

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

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

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

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

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2. A suitably qualified conservation expert shall be employed to manage monitor and implement the works on the site and to ensure adequate protection of the historic fabric during the works. In this regard, all permitted works shall be designed to cause minimum interference to the building's structure and/or fabric.
3. Vegetation removal shall only take place with the regulated timeframe. Under the Wildlife Act it is against the law to cut, burn or otherwise destroy vegetation between March 1st and August 31st. Note this is a known site for Kingfishers, ensure their habitat is protected during and after proposed works.

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Declaration

Declaration Type: **Partial Declaration**

Plan Type: **CDP 2021_2027**

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

Number: **DEC/25/007**

Planning Authority

NIAH I4824010



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

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

Applicant Name	OPW, Robert Duncan
Name of Building	Belmont Weir
Townland	BELLMOUNT OR LISDER
Address 2	Belmont
Address 3	Ferbane
Date of Request	07-Mar-25 30-May-25
Previous Declaration	N/A

Status	Owner
Former Name	Eel Weir
OS Map Type	
Map Sheet	
National Grid co-ordi	
Date of Inspection	Thursday 27 March 2025
Date of Declaration	Wednesday 2 April 2025

Protection Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Record of Protected Structures	30-17
Architectural Conservation Area	N/A

Record of Monuments and Places	N/A
Archaeological Potential	
Preservation Order or Temp PO	N/A

NIAH Description of Structure

Cut stone elongated weir with on the River Brosna, erected c.1840, at the Belmont Bridge, diverting water to Belmont Mill. The cut stone weir at the Belmont Bridge leads the waters of the River Brosna towards Belmont Mill. Though the mill is no longer in use the weir is still functional. Its size makes it an imposing feature in the riverscape and one that is associated with the industrial heritage of the area.

Composition:

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Roof:

N/A

Walls:

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Openings:

N/A

Interior:

N/A

Furniture and Fittings:

Site:

The cut stone weir at the Belmont Bridge leads the waters of the River Brosna towards Belmont Mill.

Mapping References:

First Edition OSI 6": map surveyed 1837-1842 The weir is shown labelled 'Eel Weir' in its current location north-east of 'Bellmount Bridge' over the River Brosna, both are situated north-east of the 'Tuck Mill' and Flour Mill'. OSI 25": (surveyed 1888-1913) The weir is shown labelled 'Weir' in its current location north-east of 'Belmont Bridge' over the River Brosna. Both are situated north-east of a greatly expanded 'Belmont Mills' with 'Mill Race' shown.

Current: Similar to OSI 25".

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Special Remarks**Any further documentation attached**

Inspector

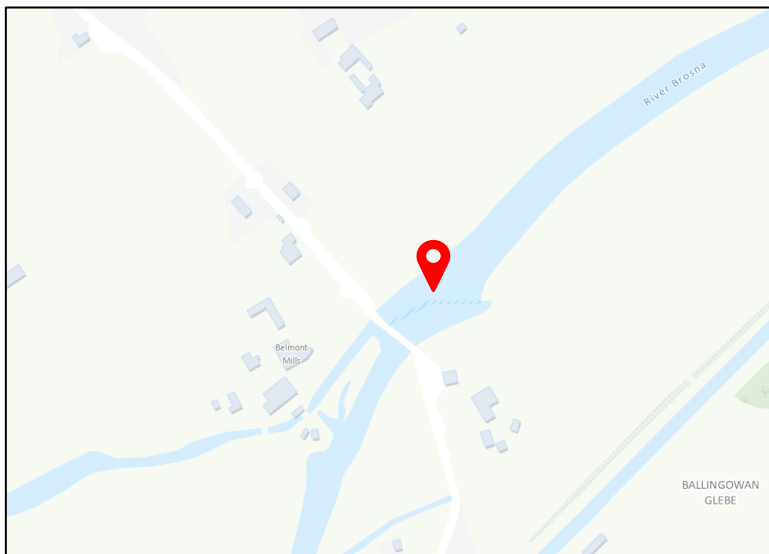
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Inspector Date

Wednesday 2 April 2025

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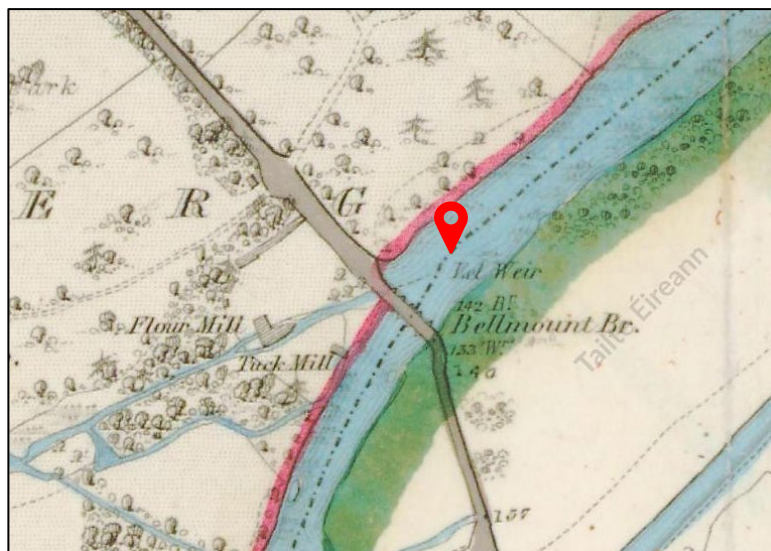
1. Location and Historical OS Maps



- Current Map
- Site location marked red



- Historical OS 25 Inch Map (surveyed 1897-1913)
- Site location marked red



- Historical First Edition OS Map (surveyed 1829-1842)
- Site location marked red

2. NIAH Photos c.2004



Site photos 2025_0327 – access entrance







Visible stone sections

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