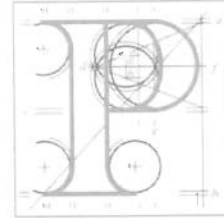


**Our Case Number:** ACP-323972-25



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

Fintan Malone  
21 Bridge ST.  
Ardee  
Co. Louth  
A92 VX5D

**Date:** 19 February 2026

**Re:** Public realm and community infrastructure project on lands in Ardee, Co. Louth  
Ardee, Co. Louth

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it or approved it with conditions.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Kevin McGettigan  
Executive Officer  
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AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA

PUBLIC REALM SECTIÓIN

ARDEE C.O. LOUTH 2040 PLAN

REFERENCE No. ACP-32397 2-25

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ARDEE

As you stand on the bridge overlooking the river Deeloo kh gup stream you will see from pictures of the riverside walk which was developed by the Town Commissioners and the Tidy Town in the 1970's compared to the amenity it is today for the benefit of the town.

300 metres from the bridge on the riverside walk is where the battle of Cuchulain and Ferdia took place and how Ardee got its name Áth Fherdiá – the Ford of Ferdia.

This is an opportunity to have a tourist trail from Queen Maeve of Coramht, Rathcrahan, Co. Roscommon to the battle of Cuchulain & Ferdia in Ardee adjoining the tourist trail to Knockbridgeto the stone where Cuchulain died linking onto Táin Bó Cuáilgein Cooley.

By removing the redbrick wall on Bridge St. as shown in the photo attached would give better access to the riverside walk for wheel chair users, families with prams, buggies and small children as the present entrance is too narrow.

It would give pedestrians an opportunity to walk straight across the proposed footbridge to the Bridge St. car park.

AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA  
LDG- 086558-26  
ACP- \_\_\_\_\_  
09 FEB 2026  
Fee: € 50 Type: Cash  
Time: 9:53 By: Marie

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It would also allow bicycles and electric scooters to use the existing footpath on both sides of the bridge as they are not being used to their full potential.

The riverside walk has a fishing area with ramps for wheelchair users, developed by the Town Commissioners and Ardee Dee and Glyde Fishing Club in the 1990s. This amenity is not being used because the existing entrance is too narrow from Bridge St. for motorized, ordinary wheelchairs and mobility scooters. The proposed bridge would eliminate this problem.

Many Co. Councils are claiming they are the first to have a fishing area in the 2040 Development Plan.

SIGNED:-----

Liam Malone

ADDRESS:-----

21 Bridge St. ARDEE Co. LOUTH A92VX5D

DATE:-----

8 Feb 2026



BRONZE MONUMENT  
CŪ CHULAINN CARRYING  
HIS BROTHER FERDIA  
IN BRIDGE STREET CAR PARK

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## BATTLE OF THE FORD

Queen Maeve of Connacht with a large army invaded Ulster.

Cuchulain alone stood against her. He defeated all comers until his close friend Ferdiad was tricked into fighting by Maeve. The battle lasted into the fourth day. The first two days of hard fighting were evenly matched. At night the two friends would share food and herbs, potions for their wounds. The third day Ferdiad's mood changed and Cuchulain begged his friend to end the combat. Ferdiad could not break his pledge to Maeve so the battle raged fiercely with both men inflicting major wounds on the other. That night they stayed apart in silence. The fourth day the ferocious battle continued until Ferdiad caught Cuchulain off guard and drove his sword deep into Cuchulain.

