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29th November 2023

REF: D/291/23
LOCATION: Cobh Garden of Reflection, Cathedral Place, Cobh, Co. Cork.

**RE: DECLARATION OF EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 - 2010.**

Dear Most Reverend Crean,

On the basis of the information submitted by you on 25th October 2023 the Planning Authority, having considered the question whether or not the installation of a metal plaque inset (600mm x 450mm) in the paving at the entrance of the Garden of Reflection at **Cathedral Place, Cobh, Co. Cork** is or is not development and is or is not exempted development has declared that it **is development and is exempted development.**

Reason for Decision

The Planning Authority in considering this referral had particular regard to:

- Sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended),
- Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended),
- Class 13 of Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended),
- The particulars received by the Planning Authority on 25th October 2023.

And Whereas Cork County Council has concluded that –

The installation of a metal plaque inset (600mm x 450mm) in the paving at the entrance of the Garden of Reflection at **Cathedral Place, Cobh, Co. Cork** constitutes **development which is exempted development.**

This exemption does NOT itself empower a person to carry out a development unless that person is legally entitled to do so.

Please note that under Section 5 Subsection 3(a) where a declaration is issued under this section, any person issued with a declaration under subsection 2(a) may, on payment to the Board of such fee as may be prescribed, refer a declaration for review by the Board within 4 weeks of the date of the issuing of the declaration.

Yours faithfully,



**KEVIN O' REGAN,
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
PLANNING DEPARTMENT.**

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SECTION 5 DECLARATION – PLANNER’S REPORT

File Reference: D/291/23

Description: Install metal plaque to be inset in the paving at the entrance to the Garden of Reflection.

Applicant: Most Rev. William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne

Location: Cobh Garden of Reflection, Cathedral Place, Cobh, Cobh.

Date: 27/11/2023

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

Is Development and Is Exempted Development

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), if any question arises as to what, in any particular case, is or is not development and is or is not exempted development within the meaning of the Act, any person may, on payment of the prescribed fee, request in writing from the relevant planning authority a declaration on that question, and that person shall provide to the planning authority any information necessary to enable the authority to make its decision on the matter.

SITE LOCATION

Cobh Garden of Reflection, Cathedral Place, Cobh, Cobh. The site is located across from St. Colman’s Cathedral and is within the Cobh ACA boundary.

SUBJECT DEVELOPMENT

Installation of metal plaque to be inset in the paving at the entrance to the Garden of Reflection. It is intended to remove all other signage associated with the garden.

PLANNING HISTORY

Planning Applications

There is no planning history on the subject site.

Planning Enforcement

EF/22/143 Alleged unauthorised development of public park.

Section 5 Application

D/272/22 Change of use from private garden to public garden and carrying out of ground works within the garden including the laying of a footpath, provision of a flower bed and installation of bench seating. The works and use were deemed exempted development.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended)

S.2(1) *In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires—*

“Works” includes any act or operation of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal and, in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes any act or operation involving the application or removal of plaster, paint, wallpaper, tiles or other material to or from the surfaces of the interior or exterior of a structure.

S.3 – (1) *In this Act, “development” means, except where the context otherwise requires, the carrying out of any works on, in, over or under land or the making of any material change in the use of any structure or other land.*

S.4(1) *The following shall be exempted development for the purposes of this Act—*

(h) development consisting of the carrying out of works for the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of any structure, being works which affect only the interior of the structure or which do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures;

“structure” means any building, erection, structure, excavation, or other thing constructed, erected, or made on, in, or under any land, or any part of a structure so defined, and, where the context so admits, includes the land on, in, or under which the structure is situated.”

Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Article 6 *Subject to article 9, development consisting of a class specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 shall be exempted development for the purposes of the Act, provided that such development complies with the conditions and limitations specified in column 2 of the said Part 1 opposite the mention of that class in the said column 1.*

SCHEDULE 2, Part 2, *Exempted development – Advertisements*

<p>CLASS 6 Advertisements relating to any institution or a religious, educational, cultural, recreational or medical or similar character, any guesthouse or other premises (other than a hotel) providing overnight guest accommodation or any public house, block of flats, club, boarding house or hostel, situated on the land on which any such advertisement is exhibited.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No such advertisement shall exceed 0.6sqm in area. 2. No part of any such advertisement or any advertisement structure on which it is exhibited shall be more than 2.5m in height above ground level. 3. Not more than one such advertisement or, in the case of premises with entrances on different road frontages, one such advertisement for each such frontage, shall be exhibited in respect of any such premises.
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<p>CLASS 13 Advertisements for the purpose of identification, direction or warning with respect to the land or structures on which they are exhibited.</p>	<p>No such advertisement shall exceed 0.3sqm in area.</p>
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SUB-THRESHOLD EIAR

Having regard to the contents of Article 103 (as amended by Article 14 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No3) Regulations 2011) and Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) it is considered that the proposed development by reason of its nature, scale and location would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Accordingly it is considered that an EIAR is not required to be submitted.

