

**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:

Note this is a Partial S57 Declaration relating to: Installation of 14 Photovoltaic panels on 1980s School extension Southwest facing with no visible impact on the original protected structure.

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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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/24/002**

Planning Authority

NIAH 14819118



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	Niall Crofton	Status	Owner
Name of Building	St. Brendan's Primary S	Former Name	Christian Brothers School
Townland	Birr	OS Map Type	
Address 2	Co. Offaly	Map Sheet	
Address 3		National Grid co-ordi	
Date of Request	02-Feb-24 26-Apr-24	Date of Inspection	
Previous Declaration	N/A	Date of Declaration	Wednesday 14 February 20
Protection Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Record of Monuments and Places	NA
Record of Protected Structures	53-223	Archaeological Potential	NA
Architectural Conservation Area	NA	Preservation Order or Temp PO	NA

NIAH Description of Structure

Detached T-plan eight-bay two-storey school, built in 1878, with gabled breakfront and extensions to rear and west. Set within yard. Pitched tiled roof with terracotta ridge tiles, rendered chimneystack and cast-iron rainwater goods. Flat and pitched roofs to extensions. Pebbledashed walls with smooth rendered plinth and string course at first floor level, and date plaque to first floor. Stone plaque to gabled breakfront reads: 'St. Brendan's Presentation Schools Opened 2 October 1878'. Replacement uPVC windows with painted sills. Square-headed door openings with replacement uPVC door to east and glazed timber door to south. School yard to rear with flat-roofed bicycle sheds and water tower constructed in 1961. Pitched slate roof with sprocketed eaves to tower. Statue of Saint Brendan stands on bracket to elevation of tower. Plaque beneath reads: 'St. Brendan Abbot of Birr Died 29 Nov 571'. Random coursed stone boundary wall to south, and rendered wall with gate piers and railings to east. Appraisal: Although modest in design, this well proportioned school has retained some of its original fabric. Though modernised, altered and extended over the years, the original structure of the school is still clearly visible and is enhanced by noteworthy features such as the carved date plaque. A proud complex set within its own grounds, the school contributes to the streetscape and remains an important social focus within the town.

Composition:

Detached T-plan eight-bay two-storey school, built in 1878, with gabled breakfront and extensions to rear and west. Set within yard.

Roof:

Pitched tiled roof with terracotta ridge tiles, rendered chimneystack and cast-iron rainwater goods. Flat and pitched roofs to extensions.

Walls:

Pebbledashed walls with smooth rendered plinth and string course at first floor level, and date plaque to first floor. Stone plaque to gabled breakfront reads: 'St. Brendan's Presentation Schools Opened 2 October 1878'

Openings:

Replacement uPVC windows with painted sills. Square-headed door openings with replacement uPVC door to east and glazed timber door to south.

Interior:**Furniture and Fittings:****Site:**

Random coursed stone boundary wall to south, and rendered wall with gate piers and railings to east.

Mapping References:

First Edition OSI 6": Not constructed at this time.

UCD Town Map 1879: Protected Building is evident here and noted as 'Christian Brothers School'.

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Special Remarks**Any further documentation attached****Inspector**

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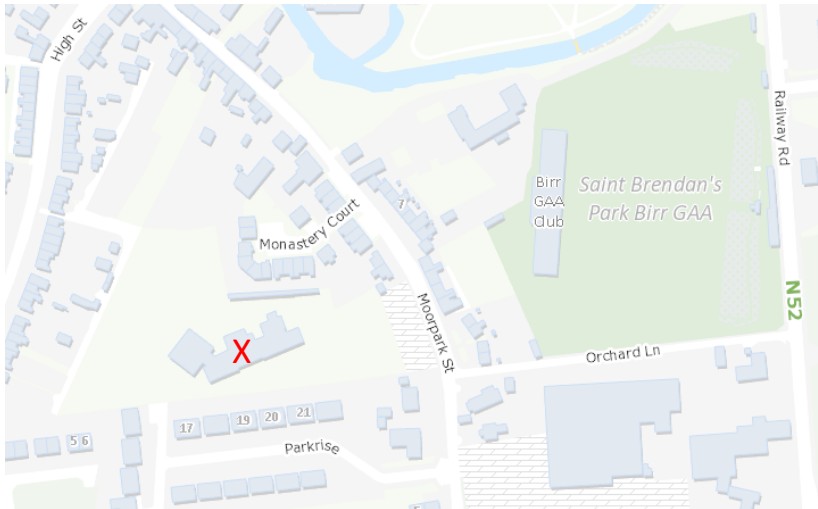
Inspector Date