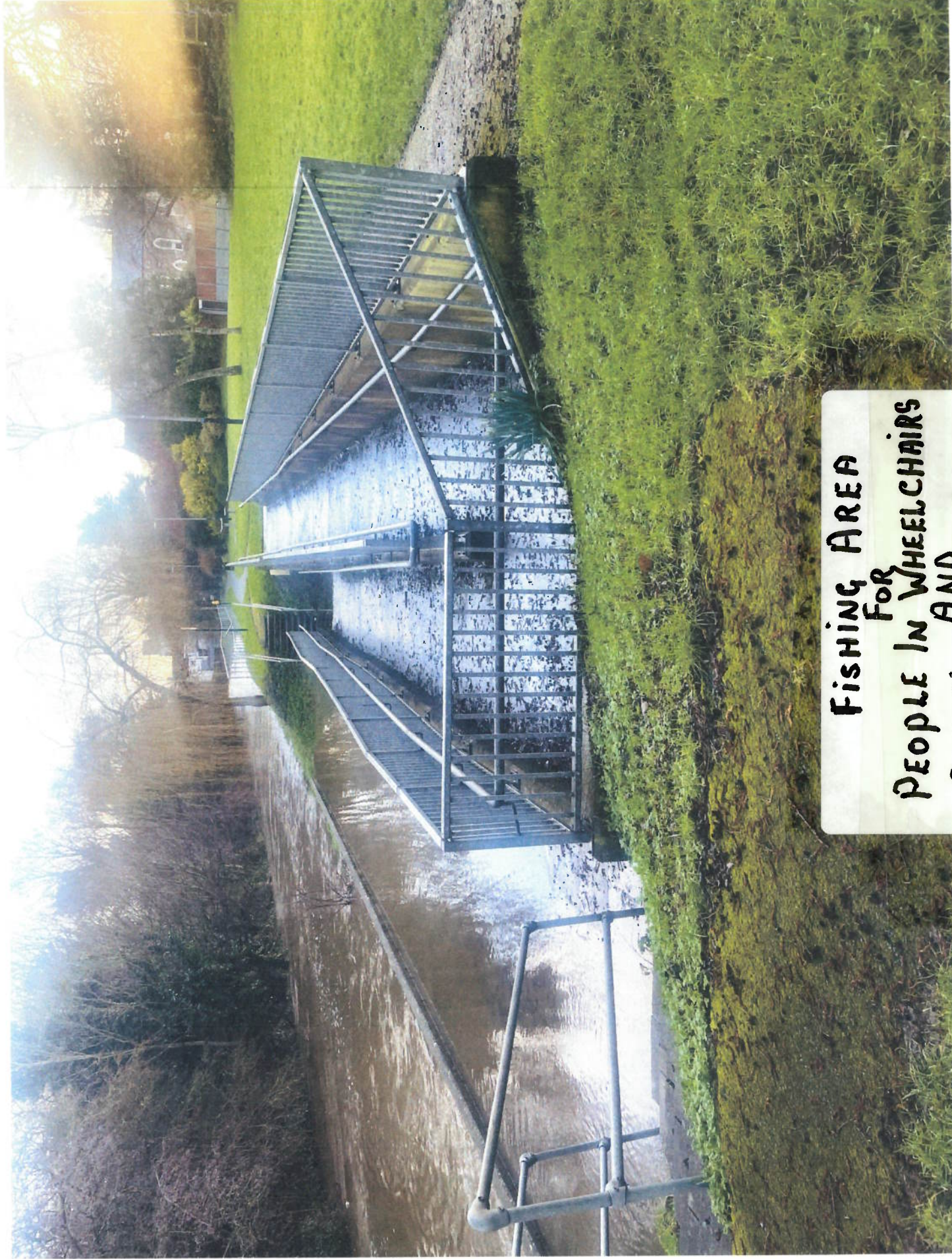
Cuchulain broke away and called for his "Gae Bulga" (a large barbed spear), taking aim he cast it, slaying Ferdiad. Cuchulain ran to his friend and carried him onto the north bank. There, Cuchulain sunk down and mourned deeply over Ferdiad.

The "Men of Erin", who had never witnessed so fierce and skillful a combat, were enraged at the death of their champion. Cuchulain, mortally wounded, retreated towards Knockbridge. The "Men of Erin" took Ferdiad and gave him a royal burial due to a great champion of men. Ferdiad was buried in a large mound about 200m east of the existing bridge on the south bank. A large stone marks the site of the Ford, in the Riverside walk. This place became known as "Ae. Fithia" anglicized to Ardce.