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

The relevant European site is the Cork Harbour SPA (Site Code 004030). Having regard to its nature, scale and location within the existing built up area, it is considered that the proposed development would not affect the integrity of the site referred to. Accordingly it is considered that a Natura impact statement for the purposes of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive is not required to be submitted.

ASSESSMENT

APPLICATION DETAILS

The question before the Planning Authority can be reasonably construed as *“Whether the installation of a metal plaque inset (600mm x 450mm) in the paving at the entrance of the Garden of Reflection is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.”*

This Section 5 application has been made by the Bishop of Cloyne. The site is located across from the St. Coleman’s Cathedral and is within the Cobh ACA boundary. The Garden of Reflection was an initiative set up by the Cobh Tidy Towns with the approval of the Bishop of Cloyne in response to the lack of open green spaces for the community and as a remembrance for the Covid-19 pandemic. The works carried out were deemed exempted development by CCC.

The Ashlar limestone retaining walls and wrought iron panels bounding the garden are listed on the NIAH (reg. no. 20827239) and Cathedral place – cast-iron railings set limestone copings with rubble stone walls and ashlar limestone piers is listed on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS No. 01915).

The applicant’s submission includes an artist depiction of the proposed metal plaque at the entrance to the Garden of Reflection (see Fig.1 below).



Fig.1: Artist depiction of proposed metal plaque at the entrance to the Garden of Reflection

CONSERVATION

The application was referred to the Conservation Officer for comment. The C.O has confirmed no objection to the proposed development from a conservation perspective and is satisfied that the works would not affect the character of the protected structure. It is also noted that the pavement slabs to be removed for provision of the proposed plaque inset are not original fabric used and therefore will not interfere with the architectural heritage of the space.

IS OR IS NOT DEVELOPMENT

Section 2(1) of the Act defines “works” as including “any act or operation of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal and, in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes any act or operation involving the application or removal of plaster, paint, wallpaper, tiles or other material to or from the surfaces of the interior or exterior of a structure”

I am satisfied that, in accordance with the above definition, the works undertaken at the property being the Garden of Reflection at Cathedral Place, Cobh comprises ‘works’. In terms of Section 3(1) of the Act, ‘development’ means, except where the context otherwise requires, the carrying out of works on, in, over or under land or the making of any material change in the use of any structures or other land.” I am satisfied that the said ‘works’ comprise ‘development’. The question therefore is whether the ‘works’ would constitute ‘*exempted development*’.

IS OR IS NOT EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

Article 6(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) provides that subject to Article 9, development of a class specified in column 1 of Part 1, Schedule 2 shall be exempted development. The following class of development is considered relevant in relation to this application:

Class 13 of Part 2 of Schedule 2 – Exempted Development – Advertisements (subject to the conditions and limitations imposed under Column 2):-

Advertisements for the purpose of identification, direction or warning with respect to the land or structures on which they are exhibited.

No such advertisement shall exceed 0.3sqm in area.

The plaque inset identifies the land on which it is exhibited on i.e. *Cobh Garden of Reflection* and measures 600mm x 450mm = 0.27sqm.

Section 82(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Article 9(1)(a)(xii) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) provide that works to the exterior of a structure located within an architectural conservation area shall only be exempted development where the works would not materially affect the character of the area. It is considered that the proposed works do not materially affect the character of the conservation area, as confirmed with the Conservation Officer.

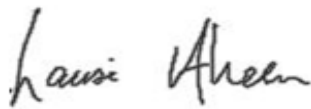
In light of the above, I am of the opinion, having due regard to the provisions of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended), and associated Regulations, the development works are not constrained by any restrictions on exempted development detailed in Article 9 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001, and therefore, the works constitute exempted development under Class 13 of Part 2, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

RECOMMENDATION

Having regard to:

- the particulars received by the Planning Authority on 25/10/2023;
- Section 2(1) and 3(1) of the *Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)*;
- Article 6(1) and Article 9 of the *Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)*
- Class 13 of Part 2, Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)*

it is considered that, the installation of a metal plaque inset (600mm x 450mm) in the paving at the entrance of the Garden of Reflection, Cathedral Place, Cobh, **Is Development and Is Exempted Development.**



Louise Ahern
Executive Planner
28/11/2023



CORK COUNTY COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR SECTION 5 DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

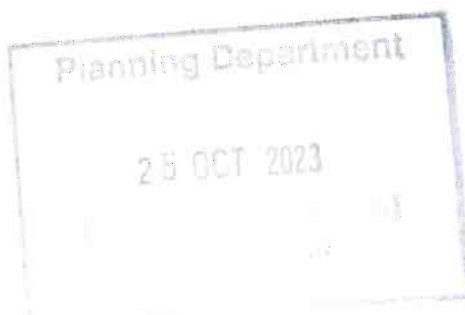
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- 4 No. Copies of Application Form:
- 1 No. Copy of Contact Details:
- 4 No. Copies 6" O.S. Maps:
- 4 No. Copies 25" O.S. Maps:
- 4 No. Copies of Site Layout Plan:
- 4 No. Copies Scaled Drawings of Development:
- €80 Application Fee:

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Receipt No.	PL2-0002307
Cash/Cheque/ Credit Card	Cheque
Date	25/10/2023
Declaration Ref. No.	D/291/23



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You should make sure that you are satisfied that any information/documentation that you submit is appropriate to be viewed by the public. Please do not submit any information that you do not want 3rd parties to view.

