/09/16	Neil Egan		Aclare, Co. Sligo.
6	05/10/16	Noel Kelly, Kelly & Ryan Solicitors	Reps. of John Gilmartin	Teeling Street, Sligo
7	13/10/16	Michael Mullaney		Teeling Street, Sligo
8	14/10/16	Tamlyn McHugh		17 Cooldrumman Upper, Carney, Co. Sligo.
9	14/10/16	John Sexton		Gurteen, Ballymote, Co. Sligo.
10	21/10/16 & 16/12/16	Conan Burke		Burke's Life Pharmacy, Wine St., Sligo
11	24/10/16	Michael Conmy, Plan Design Associates	Matthew Cavanagh	Unit 2, Killala Road Business Park, Ballina, Co. Mayo.
12	03/11/16	Dermot McDermott		Killeroran Road, Ballygar, Co. Galway.
13	09/11/16	Ann Hickey & Noel Kilgallon		Lower Rosses, Rosses Point, Co. Sligo.
14	09/11/16	Very Rev. Patrick J. Holleran P.P.		e-mail
15	10/11/16	Tony Wehrly, Jeweller		2/3 O'Connell Street, Sligo.
16	11/11/16	Gabriel Gavigan		4 Palmerston Park, Rathmines, Dublin 6.
17	11/11/16	May Coen & Marian Maloney		Lisconny, Drumfin, Co. Sligo.
18	14/11/16	Patrick Kilcullen		Iceford, Ballina, Co. Mayo.

Submissions received between 21 September 2016 and 30 November 2016

19	14/11/16	Paul Williams		e-mail
20	17/11/16	Rita Flannery		Springmount, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo.
21	17/11/16	Ursula and Raymond O'Connor		Island View Riding Stables Ltd., Mount Temple, Grange, County Sligo
22	21/11/16	Edward Walsh & Constance Cassidy		Lissadell House, Ballinfull, Co. Sligo.
23	22/11/16	Dermot & Sheila McDermott		
24	23/11/16	David Cahill	Fortland Fisheries	C/o Kilbride Business Centre, Kilbride Industrial Estate, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.
25	24/11/16	Michael Conmy, Plan Design Associates	Desmond Clarke	Unit 2, Killala Road Business Park, Ballina, Co. Mayo.
26	25/11/16	Chris & Lynne Jermyn		Drumcashel School Masters House, Clogherevagh, Sligo.
27	25/11/16	John Doddy		O'Connell Street, Ballymote, Co. Sligo.
28	25/11/16	Eamonn O'Dowd, Architectural Design & Planning Consultant	Owner of P-9 CDP, House, Lower Rosses, Rosses Point, Sligo.	4 Ballytivnan Road, Sligo.
29	25/11/16	Vincent Coleman, Coleman Architects	Roger Maye	Pearse Street, Ballina, Co. Mayo.
30	25/11/16	Noelle Harte, Secretary	Select Vestry and Committee for St. Mary's Church	Forest View, Dooneal, Dromore West, Co. Sligo.
31	27/11/16	Marie Gilgan		margarettgilgan@
32	27/11/16	Nicholas Prins		Ballinlig, Beltra, Co. Sligo.
33	28/11/16	Mary B. Timoney		Keash, Ballymote, Co. Sligo.
34	29/11/16	Michael Kirby	An Taisce	North West Local Associations
35	29/11/16	Barry Cannon, Hamilton Young Architects	Peter Martin and Gerry Conway	Hamilton Young Architects, 12 Beulagh Buildings, Finisklin Road, Sligo.
36	29/11/16	Dylan Foley	Eamonn MAcSharry	e-mail
37	29/11/16	David MacMunn, Solicitor	William (Liam) MacMunn	The South Lodge, Pier Road, Enniscrone, Co. Sligo.
38	29/11/16	Denis O'Connor and Brian O'Connor		Cuilbeg, Carraroe, Sligo

39	29/11/16	Michael Conmy, Plan Design	Reverent Noel Regan	Unit 2 Killala Road Business Park, Co. Mayo.
40	29/11/16	Peter Bowen-Walsh x4		Main Street, Collooney, Co. Sligo.
41	30/11/16	Tomas McHale, Legal Counsel	Aurivo	Office, Finisklin Business Park, Sligo.
42	30/11/16	Louis J. Doherty		Teeling House, Old Market Street, Sligo.
43	30/11/16	Sheila Doherty & Louis Doherty		"St. Joseph's", 12 Wolfe Tone, Sligo.
44	30/11/16	Dermot, Patricia, Seamus and Lorna Freeman		19 Caiseal Riada, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway.
45	30/11/16	Jarlath Gantly, Chairperson	Drumcliffe Development Association	Urlar, Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo.
46	30/11/16	Seamus McCormack, Secretary	Ballintogher Tidy Towns	Altvelid, Ballintogher, Co. Sligo.
47	30/11/16	Christopher O'Neill		C/o Stanley Harte & Co. Solictor , Boyle Road, collooney, Co. Sligo
48	30/11/16	John Monaghan	Rosses Point Development Association	First Floor, 14 Teeling Street, Sligo
49	30/11/16	Peigin Doyle, Hugh Mac Conville, Michael Zaccheus, Marian Zaccheus, Margaret Bergh, Stefan Bergh		C/o Carnadough, Strandhill, Co. Sligo.

Early submissions – received before 21 September 2016

Ref. No.	Date received	Name or Agency	on behalf of (where applicable)	Address
E-1	20/09/16	Michael Monaghan		

Late submissions – received after 30 November 2016

Ref. No.	Date received	Name or Agency	on behalf of (where applicable)	Address
L-1	01/12/16	Edmund Henry		14 Lord Edward Street
L-2	12/12/16	Terry Rooney		Ballincastle, Cliffony