

Zone 3

Community, Innovation and Civic Use

The HQ Building can be used as a multi-functional space within Zone 3.






This illustration indicates an indicative use for the three floor levels of the HQ Building.

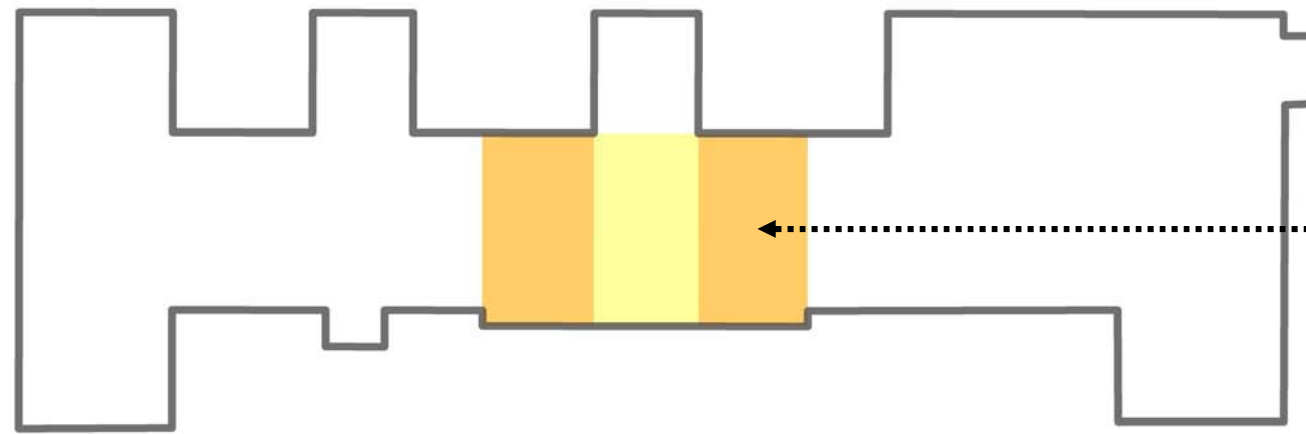
Overall, the various uses allows for the HQ Building to be used as a dynamic and vibrant space within Zone 3.

Incubation Space

The central focus of this space will be the provision of an incubation centre through a serviced-office facility to harness the development of innovation with a particular emphasis on clean energy development opportunities. This will enable new start-up innovation businesses to avail of office type units and also benefitting from the added advantages of shared knowledge, resources and equipment. The development of this incubation space will allow the encouragement of professional networking opportunities and access to business consultancy and mentoring support, thus resulting in the accelerated development of start-up businesses. It is envisaged that the further commercialisation of the arts, crafts and food produce sectors established in Zone 2 can be accommodated within this zone.

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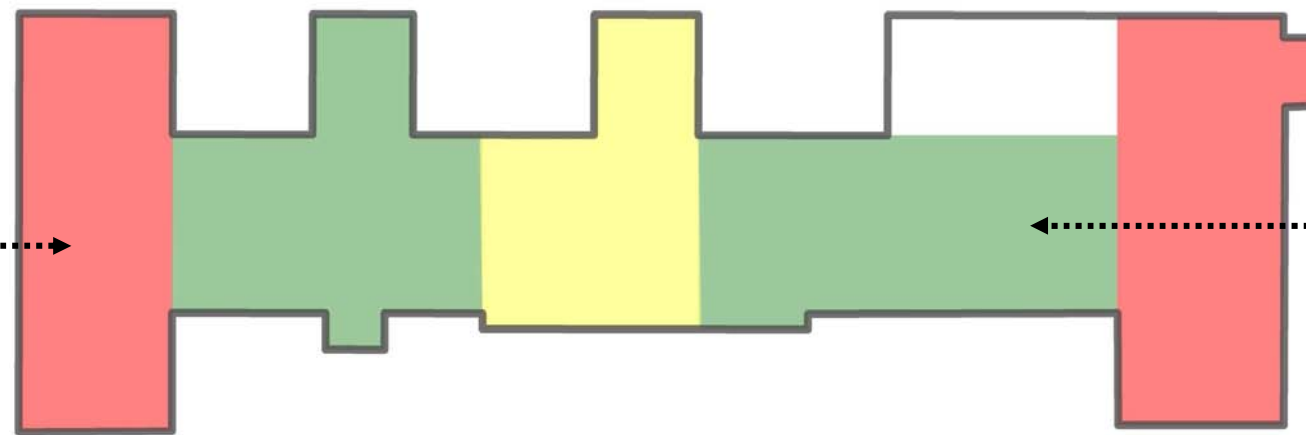
-  Main Access/Reception Space
-  Interactive Exhibition Space
-  Incubation Space
-  Incubation/Office/Meeting Space
-  Historical Artefacts Storage Space