In the case of a Declaration of Exemption for Land Reclamation, the following additional information is required:

- A copy of the details submitted to the Council's Environment Department (Inniscarra) for a Waste Licence Permit
- Correspondence from Teagasc (detailing how the land reclamation would benefit the land in question for agricultural purposes)
- Details of existing and proposed levels
- Details of fill material and duration of fill.

DATA PROTECTION

The planning process is an open and public one. In that context, all applications for Declarations of Exemption are made available for public inspection.

Personal information collected by Cork County Council is done so in order for us to process your application for a Section 5 Declaration of Exemption. Legally we can process this information as it is necessary for us to comply with our statutory/legal obligations. The protection of our personal data is a key priority for the Council and your data will be processed in line with our Privacy policy which is available at

<http://www.corkcoco.ie/Privacy-Policy> or hardcopy from our offices at County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, Ireland. Should you have any questions about our privacy policy or the information we hold about you, please contact us by email to dpo@corkcoco.ie or write to us at Data Protection Officer, Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, Ireland.

1. NAME OF APPLICANT: (ADDRESS TO BE SUPPLIED AT QUESTION A – CONTACT DETAILS)

Most Rev. William Crean,
Bishop Of Cloyne

2. POSTAL ADDRESS OF LAND OR STRUCTURE FOR WHICH DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION IS SOUGHT:

Cobh Garden of Refection,
Cathedral Place,
Cobh,
Co. Cork

Planning Department

25 OCT 2023

Cork County Council
County Hall,
CORK

3. QUESTION/DECLARATION DETAILS:

Please state the specific question for which a Declaration of Exemption is sought

Note: Only works listed and described under this section will be assessed under the Section 5 Declaration of Exemption

It is intended to install of a metal plaque to be inset in the paving at the entrance to the Garden of Refection.

This work could considered exempt from the requirements of Planning Permission as it will not negatively impact on the character of

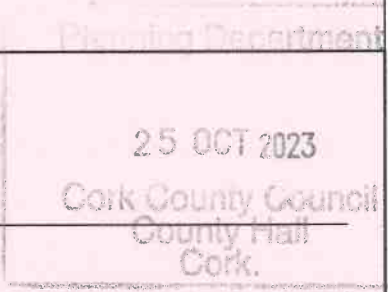
Cathedral Place, St. Colman's Cathedral (RPS No. 01915) or the setting.

Please refer to page 5 of the JCA architects attached report for artist depictions of the proposed metal plaque

It is intended to remove all other signage associated with the garden

4. APPLICATION DETAILS:

Answer the following if applicable. Note: Floor areas are measured from the inside of the external walls and should be indicated in square metres (m²)

(a) Floor area of existing/proposed structure(s):	N/A
(b) If a domestic extension is proposed, have any previous extensions/structures been erected at this location after 1 st October, 1964 (including those for which planning permission has been obtained):	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide floor areas (m ²) and previous planning reference(s) where applicable: N/A
(c) If a change of use of land and/or building(s) is proposed, please state the following: Existing/previous use N/A	Proposed use N/A 
(d) Are you aware of any enforcement proceedings connected to this site?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please state relevant reference number(s): EF 23132

5. LEGAL INTEREST OF APPLICANT IN THE LAND/STRUCTURE:

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	A. Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B. Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Where legal interest is "Other", please state your interest in the land/structure:		
If you are not the legal owner, please state the name of the owner/s (address to be supplied at Question C in Contact Details):		

6. PROTECTED STRUCTURE DETAILS / ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA:

Is this a Protected Structure/Proposed Protected Structure or within the curtilage of a Protected Structure: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, has a Declaration under Section 57 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 been requested or issued for the property by the Planning Authority: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state relevant reference No. <u>01915</u>
Is this site located within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA), as designated in the County Development Plan? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

7. APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT:

Would the proposed development require an appropriate assessment because it would be likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of a European site (SAC, SPA etc)? Yes No

8. DATA PROTECTION DECLARATION:

In order for the Planning Authority to process the personal data you have provided, your consent is required. By ticking the box below, you consent to the Planning Authority processing the personal data provided by you in line with the terms of Cork County Council’s Privacy Policy available at <http://www.corkcoco.ie/privacy-statement-cork-county-council> or in hardcopy from any Council office; and to having your information processed for the following purposes:

Processing of your Declaration of Exemption application by the Planning Authority

I give permission for my personal information to be processed for the purpose stated above

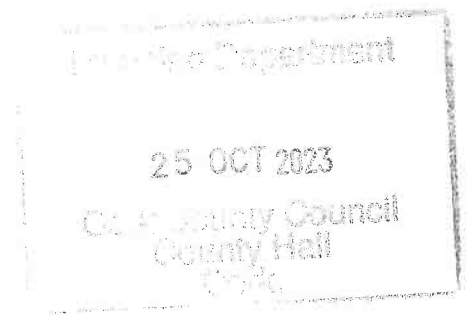
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Date	20-Oct-2023

GDPR Special Categories of data / Sensitive Personal data - Explicit Consent

Where Special Categories of personal data / sensitive personal data are provided as part of / in support of a declaration application, **explicit consent** to the processing of the special categories of data must be given by the person to whom the data refers, namely the Data Subject.

