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OS Map Ref	1012-07
County	Sligo
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Number on Map deposited at the Offices of the Local Authority	Plot No SCCRP 100

Dated this 8th day of September 2025.

Signed:

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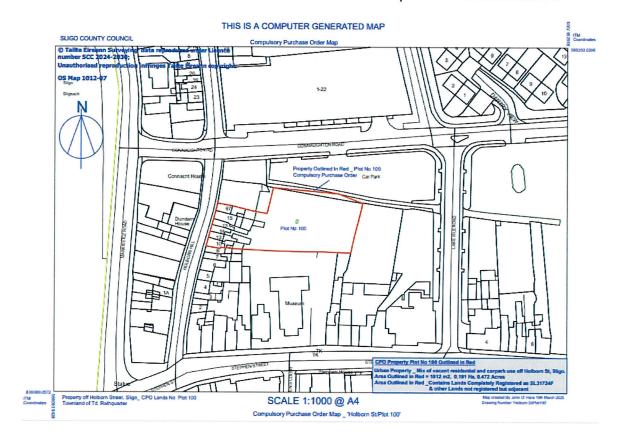
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- 1.2 The City Campus Sligo's Cultural and Learning Hub is one the projects that Sligo County Council is progressing in response to these growth ambitions for Sligo. In accordance with the NPF's strategic objective of promoting compact growth, this project involves the transformation, regeneration and redevelopment of a brownfield, underutilised and semi-derelict block of land within the city centre. The vision is for this block comprising Connaughton Road, Stephen Street, Holborn Street and Lake Isle Road to become a new cultural, innovation and learning hub located within the heart of Sligo and hosting:
 - a new Central Library;
 - a new county museum;
 - enterprise and office space;
 - residential units promoting sustainable inner city living and working.
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2.1 The CPO lands are located within a block of Sligo Town bounded by the following streets – Holborn Street, Connaughton Road, Lake Isle Road and Stephen Street. This is a strategically located block in the centre of Sligo in

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- 2.4 To the north is located a public car-park which is separated from the subject site by a 2m high palisade fence. For over 30 years, this Council owned carpark on the northern end of this block was illegally occupied by a traveller family who placed several caravans and other structures on the site. The unsightly nature of this site exerted a blighting effect on the surrounding area as evidenced by the extent of vacancy and dereliction on Holborn Street. Sligo County Council has recently provided the family with alternative accommodation thereby securing vacant possession of the land.
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3.0 Planning History

3.1 Despite its location within the heart of the city, there has been very limited planning activity within the overall block for several years. The only recent development (PL03/70142) permitted is at the corner of Holborn Street and

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4.0 National and Regional Planning Context

- 4.1 The **National Planning Framework** envisages an additional 1 million extra people resident in the Country by 2040. Of this, 25% is planned for Dublin, 25% across the other four cities combined with the remaining 50% of growth to occur in key regional centres, towns, villages and rural areas, to be determined in the regional plans Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSESs). One of the ten National Strategic Outcomes of the NPF is compact growth which, in essence, aims to promote the following:
 - provide the framework which enables people to live closer to where they work and move away from the current unsustainable trends of increased commuting;
 - regenerate rural Ireland by promoting environmentally sustainable growth patterns; and
 - transform settlements of all sizes through imaginative urban regeneration and bring life / jobs back into cities, towns and villages.