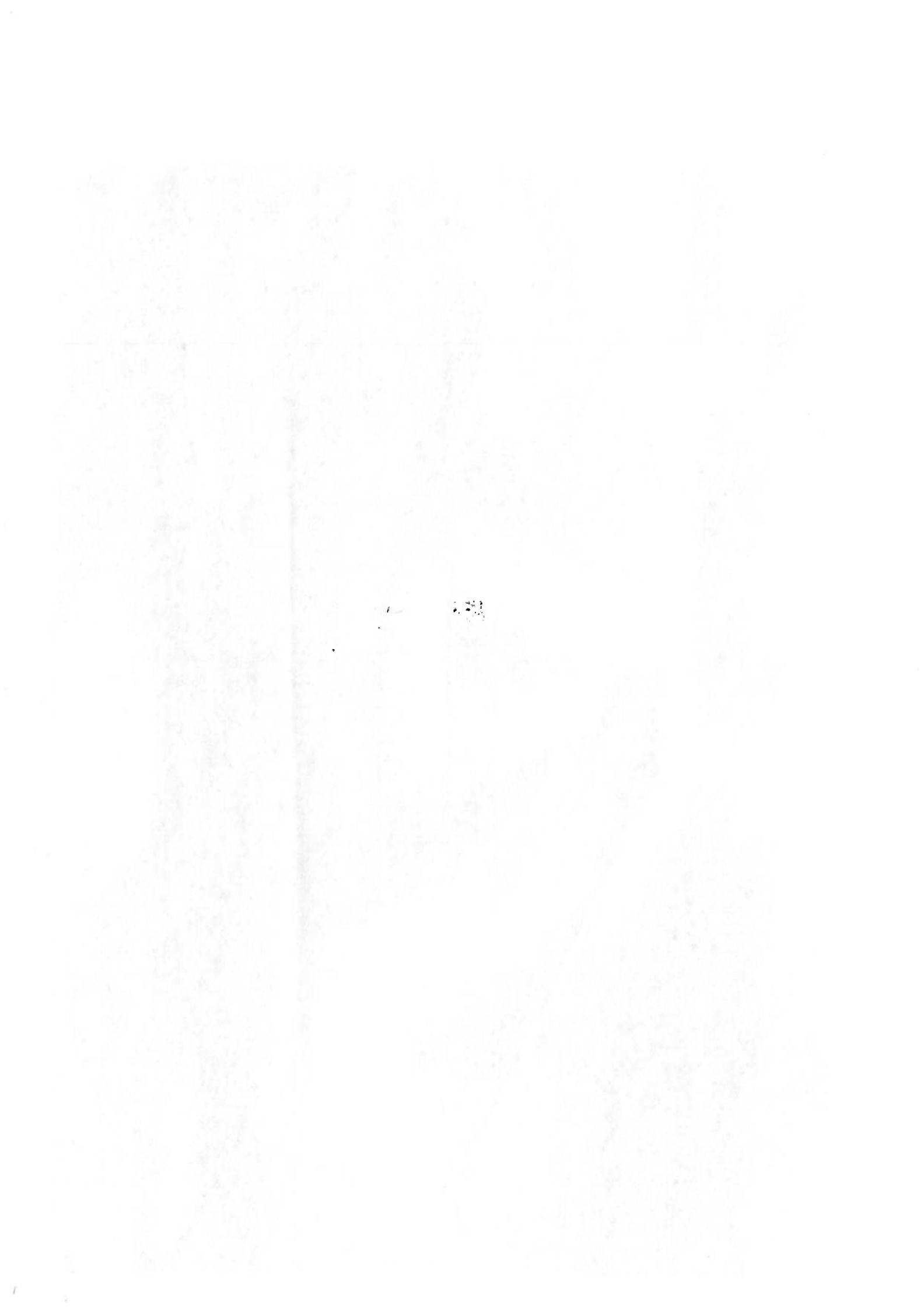


**VIEW OF RIVER WALK LOOK WEST FROM THE BRIDGE STREET**





**FISHING AREA  
FOR  
PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS  
AND  
RESTRICTED MOBILITY**



CUC HULMIN AND FERDIA  
WHERE THEY FOUGHT  
ON THE RIVERSIDEWALK  
BY MOONLIGHT



Jordan Malomo



View of the Ardee Castle from the bridge

### Ardee Castle

As one of the finest town houses in the country if not in the British Isles. Ardee Castle is historically linked to the Battle of the Boyne, 1690. It is reported that both King William of Orange and James II stayed there at different times on their way to the battle.

In the 1950's and 60's, 8 to 10 tour buses would come to the castle every Sunday evening when it was open to the public and view the town and surrounding from the top. The castle was open to the public up until 2009 when the court service held regular court sessions until the court service moved to a new courthouse on the Fairgreen.

In 2012, Ardee Town Council and Louth County Council commissioned Fingal council engineers and architects to develop the Castle. At the last meeting of the Ardee Town Council before they were abolished in 2014, the Fingal consultant produced the plans for the castle and money was ring fenced for the project. It is great to see that Ardee Castle is the corner stone for the Ardee 2040 plan.