Special Categories of data / Sensitive Personal data include:

- Race
- Ethnic origin
- Political opinions
- Religion
- Philosophical beliefs
- Trade union membership
- Genetic data
- Biometric data
- Health data
- Concerning a natural person's sex life
- Sexual orientation



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Sensitive personal data being submitted in support of Declaration of Exemption Application

I give permission for my sensitive personal data submitted to the Planning Authority to be processed for the purpose stated above.

Signed	
Date	20-Oct-2023

You have the right to withdraw your consent by contacting the Planning Department, Ground Floor, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork. Tel: (021) 4276891 Email: planninginfo@corkcoco.ie or by contacting the Planning Department, Norton House, Cork Road, Skibbereen, Co. Cork. Tel: (028) 40340 Email: westcorkplanninginfo@corkcoco.ie However if consent to the use of personal data is withdrawn during the declaration of exemption decision-making process this information cannot be considered as part of the decision making process. Once a decision has been made, an applicant is not entitled to withdraw consent, as the right of erasure does not apply to a situation where processing is required for compliance with a legal obligation or for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest.

Please note that all information / supporting documentation submitted will be available publicly to view at the Planning Authority offices.


ADVISORY NOTES:

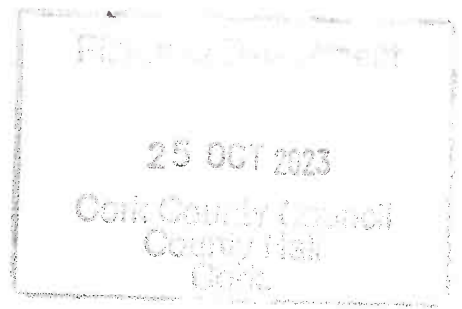
The application must be accompanied by the required fee of €80
 The application must be accompanied by a site location map which is based on the Ordnance Survey map for the area, is a scale not less than 1:1000 and it shall clearly identify the site in question.
 Sufficient information should be submitted to enable the Planning Authority to make a decision. If applicable, any plans submitted should be to scale and based on an accurate survey of the lands/structure in question.
 The application should be sent to the following address:
 The Planning Department, Cork County Council, Floor 2, Co. Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC; or for applications related to the Western Division, The Planning Department, Cork County Council, Norton House, Cork Road, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, P81 AT28.

- The Planning Authority may require further information to be submitted to enable the authority to issue a decision on the Declaration of Exemption application.
- The Planning Authority may request other person(s), other than the applicant; to submit information on the question which has arisen and on which the Declaration of Exemption is sought.
- Any person issued with a Declaration of Exemption may on payment to An Bord Pleanála refer a Declaration of Exemption for review by the Board within 4 weeks of the date of the issuing of the Declaration of Exemption decision.
- In the event that no Declaration of Exemption is issued by the Planning Authority, any person who made a request may on payment to the Board of such a fee as may be prescribed, refer the question for decision to the Board within 4 weeks of the date that a Declaration of Exemption was due to be issued by the Planning Authority.

The application form and advisory notes are non-statutory documents prepared by Cork County Council for the purpose of advising the type of information which is normally required to enable the Planning Authority to issue a Declaration of Exemption under Section 5. This document does not purport to be a legal interpretation of the statutory legislation nor does it state to be a legal requirement under the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, or Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

9. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct, accurate and fully compliant with the Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended and the Regulations made thereunder:

Signed (Applicant or Agent as appropriate)	
Date	20-Oct-2023



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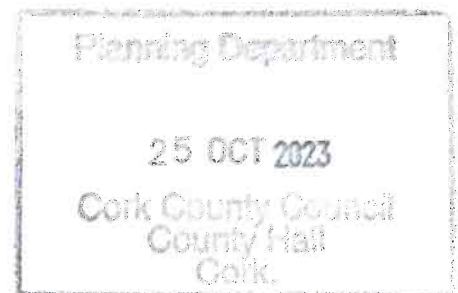
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Site Description



Figure 1 - Current approach to Cobh Garden of Reflection, Google Streetview (Peng Shi, 2023)



Figure 2 - Current sign in use at the Cobh Garden of Reflection, Bishop Crean (2023)

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County Hall
Cork.

The site is located across from St. Coleman's Cathedral Cobh and is within the Cobh ACA boundary.