HQ Building - Second Floor

Historical Artefacts Storage Space

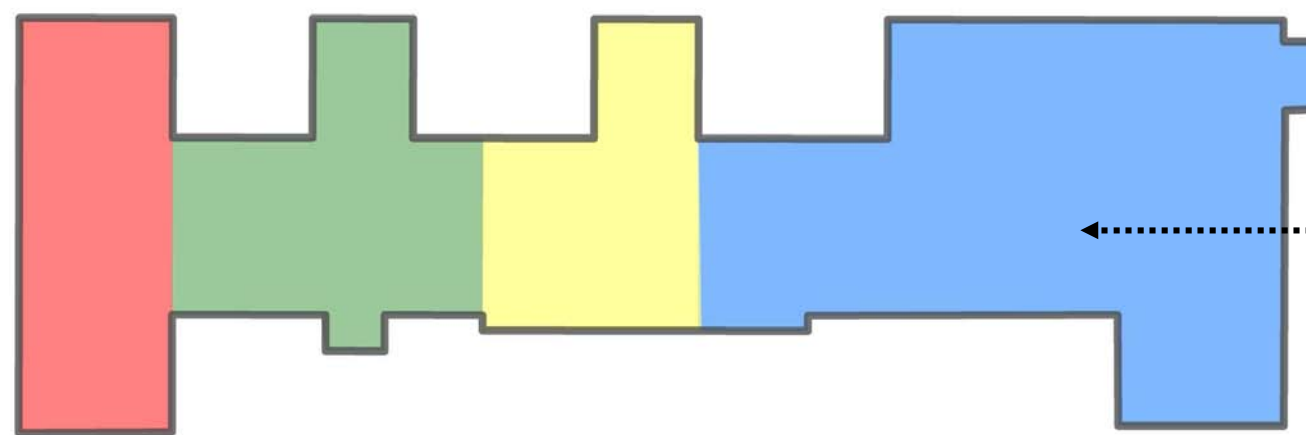
Given the temporary nature of the exhibition space it is deemed necessary to provide storage space within the HQ building for historical artefacts. Accordingly storage space has been identified on the second floor of the HQ building for historical artefacts.



HQ Building - First Floor

Incubation/Office/Meeting Space

This space comprises of smaller office units which could be utilised for additional incubation space or as start up offices for those engaged in the delivery of professional services. This commercial office space will provide the opportunity for local businesses and enterprises to development and thrive. The space could also be considered for use by community groups or agencies and could enable various community user-groups to avail of meeting space.



HQ Building - Ground Floor

Interactive Exhibition Space

The creation and operation of an interactive exhibition space will allow for the development of a modern flexible space that will facilitate a wide range of temporary exhibitions, workshops and performances. A dynamic programme of events would include the hosting of exhibitions on the heritage and culture of Longford along with a wide range of contemporary exhibitions linked to innovation development and the arts, crafts and food produce sectors. The programme of exhibits and workshops should be developed to support the educational curriculum and the training agencies that operate within the county. This interactive exhibition space will support the ever-changing approaches to knowledge understanding and appreciation particularly for children, young people and young adults.

Best Practice:

Interactive Science and Technology Exhibition Space

W5 Interactive Discovery Centre, Belfast, Northern Ireland - is an interactive knowledge and learning centre available to visitors of all ages. Presented at W5 is a changing programme of large and small scale temporary exhibitions and events with live science demonstrations.



Nemo Science Museum Amsterdam, The Netherlands - is a popular 'hands-on' science and technology exhibit which aims to teach and stimulate the mind in an active rather than passive manner. Exhibitions topics include the brain, DNA, electricity, world of water, adolescence, hydrogen fuel, computers and the origins of life.



Innovation

NovaUCD Innovation and Technology Transfer Centre



NovaUCD is focused on the commercialisation of research and other knowledge-intensive activity. NovaUCD provides entrepreneurs and knowledge-based start-up companies with a comprehensive business support programme.

South East Business and Innovation Centre (BIC)



South East BIC supports the generation and development of new innovative enterprises by providing tailored business consultancy services in Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford and South Tipperary. The services provided include business consulting services to innovative companies, assistance to clients to identify business finance, business incubation facilities.