*Stintan Malones*

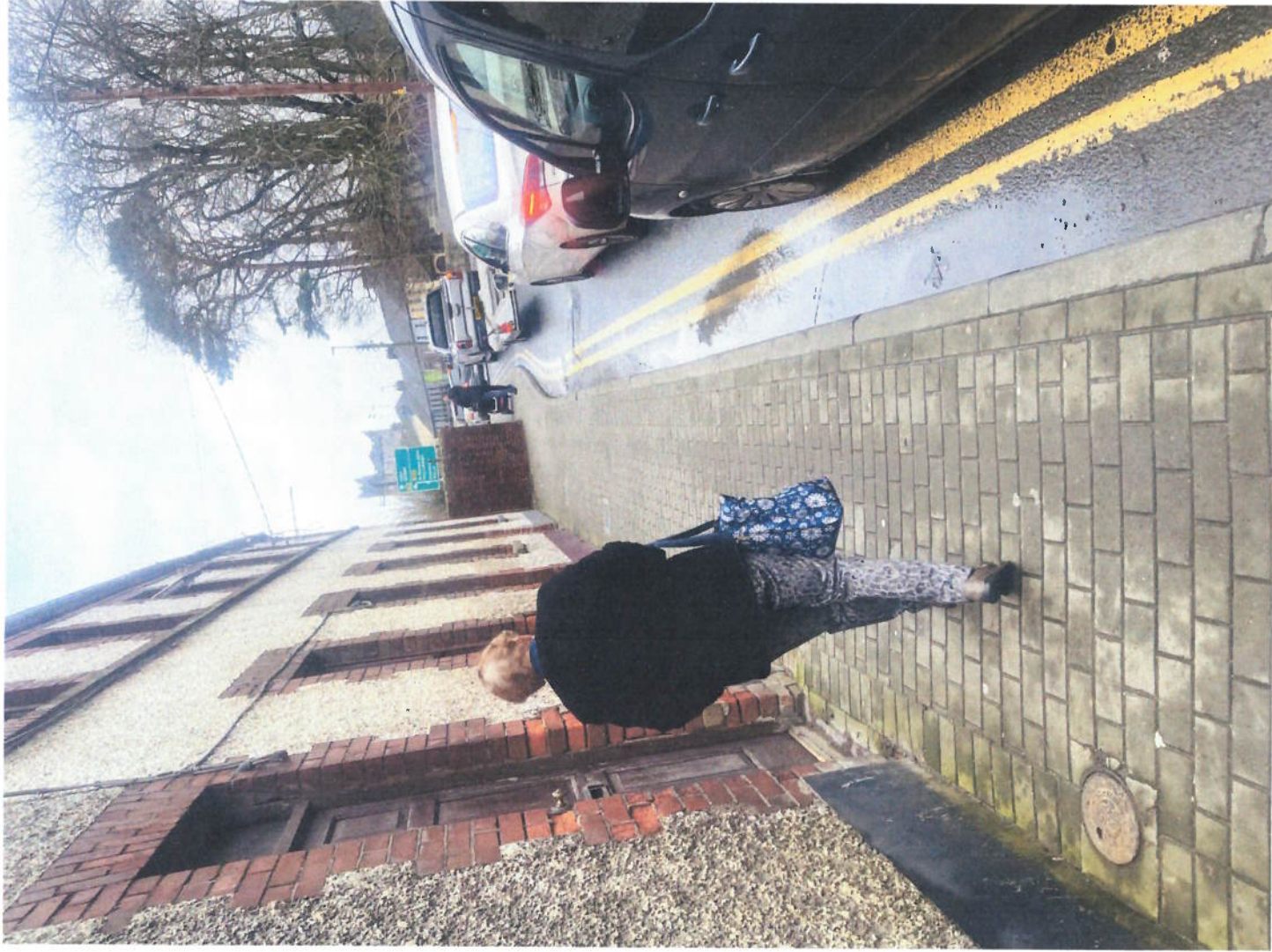


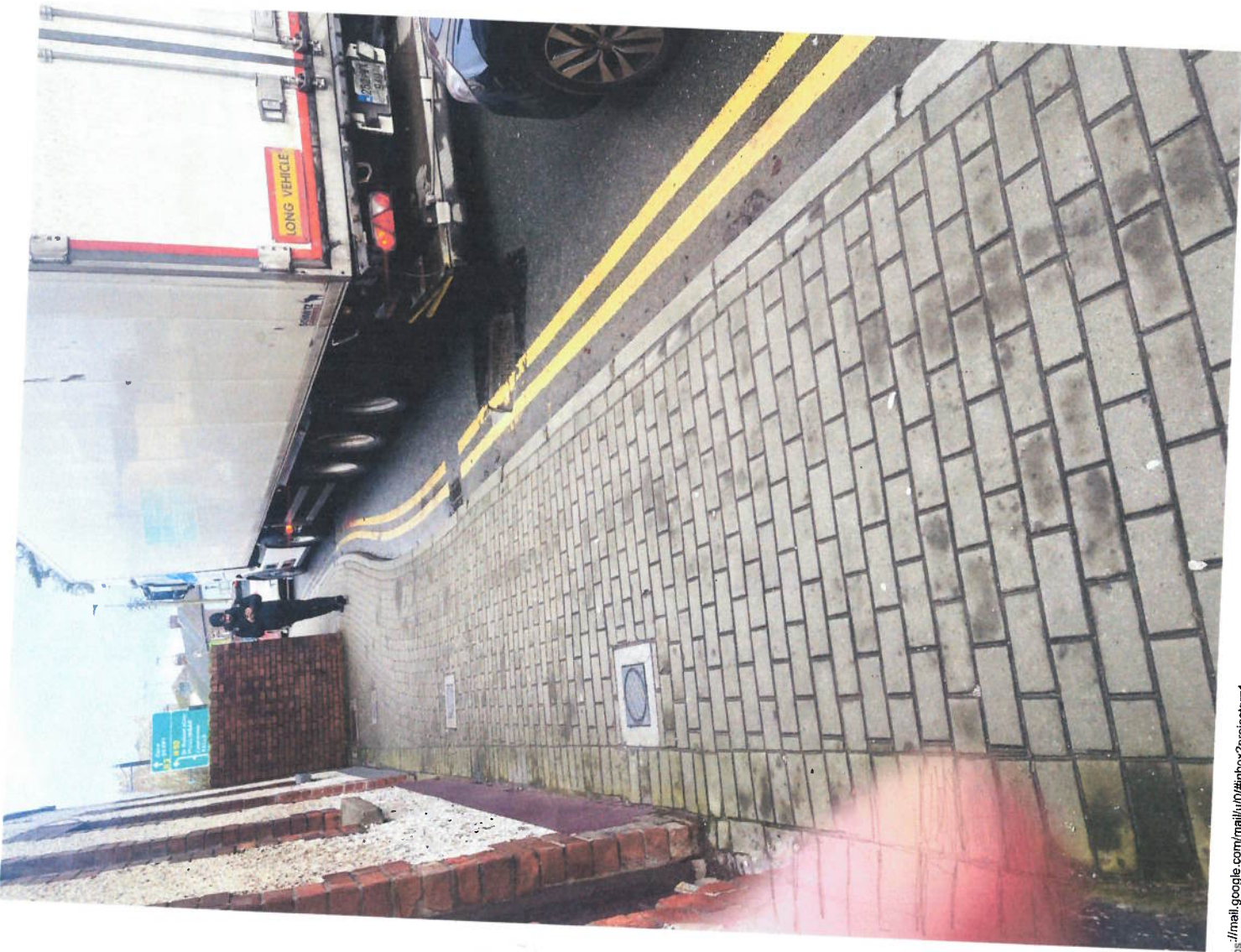