With the approval of Bishop of Clone, the Garden of Reflection was an initiative set up by Cobh Tidy Towns in response to the lack of open green spaces for the community and as a remembrance for the Covid-19 pandemic. The improvement works to the garden were declared an exempt development by the Planning Department in the Cork County Council, but the erection of the sign was disputed.

It was initially placed outside of the gated garden and was unveiled to the public by the Bishop of Cloyne on 19th August 2022. It was removed in December 2022 following correspondence from the Cork County Council. Cobh Tidy Towns engaged with Municipal District Officer Páraig Lynch to seek a solution whereby in the Local Authority could grant this sign the same powers as those in the area. Not progress was made by mid-June 2023 and Cobh Tidy Towns erected the sign again, this time placing it on a one the ashlar limestone piers within the garden space¹.

Record of Significance

Architectural Conservation Area

The site is located within the Cobh Architectural Conservation Area boundary.

National Inventory of Architectural Heritage

NIAH Reg. No. 20827239

Description: Ashlar limestone retaining walls having square-profile piers with wrought-iron panels, built c. 1870. Full-height round-headed niches to retaining walls west elevation with hood mouldings and keystones. Flight of rendered steps having cast-iron railings to west.

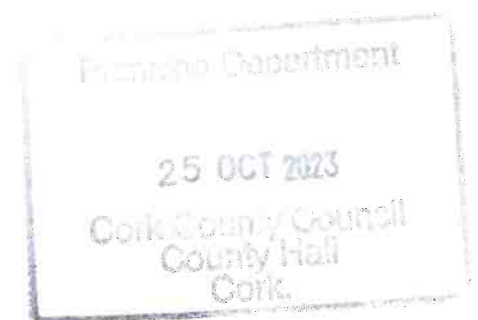
Imposing walls, piers and railings marking the boundary of St. Coleman's Cathedral. The solidly constructed walls are particularly well designed and are indicative of the quality of nineteenth century craftsmanship and engineering. Prominently sited, they provide important context to the locality.

Record of Protected Structures

RPS No. 01915

Location: Cathedral Place, Cobh

Description: Cast-iron railings set limestone copings with rubble stone walls and having ashlar limestone piers, built c. 1880.



¹ Correspondence provided to us by Bishop of Cloyne. See Appendix A.

Design Examples



Figure 3 - Bishop Lucey Park (left), South and North Main Street laneway markings (middle and right)

Varying solutions to signage and marking of places are visible around Cork city. Take for example Bishop Lucey Park, see Figure 3 (left). Located at the entrance is a metal plaque which provides information regarding the heritage of the place and marking its importance in the city.

A simple yet aesthetic example is the series of metal plaques on South and North Main Street's pavements, see Figure 3 (middle and right). The metal plaques and contrasting pavement bandings denote the existence of the original South and North Main Street medieval laneways. The plaques feature the laneways' original name along with illustrations that connect to their industry or activities that occurred there i.e., Cockpit Lane home to a cock-fighting pit and Basket Lane was where a basket factory was located².

² Johnson, G. (2002) *The Laneways of Medieval Cork: Study carried out as part of Cork City Council's major initiative* and <https://www.yavcork.ie/so-anyway-this-cork-lane-has-been-incorrectly-named-since-the-1800s/>

Design Proposal



Figure 4 - Artist depiction of proposed metal plaque at entrance to Garden of Reflection



Figure 5 - Artist depiction of proposed metal plaque at entrance to Garden of Reflection

The proposed design would follow the principles of the Bishop Lucey Park and South and North Main Street examples. Rather than identifying the space with a plastic sign fixed to the ashlar limestone piers, use of a metal plaque embedded in the pavement is our recommended approach. Figures 4 and 5 are conceptual images of how the plaque would look at two varied viewpoints: on approach in Figure 4 and a close-up view in Figure 5. The design of the plaque should reflect the design of the current sign as per Figure 6.