Wednesday 14 February 2024

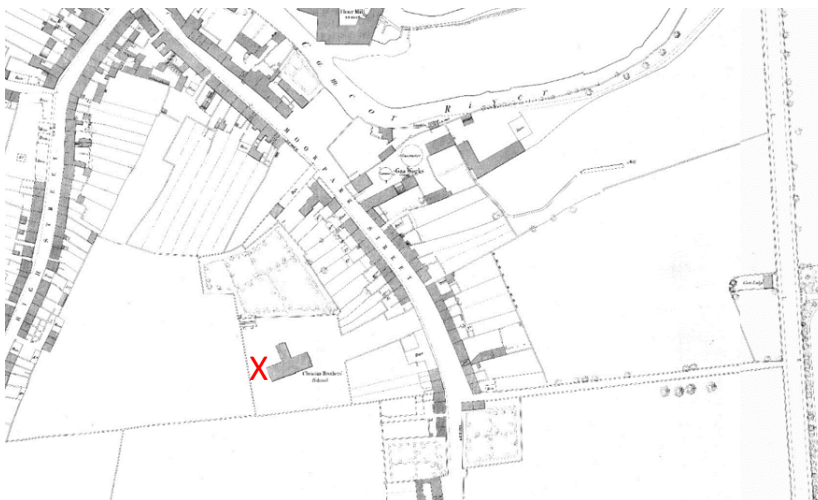


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1. Location and Historical OS Maps

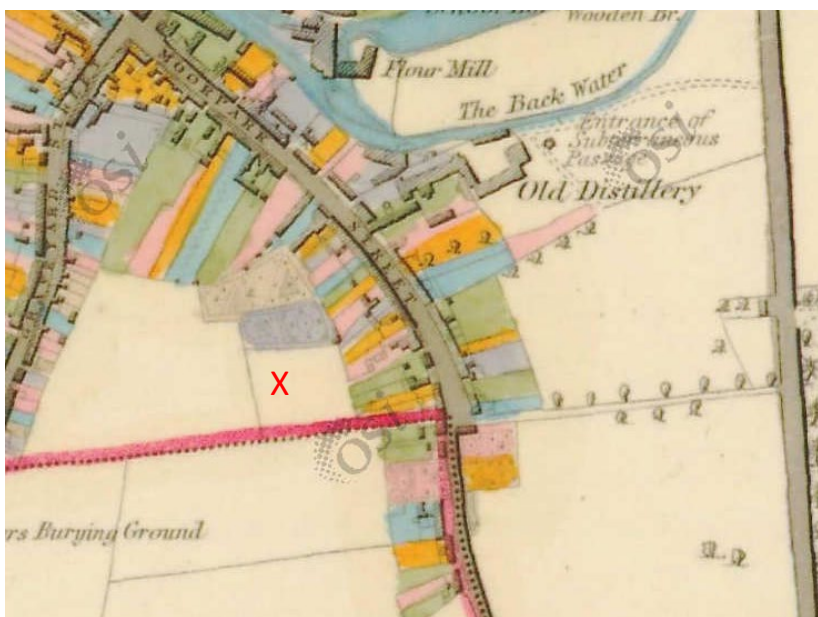


Site marked Red X



UCD Town Map 1879

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Historical 6" First Edition OS Map
(1829-1834)

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2. Photos



Images from NIAH Building Survey Records



EXISTING SOUTH-WEST ELEVATION

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Moorpark Street entrance



Site with temporary unit