4.2 Other relevant National Policy Objectives (NPOs) include:

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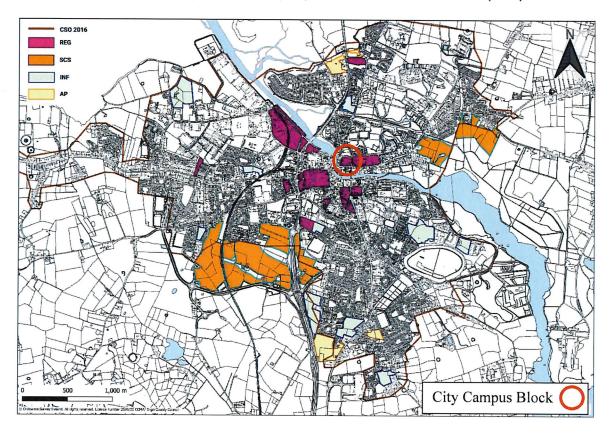
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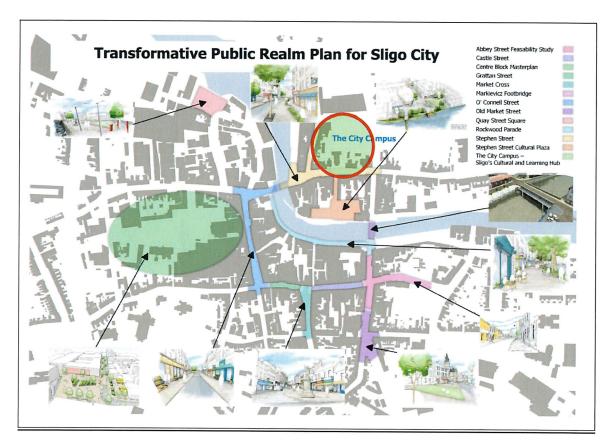


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Sligo County Council Compulsory Purchase (No. 01 Order) 2025

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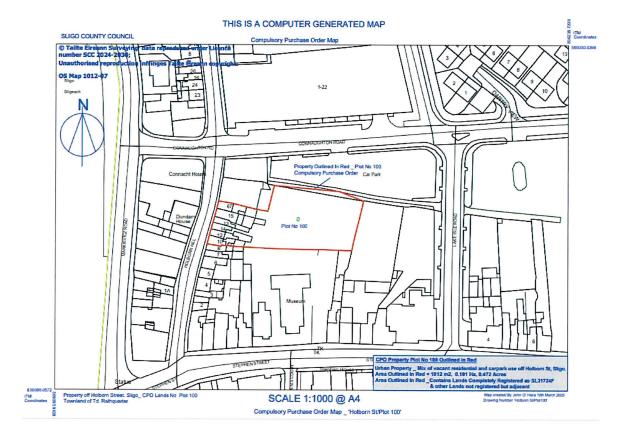
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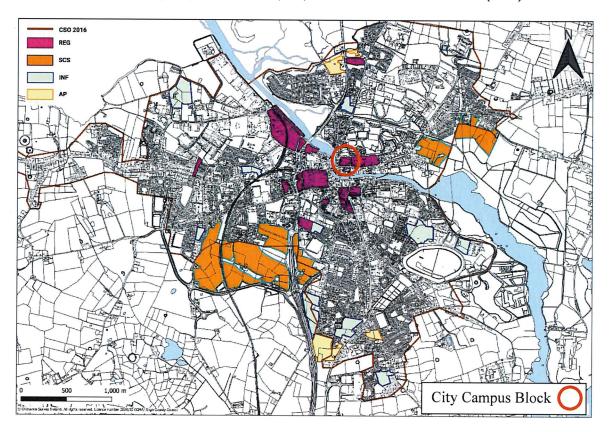
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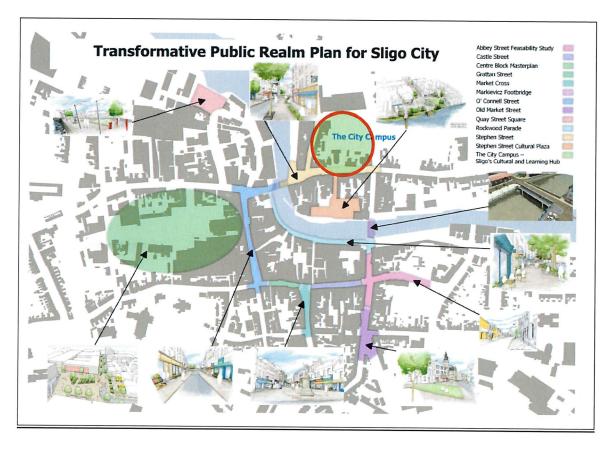