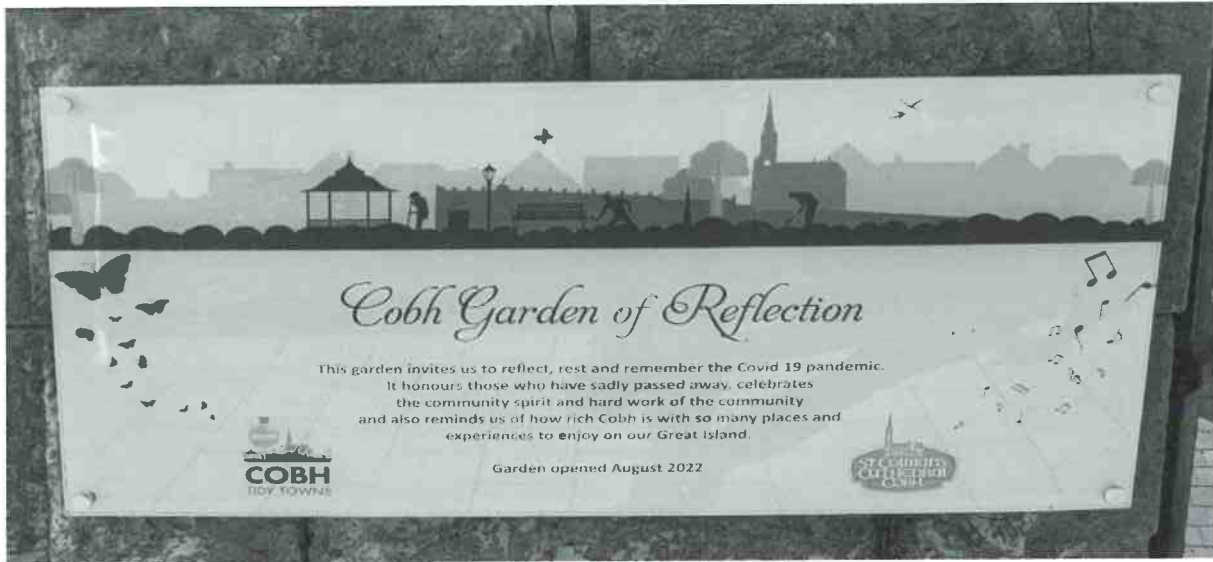
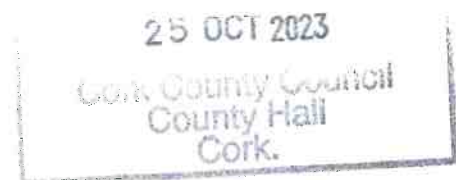
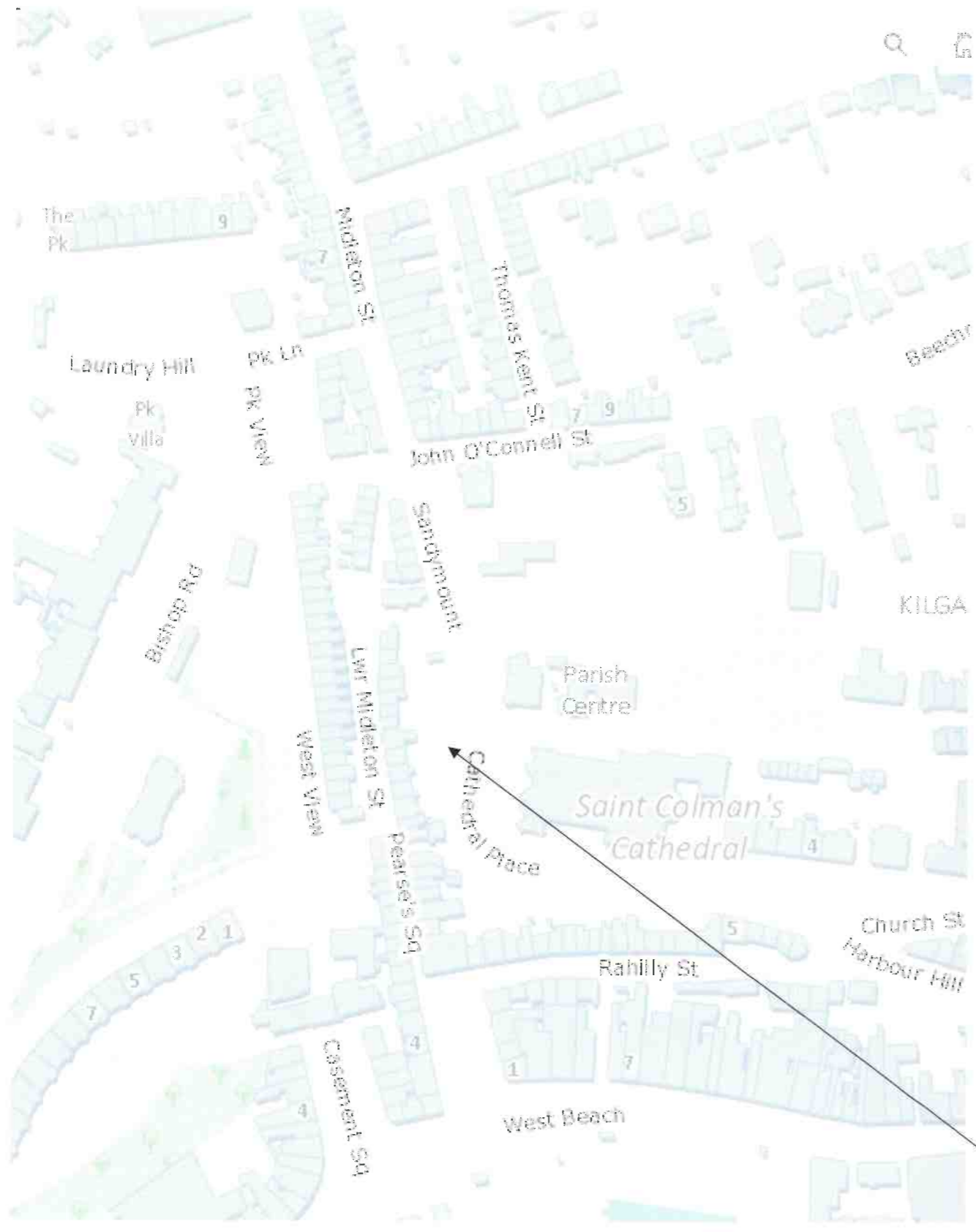


Figure 6 - Detailed view of current sign. Design may reflect/include information and illustration on current sign, Bishop of Cloyne (2023).