Zone 4

Multifunctional Space

Potential Use:

Zone 4 is considered to be the 'prime' development area within the site and given its central location is eminently suitable for a wide range of uses. Having regard to the current economic climate it is considered that the development of this zone will be a medium to long term project requiring ongoing analysis to determine possible potential uses. It is proposed therefore to outline a number of potential uses that could be considered for this zone as follows:

- (a) Community Uses: (i) community facilities (community centre including childcare), (ii) community care facilities (medical centre, social services), (iii) independent living for the elderly.
- (b) Educational Uses: (i) pre- school, (ii) primary education facility.
- (c) Commercial Uses: (i) event, conference, entertainment centre, (ii) business centre.

While the potential uses as outlined above are worthy of consideration the potential range of uses is not exhaustive. In the prevailing economic conditions the development of this zone will require public bodies/agencies and the community to come together collaboratively and form a strategic partnership so as to realise the vision as set out in this Study. Careful planning is therefore required to ensure that this prime development area is available for consideration for a wide range of uses by that group.

Potential Function:

(a) Community - This zone could facilitate a multi-functional community centre suitable for the needs of all of the community. Facilities could include recreational facilities, childcare centre, meeting rooms, etc.

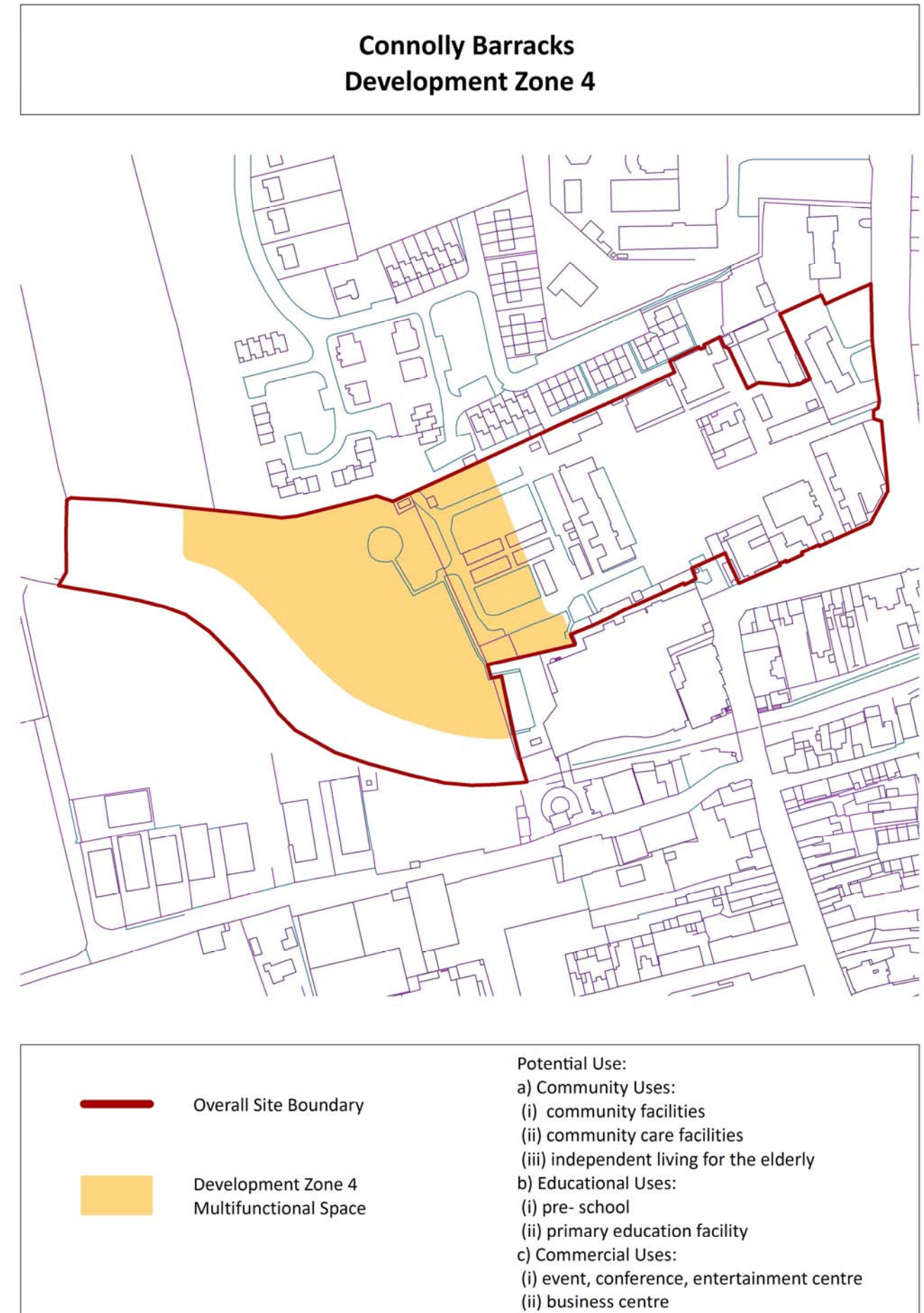
Consideration could also be given to the provision of a wide range of community health and personal social services including general practitioner services, public health nurse and community welfare.