COMPARING STANDARD  
 WORK SIGN WITH THE  
 FOOTPATH CROSSING  
 THE RIVER DEE WIDTH





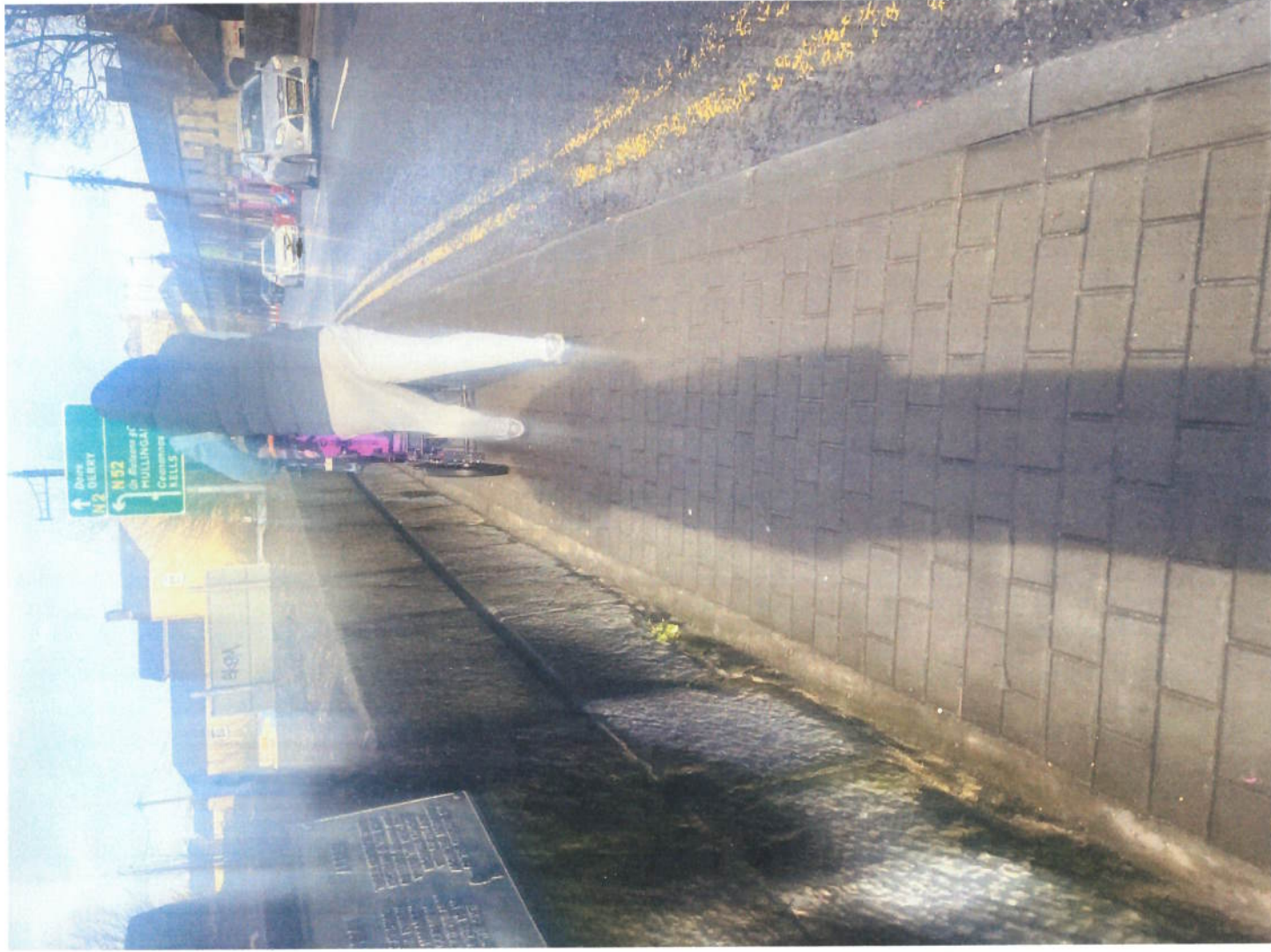




