

Connolly Barracks Reimagined – First Floor Plan

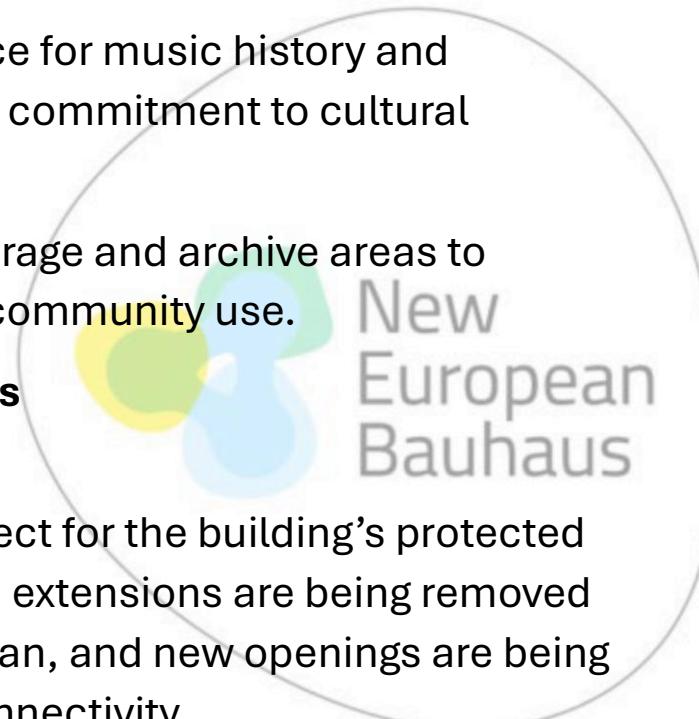
This plan shows the transformation of the first floor of the historic Officers' Building, as part of the THRIVE Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme.

Key Features on the First Floor

- **Museum Display Areas:** Spaces dedicated to exhibitions focused on Longford's history, music, and community heritage.
- **Flexible-Use Rooms:** Adaptable rooms for workshops, meetings, and community activities, supporting a wide range of uses.
- **Music Museum:** A dedicated space for music history and recordings, reflecting the project's commitment to cultural enrichment.
- **Store/Archive Rooms:** Secure storage and archive areas to support museum operations and community use.

Conservation, Sustainability & Access

- **Heritage Restoration:**
All works are carried out with respect for the building's protected status. Non-original partitions and extensions are being removed to restore the original H-shaped plan, and new openings are being created to improve access and connectivity.
- **Energy Efficiency & Sustainability:**
The building fabric is being upgraded for energy efficiency, including improved insulation and modern building services. The project incorporates sustainable features such as a green roof, solar PV panels, and permeable paving as part of a Sustainable Urban Drainage System.
- **Universal Access:**
A new lift is being installed, providing universal access to all principal spaces on the first floor, ensuring inclusivity for all users.



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Opportunities for the Connolly Barracks Reimagined First Floor

- **Museum Exhibitions:**

Dedicated spaces for displaying Longford's history, music, and community heritage, enabling cultural engagement and educational visits.

- **Workshops & Community Activities:**

Flexible rooms for workshops, meetings, training, and group activities, supporting community development and lifelong learning.

- **Heritage Preservation & Research:**

Secure storage and archive rooms for safeguarding artefacts and records, supporting research and future exhibitions.

- **Universal Access:**

A new lift and accessible design ensure all users, including those with disabilities, can participate fully in activities and events.

- **Sustainability Demonstration:**

Energy-efficient upgrades and sustainable features (green roof, solar panels) offer opportunities for environmental education and best practice in heritage restoration.

- **Community Integration:**

Spaces designed to bring together Longford's diverse communities, supporting social inclusion and integration.

