

**Architectural Report of the Proposed Library
at Units 8 and 9, The Village Centre, Main Street,
Clane, Co. Kildare**



Fig1. Proposed Library. View from the Main Street, Clane, Co.Kildare

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General design concept:

8-9 The Village Centre is an existing building located at the end of The Village centre of an array of shops, off the main street in Clane, beside the existing protected structure St. Patrick and St. Brigid's Church. The proposed site gives an excellent opportunity to expand the existing library service and will add to the cultural and civic amenity of the town in general.

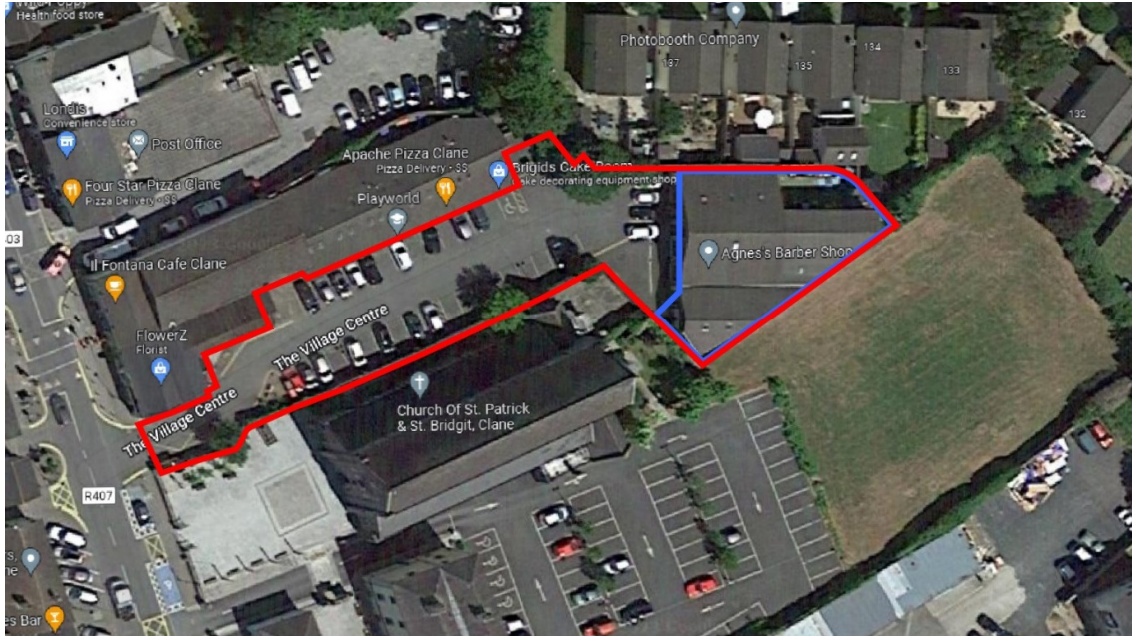


Fig2. Aerial view of Units 8 and 9, The Village Centre, Main Street, Clane, Co.Kildare