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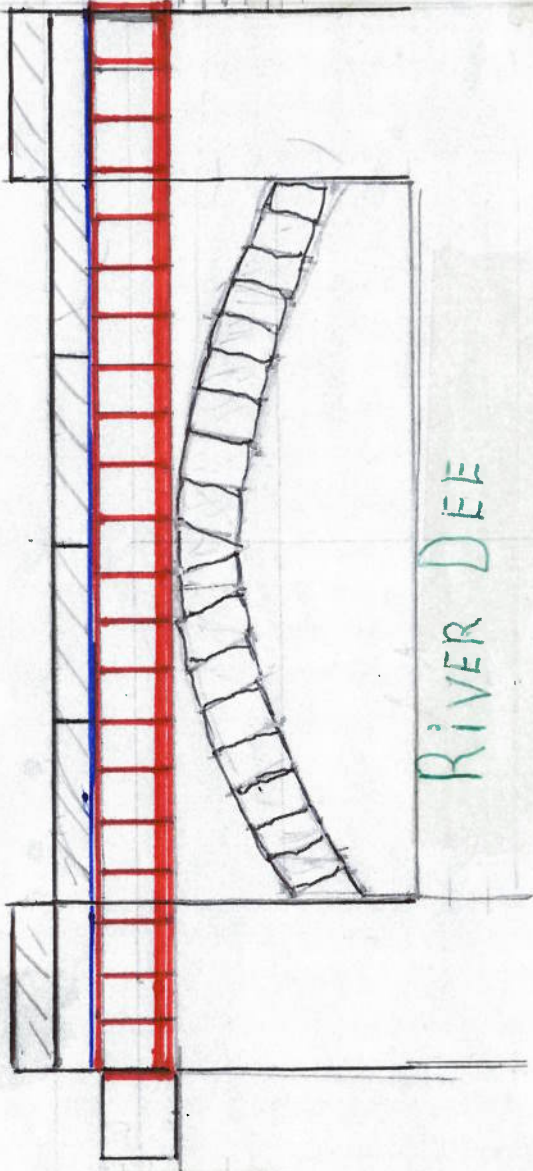