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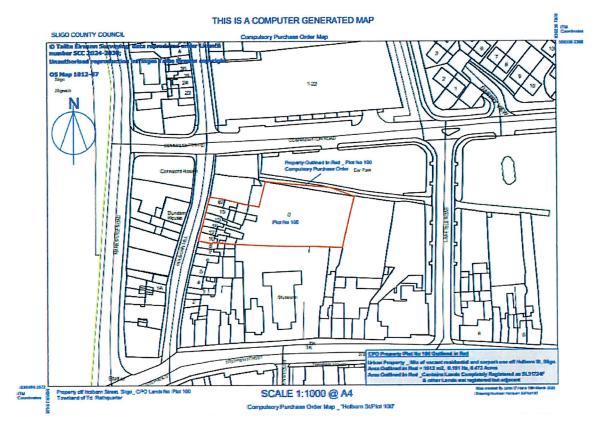
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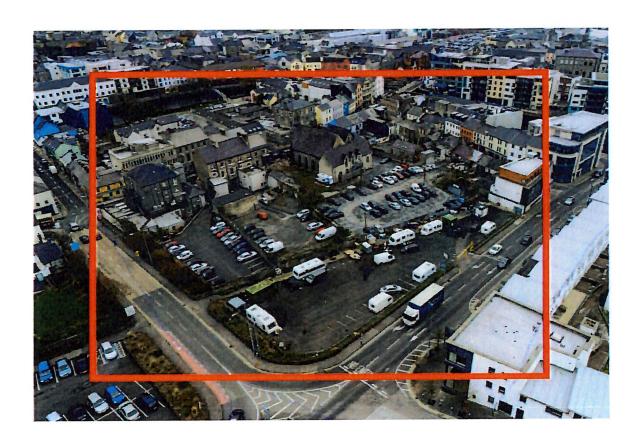


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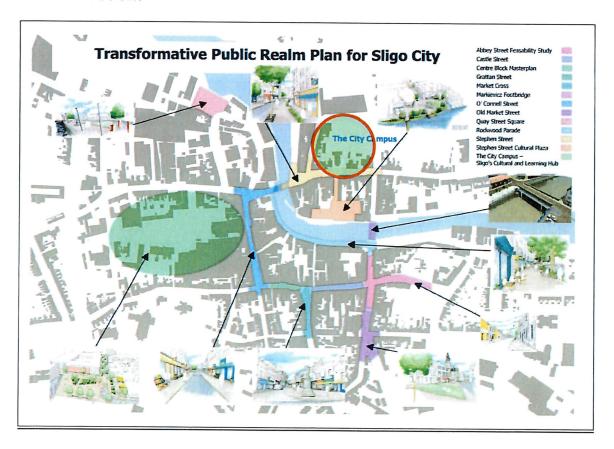


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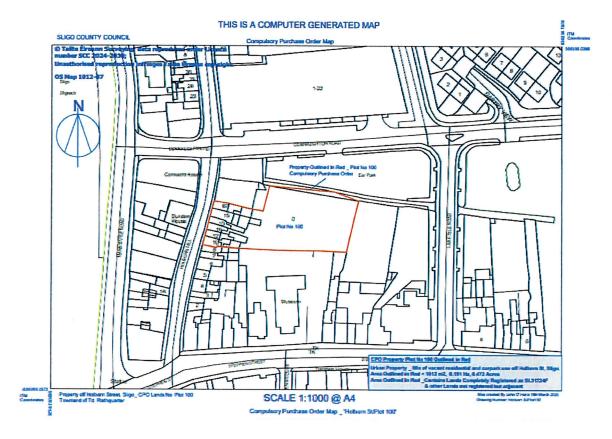
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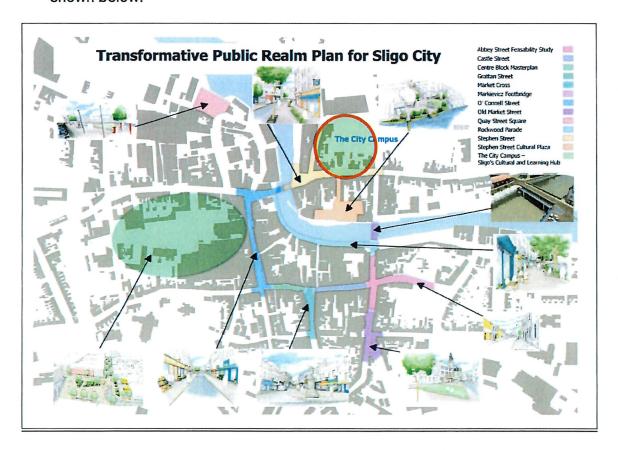
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