This zone could also provide for community living for the elderly in a safe and secure environment. This type of development would comprise of independent and dependent residential units for the retired and elderly and would offer a new opportunity of lifestyle choice for residents. The range of community uses as outlined could form part of integrated masterplan for this zone.

(b) Education - This zone could cater for the provision of an integrated pre-school and primary school facility. While the site is sufficient to cater for an 8 to 16 classroom size primary school as categorised by the Department of Education and Skills detailed planning would be required to confirm the viability of this use.

(c) Commercial - This zone has the potential for an event and entertainment centre suitable to the needs of Longford town and hinterland. Given the central location of this zone and the proximity to the town centre it lends itself to the development of a multi-purpose event/conference centre. This development could contribute significantly to the business life and vibrancy of the town centre.

This zone could also be considered for a business centre which could comprise of office accommodation suitable for the needs of professionals involved in the provision of business, legal, technical and administrative services.



The range of commercial uses as outlined above will require the preparation of an integrated masterplan.

Best Practice: Blackrock Hall Primary Care Centre, Mahon, Cork City

This is one of Ireland's first primary care centre that is accessible to the whole community. The principal objective of the centre is to provide an improved environment and level of medical care for the community, bringing earlier health interventions and managing rehabilitation in the community.



The Blackrock Hall Centre provides the following medical services through a multidisciplinary team approach: general practice, dentistry, occupational therapy, chiropody/podiatry, physiotherapy, pharmacy, health-food store, audiology, speech and language therapy, dietetics, psychology and counselling.

St. Catherine's Retirement Village, Newcastle West, County Limerick



This village centre is based at the former St. Catherine's Convent. All categories of accommodation are provided, from independent living to high dependency care consisting of one and two bedroom apartments together with an integrated nursing home building. Healthcare is based on a multidisciplinary approach involving consultation with the resident, carer, hospital consultant, nursing and therapy services. Care is provided for convalescent, respite, day and long-term residents. The village provides other facilities such as religious services, library, exercise classes, grounds maintenance, laundry, waste disposal, etc.

Rockboro Primary School and Pre-School, County Cork

As one of the few primary school providing pre-school services, Rockboro offers an excellent avenue through which to initiate children's scholastic careers. With a focus on interaction and play, combined with other proven teaching methods, a structured environment is complimented by access to a wide array of activities. Integration with the primary school is ensured through utilisation of the main primary school facilities such as the large hall and stage. Rockboro pre-school has a pupil teacher ratio of 1:6, enabling a high-level attention per child activity.



Glandore Business Centres, Dublin and Belfast



Glandore Business Centre is a leading provider throughout Ireland office suites and conference facilities. There are five centres in total which provide facilities for meeting/conference, corporate entertainment, launches, photo shoots and filming together with in-house restaurants and private dining.

Zone 5 **Public Open Space**

Potential Use: Provision of pedestrian walkways, linear river park and playing areas/sporting facilities.

Potential Function: Within this zone, the natural beauty of the Camlin River will be exploited to provide a tranquil and relaxed public river walkway within a linear river park. A semi-landscaped setting, the river walk will be complimented by natural flora and fauna, and some level of passive surveillance will be achieved through the provision of recreational/sporting facilities. This zone will act as a riparian corridor as appropriate. This zone will also compliment the independent living village located in Zone 5.

The linear green park will be an accessible and ambient location, set within an area of natural beauty, where biodiversity will be encouraged. The zone will safeguard and enhance the river corridor, and maximise its potential to add to the beauty and diversity of linear incidental open space in a town centre location. The zone seeks to enhance a natural asset in Longford town.

Supplementary tree and planting will be facilitated as appropriate, to contribute to landscape character, reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and provide natural shading in an open setting.

Children’s play areas will be sited where they will be overlooked for passive supervision, safe and contribute to the amenities of the zone. Parts of the zone may have a civic open space character (more formal) to integrate more clearly with the town and to facilitate walking and sitting opportunities. In addition, sports grounds will be provided that can be used by various schools, clubs, groups, etc.

As a pedestrian-only realm, with complimentary recreational/amenity space of both a formal and informal nature, the zone will represent an appropriate use of riverside land that is proximate and accessible to the services, facilities and residential areas of the town centre.