A larger metal plaque, such as the Bishop Lucey Park example reflects the scale of the current sign used to mark the garden, which is noted is approximately 800mm x 400mm. The estimated work and removal of pavements is dependent on the plaque size and current size of the existing pavements. These pavement slabs are not the original fabric used and therefore does not interfere with the architectural heritage of the space. The high contrast colour and texture of the plaque compared to the surrounding material would allow for better visibility of the sign in sight and touch, denoting a change of environment, aiding in the user's distinction between spaces.

Appendix A





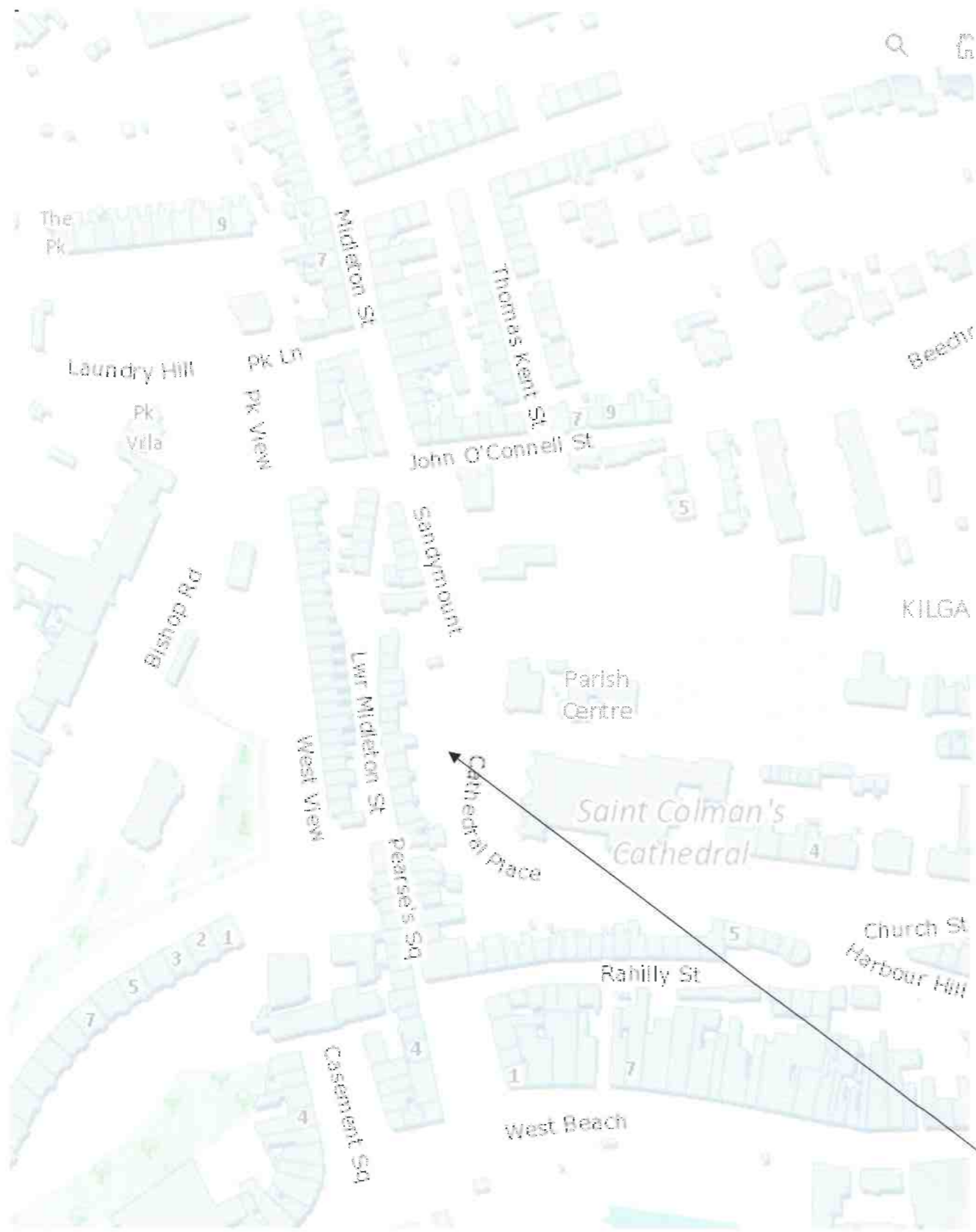
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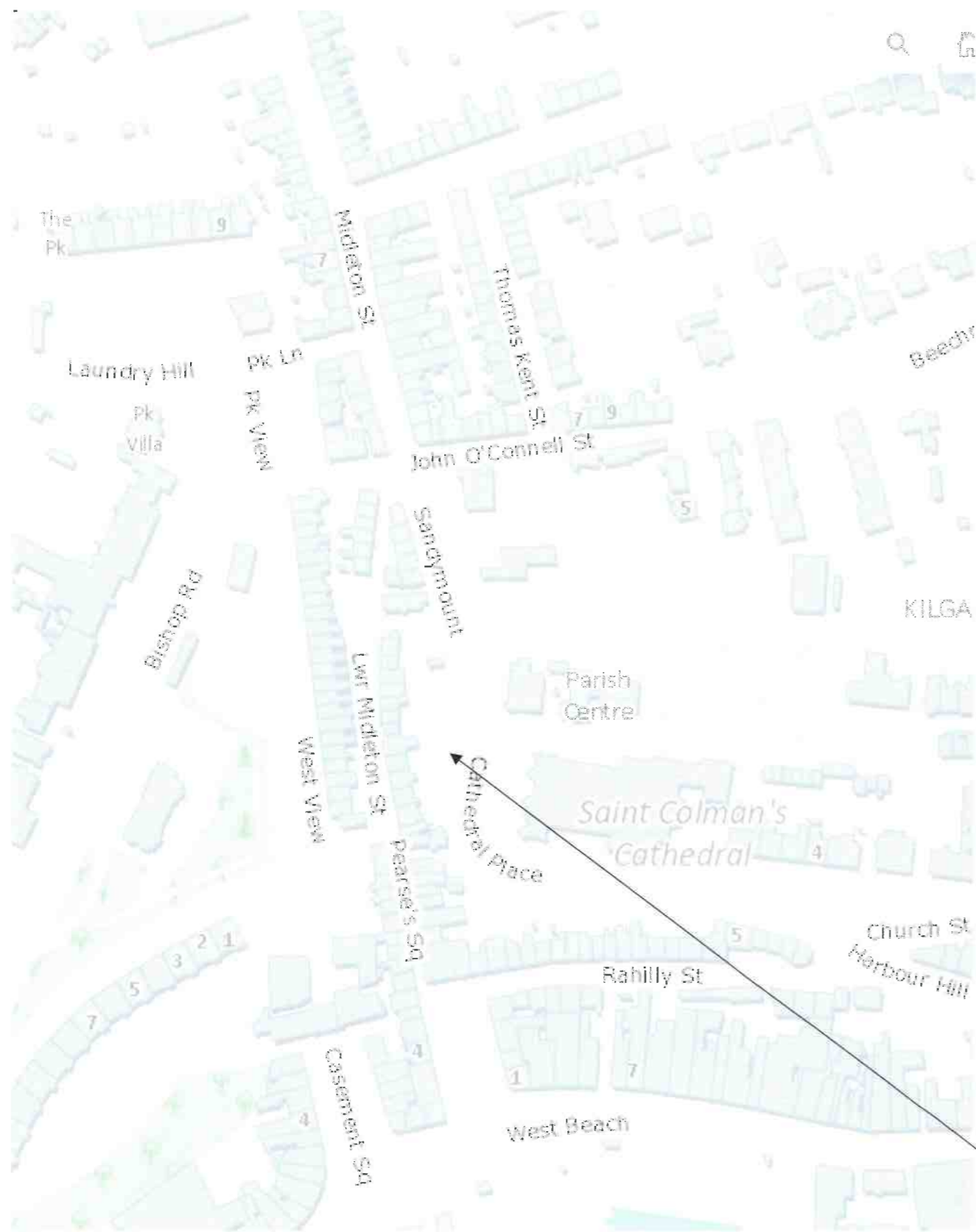
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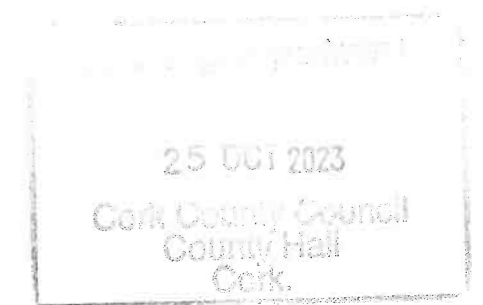
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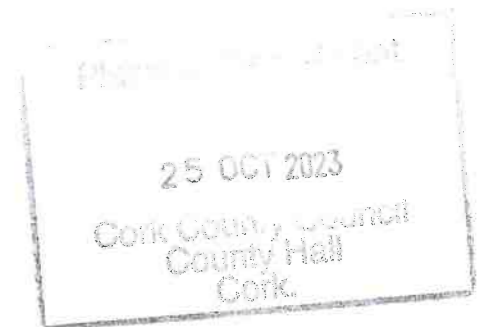
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