SHOWING HOW CLOSE  
TRAFFIC IS TO THE  
FOOTPATH GOING SOUTH

BRIDGE STREET

CAR PARK



PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE  
RIVERSIDE WALK



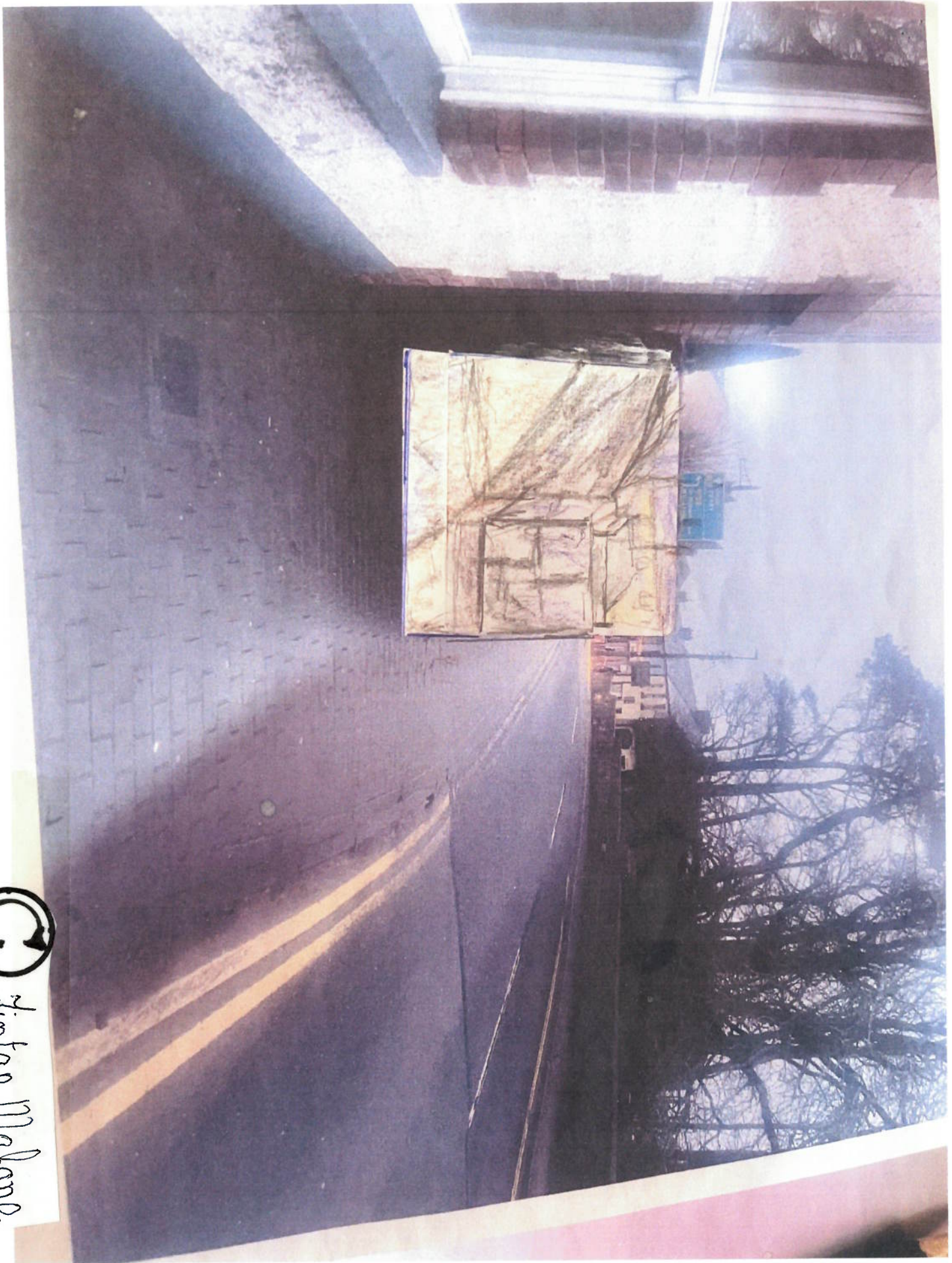
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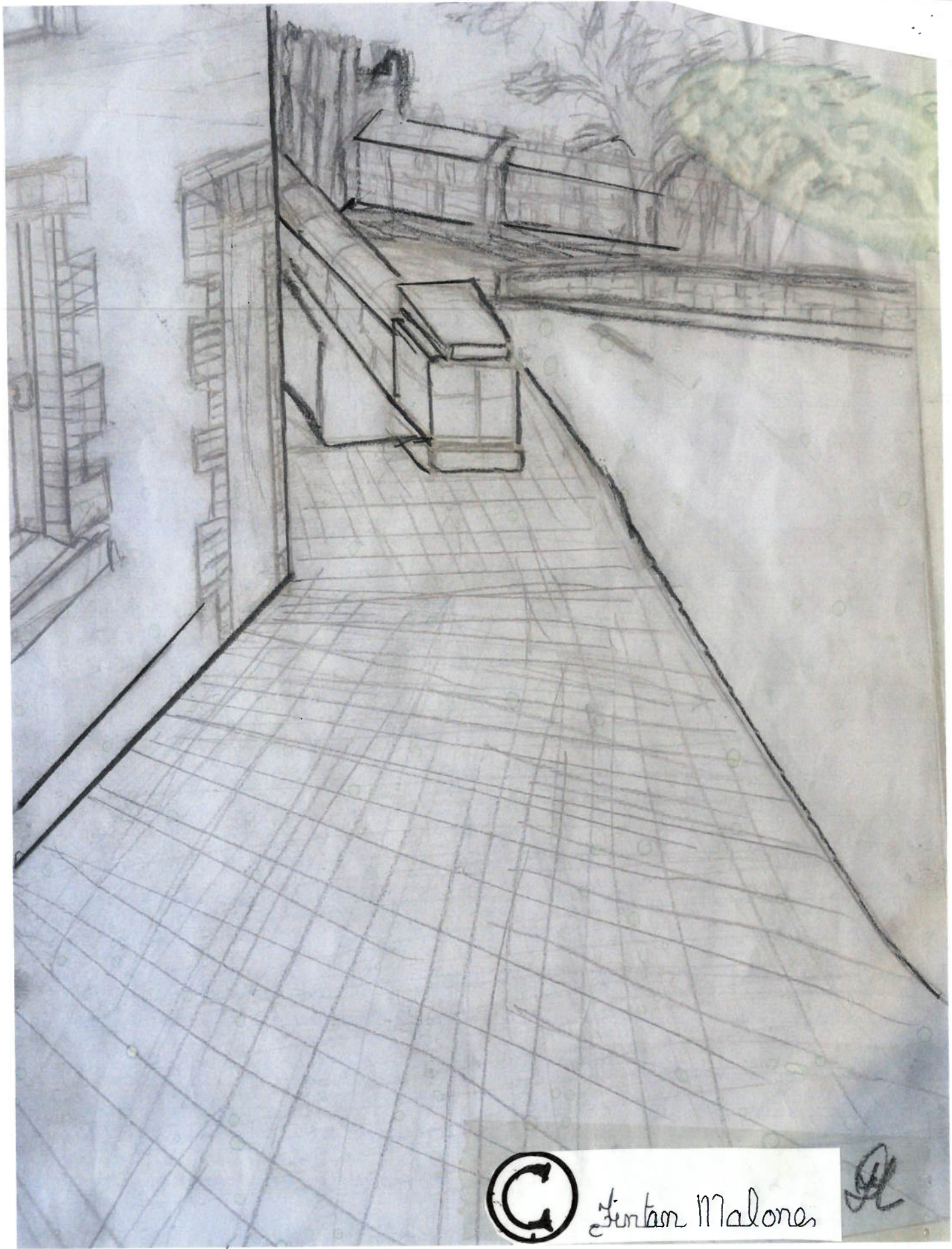