Best Practice: Ward River Valley Regional Park, Swords, Fingal

Ward River Valley is a regional linear park on the banks of the Ward River South of Swords town, County Dublin, and covers an area of 89 hectares. Features of interest include some 12th century fortifications, woodland habitats, wetlands and rolling grassland. The park hosts a number of viewing points, picnic sites, a public playground, sports pitches and tennis courts. Swords Town Park and Swords Castle are part of this park, and Fingal County Council has endeavoured to continuously





enhance opportunities for accessibility and integration between the park setting and the town centre. With objectives for a landscape and recreation strategy to further develop the park, including enhancing visual and physical connections, Fingal County Council aims to create a ‘green necklace’ of connecting open space throughout the emerging city of Swords.



**Connolly Barracks
Development Zone 5**



	Overall Site Boundary	Potential Use: Provision of pedestrian walkways, linear river park and playing areas/sporting facilities
	Development Zone 5 Public Open Space	

Section 4 Economic Analysis

4.1 Overview

This section sets out the economic justification for the recommended future uses within the zones identified. A high-level economic appraisal and costing has also been provided, with an economic matrices provided to broadly illustrate the financial perspective for regenerating and redeveloping Connolly Barracks coupled with complimentary new buildings. A high level but detailed building survey is needed to ensure a fully detailed economic appraisal and it is recommended that a specific financial study is conducted to supplement this feasibility study for progression.

The various proposals for the zones have been formulated having specific regard to items identified by a number of community groups through the stakeholder consultation process (e.g. interactive exhibition facility). The future regeneration and redevelopment of a key location in Longford town, with a rich history and relationship with the community, should be guided and informed by the thoughts and views of the community.

4.2 Economic Justification

Zone 1 Education and Training Campus

Zone 1 is an established base for education services and an opportunity to enhance the education offering, particularly up-skilling and adult education to encourage and facilitate persons back into employment, for the wider region. The VEC has a long standing base at this location and there is some scope for an amalgamated VEC headquarters to locate here. Having regard to the economic difficulties currently being experienced at a local, regional and national level, the up-skilling and retraining of unemployed adults (not least owing to the collapse of the construction industry) and early school leavers will improve employment prospects and promote innovation and entrepreneurship. The Central Statistics Office (CSO) Live Register (October, 2010) indicates a seasonally adjusted figure of 443,000 persons on the register. While this register is not a measurement of unemployment (it includes those working up to three days per week, seasonal and casual workers entitled to Jobseekers Benefit or Allowance), it nonetheless provides some indication of the challenges faced in the months/years ahead. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest seasonally adjusted figure, for April to June 2010, is 284,500 persons unemployed.

It is considered that this zone will contribute to a concerted effort to facilitate re-employment opportunities for adults and early school leavers, with up-skilling and further education courses, coupled with apprenticeship opportunities and community education offered. In addition, having regard to the art, craft and food produce zone within Connolly Barracks, courses should be offered within these disciplines and hobby-related workshops, noting the 'clustering' concept, albeit on a small scale, wherein commonalities and complementarities accrue by grouping such disciplines together. This would also promote an artistic 'branding' for the area.

A shared services approach should be considered to optimise efficiencies and resource allocation, and a broad range and quantum of courses should be provided (FETAC accredited, VEC, adult education, community groups and workshops, arts/craft/design, food produce, horticulture, etc) to encourage a wider catchment of the community to utilise these opportunities for personal and professional development.

Zone 2 Arts, Crafts and Food Produce

The strong design spirit of the Longford community is an area that should be tapped into and exploited in the coming years, from a domestic and tourist perspective. Local arts, craft and food production set within a vibrant environment that is attractive to locals and visitors alike, is seen as an appropriate mechanism to develop this industry. This zone will give the sector an identity and formal base, and will encourage home-based industry, etc. The zone represents an opportunity for locals who have expertise or wish to develop skills in these areas (integrated with courses offered in Zone 1), to avail of space within this zone. The development of the art and crafts, food produce and horticultural sectors would encourage increased tourist visitation, offering and spend. Traditional and contemporary art and craft, coupled with audience-related services such as indoor or outdoor exhibiting, group workshops and tuition, will contribute to creating customer satisfaction, an important component in promoting this zone as a local industry. The physical presence of the artist, craft-maker or food producer, seeing these people ply their trade, will personalise the zone and enhance interaction. Displays with diversity will encourage interest from more than one niche audience, and interactivity/participation will add to the overall experience.