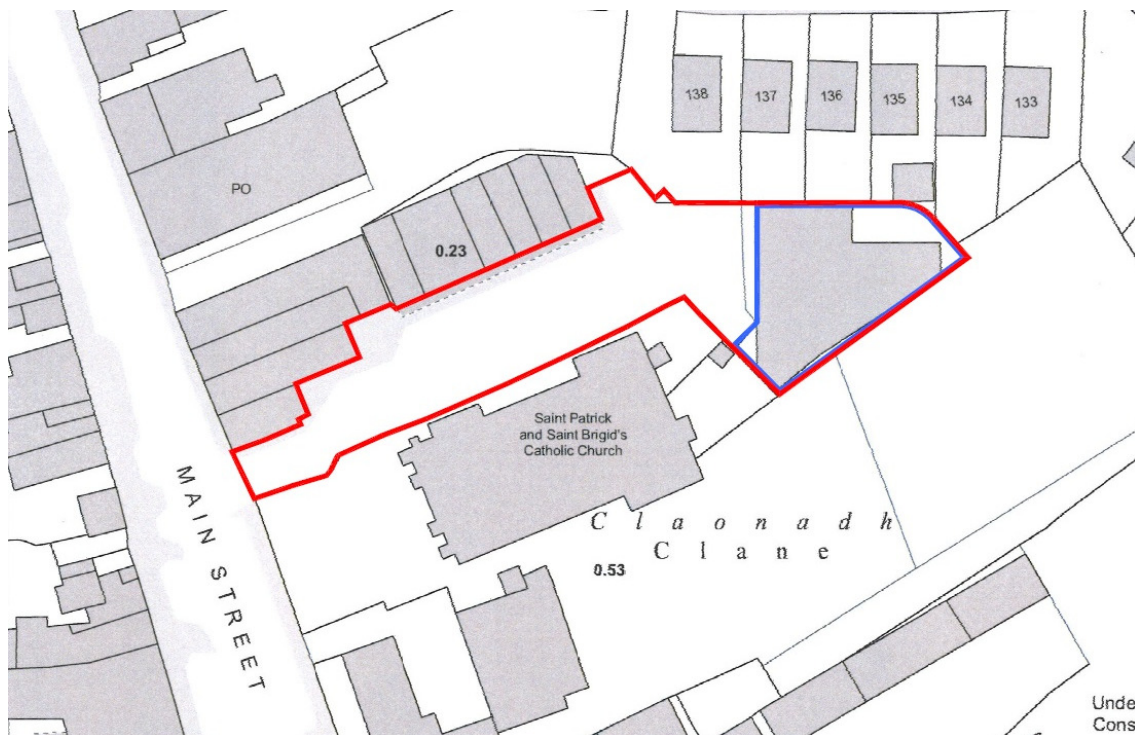


Fig3. Ordnance Survey map of the site

The development will transform an unattractive retail space into an attractive, contemporary civic building designed to create a visual balance between the existing single storey shops and the historic features of the existing Church and its surrounding rubble stone boundaries. A 2m tall corten steel sliding gate at library forecourt is proposed to maintain a visual link between the spaces while also providing security when locked. The gates can be open during the day providing access to the general purpose space. Alternatively the external space can be accessed via the multifunctional area of the library. Proposed landscaping will enhance the pedestrian access to both the shops and the proposed Library and proposed well-lit and secure bicycle parking will make the library a more accessible place to visit.

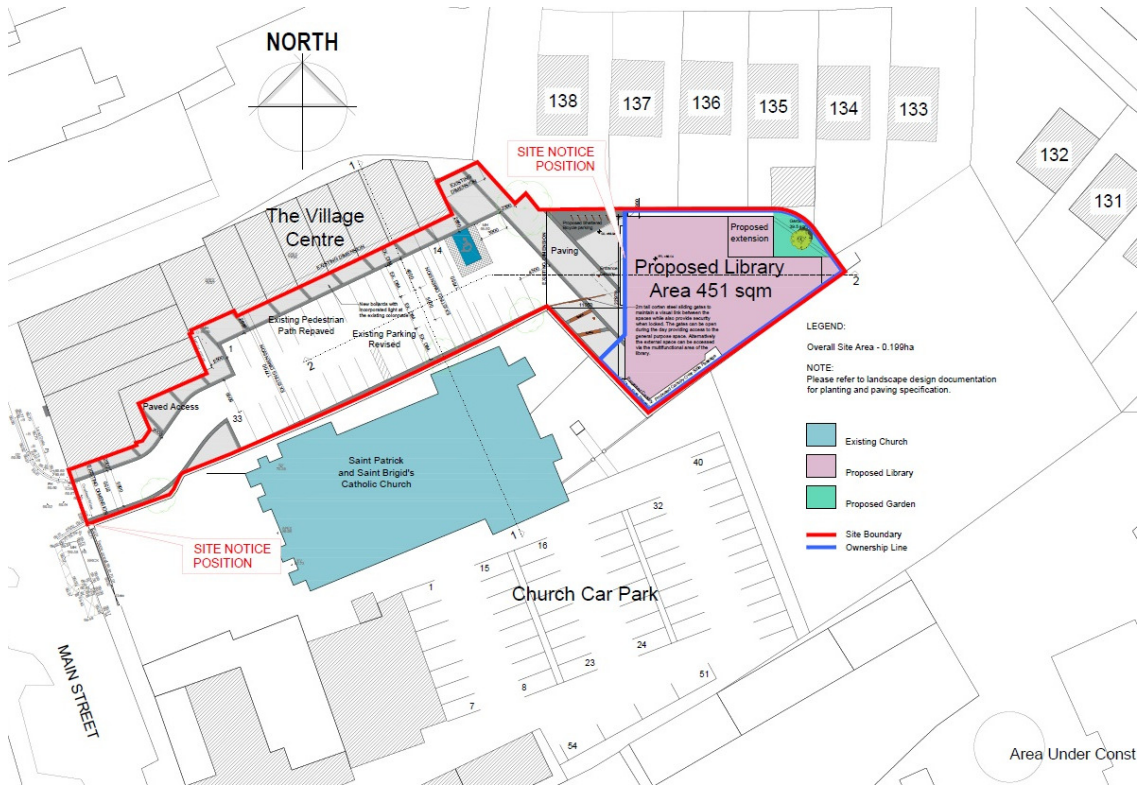


Fig4. Proposed Site Plan

The front elevation will be completely transformed using locally sourced limestone cladding, Corten steel and curtain glazing. The glazed elevation will bring light into the building and will provide transparency between the outside and the interior of the building. Two large proposed rooflights will provide additional lighting to the library space.



Fig5. Proposed Library. Front Elevation



Fig6. Existing Elevation of Units 8 and 9, The Village Centre, Main Street, Clane, Co.Kildare



Fig7. Proposed Elevation of Units 8 and 9, The Village Centre, Main Street, Clane, Co.Kildare

The community library will be accessible for people of all ages and abilities with secure surveillance. A small extension will be added to the rear to provide additional required library facilities. The total library area will be 451m² which will contain multifunctional room, makers area, e-learning and research facilities etc.

All necessary technical infrastructure and safety features for My Open Library Services will be provided in the design and the construction phase of the library. The suitability of the MOL service will be assessed following 6 – 9 months (over a winter period) opening period as agreed with the Department.

The building will be upgraded to the required u-values to comply with current building standards. Staff car parking is to be arranged in the adjoining church car park to reduce the impact of the development on the existing business owners of the car park.