Zone 3 Community, Innovation and Civic Use

Recognising the level of available commercial floor space within Longford Town, Zone 3 is considered to be suited to promoting innovation and enterprising opportunities, together with a strong concentration and provision of community/tourist uses (such as an interactive space, and meeting areas for community/residents groups etc) and civic uses (civil defence included for training, transport and equipment storage). This 'innovation centre' will encourage entrepreneurial spirit and business start-up/enterprise. Community consultation carried out as part of this feasibility study recognises that a number of community groups consider that an exhibition space should be facilitated. An interactive science and technology facility should be considered, which would integrate with promoting innovation and the creation of the 'smart economy', together with a contribution towards the 'tourist attraction' of Longford town. An incubation centre, for sustainable technologies, etc, would be conducive to assisting those with a strong business plan/concept to develop it further without being constrained by excessively priced overheads (renting premises, etc), thereby facilitating potential employment growth. Certain economies-of-scale may occur through linkages with the art, crafts and food produce suppliers in Zone 2, where added commercialisation may be facilitated in Zone 3. The HQ building provides an opportunity to support an array of uses to benefit the economic, social and cultural condition of Longford.

It is also prudent to note that the provision of meeting space for community groups, occasional workshops, residents associations, chambers, committee meetings (sports clubs and other organisations) should be facilitated within this zone as appropriate.

Recognising the background of Connolly Barracks, as a military base for so many years, coupled with the demand for civil defence facilities, it is recommended that training, transport/equipment storage be considered within the existing buildings in this zone. The services provided by the civil defence are hugely beneficial to the local and wider community and to society in general, and adequate training facilities in this respect would facilitate the continued streamlined and optimal service provision.

Zone 4 Multifunctional Space

There is a continuing need for proper elderly accommodation and care facilities within Longford town and its environs. This zone seeks to address this imbalance by providing a purpose built 'one-stop shop' facility, with associated economies-of-scale through the related uses within the zone. The accessible location given Connolly Barracks' position close to the town core and thus all related services and facilities will not only benefit the elderly residents in this zone. Importantly, such benefits will be reciprocated as additional healthcare and social services provision will be included within Zone 4, providing essential services to the elderly and the wider community of Longford town and environs. Independent living arrangements will be catered for within this zone, providing elderly persons an opportunity for personal space and independence, while offering support services and easy access to facilities as necessary.

The provision of a residential care 'village' would contribute to addressing the need for facilities for elderly persons in Longford town and environs, with differing levels of care requirement. The complimentary public realm (Zone 5) and accessibility of the town centre will add to the overall attractiveness and quality of life attributes at this location.

The zone is also capable of accommodating a primary school facility alongside the retirement village, and this would accord with the 8-16 classroom size as outlined by the Department of Education and Skills

Zone 5 Public Open Space

The economic justification for the public realm zone can be seen from a 'social/environmental economics' perspective. The space intended here has a major role to play in the character, attractiveness and overall success of any town/area. The recreational opportunities in this zone will also be significant and the area will exploit the underlying potential of the Camlin River. A healthy and maintained public realm and pedestrian-only space is very important in contributing to a thriving, vibrant town and zone, and it is important that it is a welcoming place that encourages people to visit. There may some prospect of facilitating local community events, cultural activities and festivals, with a particular consideration of the arts, crafts and food produce businesses in adjoining zones. Given the broad range of uses that could be facilitated in this respect, any future landscaping must incorporate a level of flexibility and be accessible by all, young, old, families and groups and those with special requirements. The fostering of positive public space such as this will augment the town's existing characteristics, whose built form will not, if isolated from quality public space, raise the town profile.

4.3 Development Appraisal

As previously stated, the total site area of Connolly Barracks is 5.36 hectares, of which 20% is within Zone 1, 14% in Zone 2, 12% in Zone 3, 35% in Zone 4 and 19% in Zone 5.

The development of the barracks will involve both refurbishment work and new construction/development work within the Zones of Development. The table overleaf sets out in detail the associated costings of the future development of the barracks. It is important to note that all costs are exclusive of VAT. These costs are estimates and it is essential that a full and comprehensive site and building survey of the barracks be undertaken to establish an accurate determine of the site and building condition. This will then enable the calculation of a robust cost analysis for the development of all of the identified zones.

With the refurbishment works there will be a need for three levels of refurbishment types, these being low-order costing approximately €300/m², medium-order costing approximately €600/m² and high-order

costing approximately €900/m². These refurbishment cost levels reflect the specification details required for the existing building infrastructure.

The following provides a breakdown of the refurbishment type allocation for Zones 1 to 3:

- Zone 1: 75% low-order and 25% medium-order;
- Zone 2: 50% low-order and 50% medium-order;
- Zone 3: 15% low-order, 65% medium-order and 20% high-order.

The estimated costs of new construction works and the new development works are approximately €1,200/m² and €40/hectare, respectively. These unit cost estimates are considered to be appropriate based on the current economic circumstances and related cost of construction. In determining the refurbishment cost Zone 3 the actual gross building floor areas of the HQ Building (i.e. 1,265m²) and the Auditorium and Multi-Gym Building (i.e. 213m²) have been calculated and incorporated into the costings appraisal.

Specifically, all of the refurbishment works will take place in Zones' 1, 2 and 3, the new construction works will occur in Zone 4 and the new development works will be associated with Zone 5.

The future development of the complex will consist of a combination of both In undertaking the development appraisal estimations have been made regarding site coverage (i.e. the ratio of building footprint to site area) and plot ratio (i.e. the ratio of floor space to site area) for the Zones of Development 1 to 4. The site coverage percentages range from 20% to 70% with the plot ratios ranging from 0.20 to 0.90.

Development Costings for Future Development of Connolly Barracks											
Zone Number	Potential Use	Type of Construction	Refurbishment - Cost Per m2 (ex. VAT)			New Construction/Development Cost Per m2	Zone Area - m2	Zone Area - Hectares	Estimated Site Coverage	Estimated Plot Ratio	Estimated Area of Construction/Development
			Low-Order	Medium-Order	High-Order						
Zone 1	Provision of adult and further education and training services and facilities providing linkages to third-level and further education	Refurbishment of existing buildings, landscaping	€300	€600	-	-	10,772	1.08	70.00%	0.90	9,695
Zone 2	Provision for the making and development of local arts, crafts and food produce	Refurbishment of existing buildings, landscaping	€300	€600	-	-	7,194	0.72	20.00%	0.20	1,439
Zone 3	Provision of community facilities together with innovation potential and opportunity development and civil defence facilities for training and transport/equipment storage	Refurbishment of existing buildings, landscaping	€300	€600	€900	-	6,457	0.65	40.00%	0.60	1,478
Zone 4	a) Community Uses b) Educational Uses c) Commercial Uses	Construction of purpose-built facilities, car parking, landscaping	-	-	-	€1,200	18,851	1.89	50.00%	0.70	13,196
Zone 5	Provision of pedestrian walkways, linear river park and playing areas/sporting facilities	Construction of low-grade roads, pedestrian walkways, landscaping, erection of play ground equipment	-	-	-	€40	10,327	1.03	-	-	10,327
Overall Total Analysis							53,601	5.36			

Section 5 Summary and Recommendations

5.1 Summary

It is essential to recognise the significant importance of Connolly Barracks to the town and county is of Longford and given that the barracks are at present underutilised there is a need address this and ensure the future refurbishment, development and enhancement of the complex. The barracks should be considered as a place for continuous and dynamic use by the whole of society. This functionality can be achieved through the development of a number of integrated and interlinked *'Zones of Development'* within the complex.

The application of a working vision application will ensure the *'encouragement and promotion of an active and dynamic vibrant urban space that is fully integrated into the existing urban environment that can be utilised by the community as a whole'* and will assist in the provision of a holistic approach to the proper planning and coordinated development of the complex.

The undertaking of strategic economic analysis of the development costs associated with delivering maximum functionality will assist the decision-making process. Given the barracks strategic location the proposed multifunctional development has significant potential.

Consultation with stakeholders, the community and public have been undertaken as part of this feasibility study and have significantly assisted in the formulation of the barracks' future development potential and direction.

It is important to consider and build-on existing *'best practice'* application and examples. By doing this future potential development opportunities can be tested and validated regarding future success within the barracks.

The proposed multi-functionality development uses of Connolly Barracks can be achieved through the implementation for this development feasibility analysis and assessment thus ensuring the dynamic use of the complex for all to benefit from.

Given the current economic conditions the development potential of this strategic site can only be realised if interested public agencies and bodies and the community of Longford come together in a cohesive and coordinated manner with an agreed plan of action. In addition based on their mandate of serving the community Longford Town Council and Longford County Council should explore all options to secure the long term ownership of the Connolly Barracks site.

5.2 Recommendations

A comprehensive feasibility analysis has been undertaken over the course of this study and the following are the key recommendations put forward that should be given due consideration:

- The strategic location of Connolly Barracks should be exploited, harnessing this important potential asset to the town from an educational, cultural, economic, social and environmental amenity perspective.
- High level economic analysis within this study indicates the justification for the delivery of maximum functionality through selected *'Zones of Development'*; this can only be facilitated with an overall ownership arrangement in place and proactive approach to the vision by the relevant local authorities.

- It will be necessary to supplement the study's high level economic analysis by carrying out a detailed assessment of potential development funding streams to facilitate the zonal development outlined herein.
- The undertaking of a comprehensive site and building survey of the barracks to establish an accurate determination of the site and building condition, which will enable the calculation of a robust development cost analysis.
- Consideration should be given to optimising the visual and physical linkages with the surrounding environs, improving connectivity and accessibility opportunities between various parts of the town and facilitating permeability through Connolly Barracks. This will have the effect of *'opening up'* the Barracks area to all of the community, will creating strategic linkages between different land use areas (such as between residential and commercial areas) and will encourage an alternative modal split (from vehicular usage to pedestrian, cycle and public transport facilities).
- Connolly Barracks represents a realistic opportunity to facilitate a benchmark-approach to develop, delivering an excellent and high-calibre regeneration scheme that would be highlighted as a model of best practice.
- The life-long living and learning ethos promoted within this study should be pursued given its compatibility with adjacent land uses, and its suitability to achieve continuous and dynamic multi-functionality.
- It is recommended that a coordinated and integrated approach is employed as it is only through a structured and cohesive planning and management structure that the delivery of a revitalised Connolly Barracks can be achieved for the benefit of the community. As such, both internal and external cooperation and support is an imperative.
- Given the urgent need to rejuvenate this strategic site it is recommended that Longford Town Council and Longford County Council secure the future of the Connolly Barracks site by agreeing a lease /purchase arrangement with the Department of Defence.

Appendix 1 Summary of Public Consultation

The following are the submissions/observations received on proposed Feasibility Study for Connolly Barracks as part of the engagement and consultation process:

No.	Name /Organisation	Proposed Use
1	Family and Friends of Connolly Barracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Hub Longford Museum Vintage Club Meeting Place/display area Training area for mechanics/catering Community employment Scheme Longford Branch of the organisation of Ex Servicemen and women Civil Defence Area for teaching art/music Track and field, football, Gaelic, etc Archery Club
2	Ms. Cathy Lynch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology proposed for feasibility study
3	Scoil Mhuire Board of Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls Secondary School
4	Sweeney Architects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midlands Destination Trade Fair/Concert Location Interactive Children's Science Centre Third level Education Campus Incubation Business Site Permanent Community Type facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday market Fishing huts Outdoor cinema/concert location Exhibition area in Market house Relocation of FCA from building fronting Chapel Street Adult library Office of Heritage Officer Longford Historical Society Military Museum Longford Horse show Longford Agricultural Show
5	Ms. Peggy Nolan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed the acquisition of the site, based on historical importance of the site.
6	County Longford Historical Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Museum with appropriate outreach facilities, having regard to sites prime location, easily accessible and the amount of available space
7	Catkins on the Move (Mobile Childcare Solutions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development of the Barracks as a community facility including childcare and as a tourist attraction
8	Longford Women's Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourist attraction – developing the site as a record and example of Longford heritage, provision of a gallery for local artists Community facility – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-purpose meeting area for community and youth groups Dedicated rooms for childcare service Incubation units for local community based businesses such as craft & food based business

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9	Longford Women's Manifesto Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical/ Tourism – buildings on site to be retained/restored, development of museum based on military history Community Facility –meeting /training facilities for community groups
10	Longford Community and Voluntary Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilising renewable sources of energy on new site facilities Develop buildings on site as tourist attraction restaurant etc A Saturday morning market selling local produce A community café – healthy eating ethos Multi functional meeting space e.g. mobile childcare facility Provision of rooms for hire e.g. counselling, mediation services, space for access visits with children A one-stop-shop for local voluntary and community agencies and services Incubation units for local organic business e.g. crafts/food based Space for county artefacts Space for rehearsing/community productions Allotment space 'Senses' garden Senior citizen recreational space Multi sports facility
11	Mr. Harry McKenna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings on site for clubs e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longford boxing club Longford pipe band Vintage club with space for restoration of vehicles Training of mechanics, electricians, upholsters Museum
12	Mr. Des Mooney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A college for further education Arts centre Exhibition centre Studio space for artists, sculptors and crafts Local Resource centre e.g. counselling, out of schools service children's parties Library Heritage Centre/Museum Gardens/open space
13	Longford Camera Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts Centre - exhibitions/workshops/seminars/conferences relating to arts e.g. creative writing, drama, dance PLC/Adult education Community facilities Museum/Heritage centre
14	Melview Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full size football pitch, dressing rooms, flood lighting, Access for facilities for training & weekend matches.
15	Vitruvius Hibernicus Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range of uses
16	Mr. Peter Brear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pet Shop
17	Longford Girl Guide Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable Space for clubs continued development & training needs
18	Mr. Patrick Conboy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated military museum of national significance