REMOVE RED BRICK  
WALL

THIS WALL HAS NO HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANTS  
AS IT WAS BUILT IN THE 1960



Sintan Malong



Justin Malone





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VIEW FROM PROPOSED  
 FOOT BRIDGE  
 LOOKING SOUTH



Jintan Malone



BRIDGE STREET  
CAR PARK



FOOTBRIDGE CROSSING  
 FROM BRIDGE STREET  
 CAR PARK



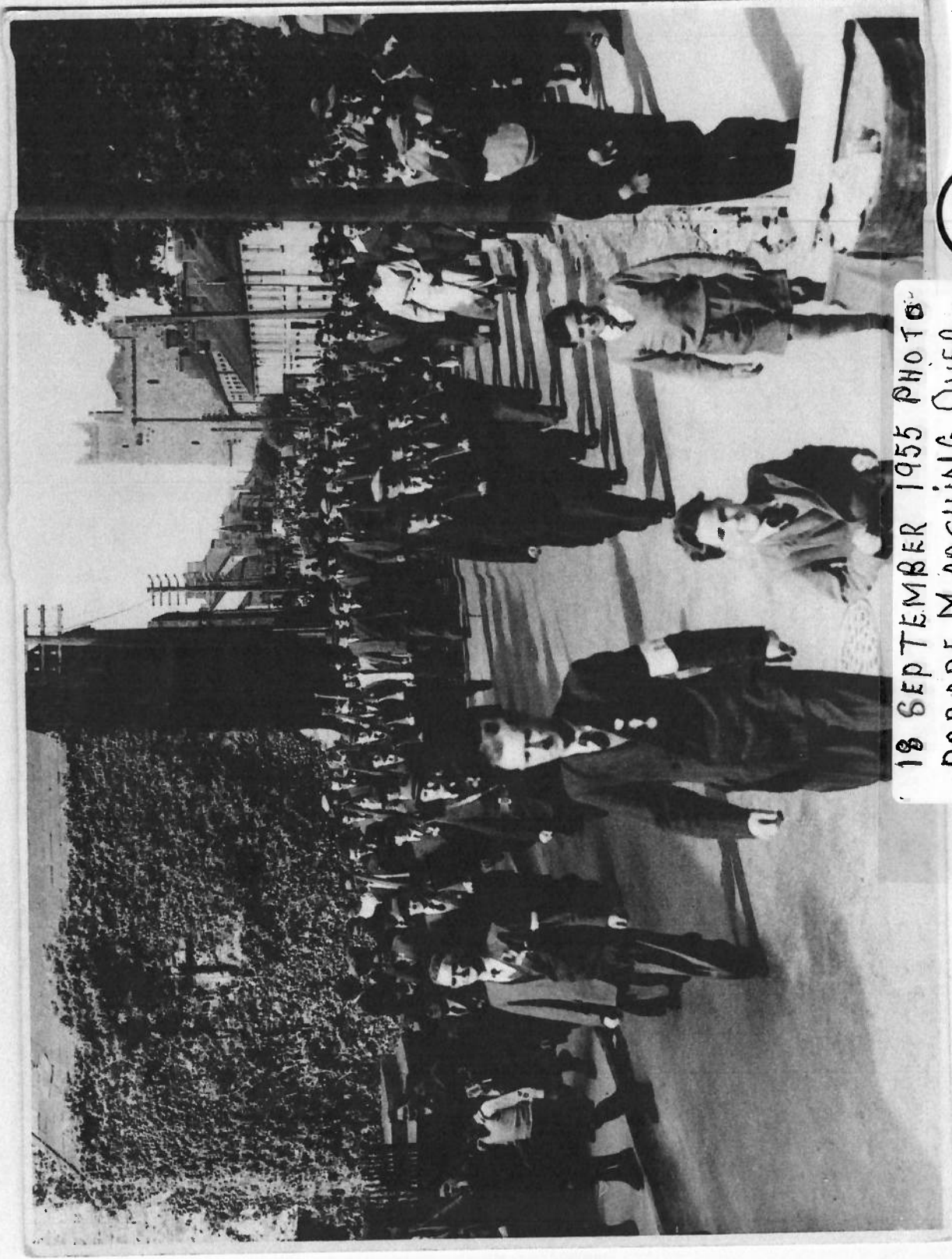
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18 SEPTEMBER 1955 PHOTO  
PARADE MARCHING OVER  
BRIDGE ST. BRIDGE SHOWING  
OLD MILL,  
TODAY BRIDGE ST. CAR PARK



Hinton Malong





FOOT BRIDGE FOOTPATH TO HALE ST.

WILLIAM ST., MOORHALL,

SCOIL MUIRE NA TRÓCAIRE,

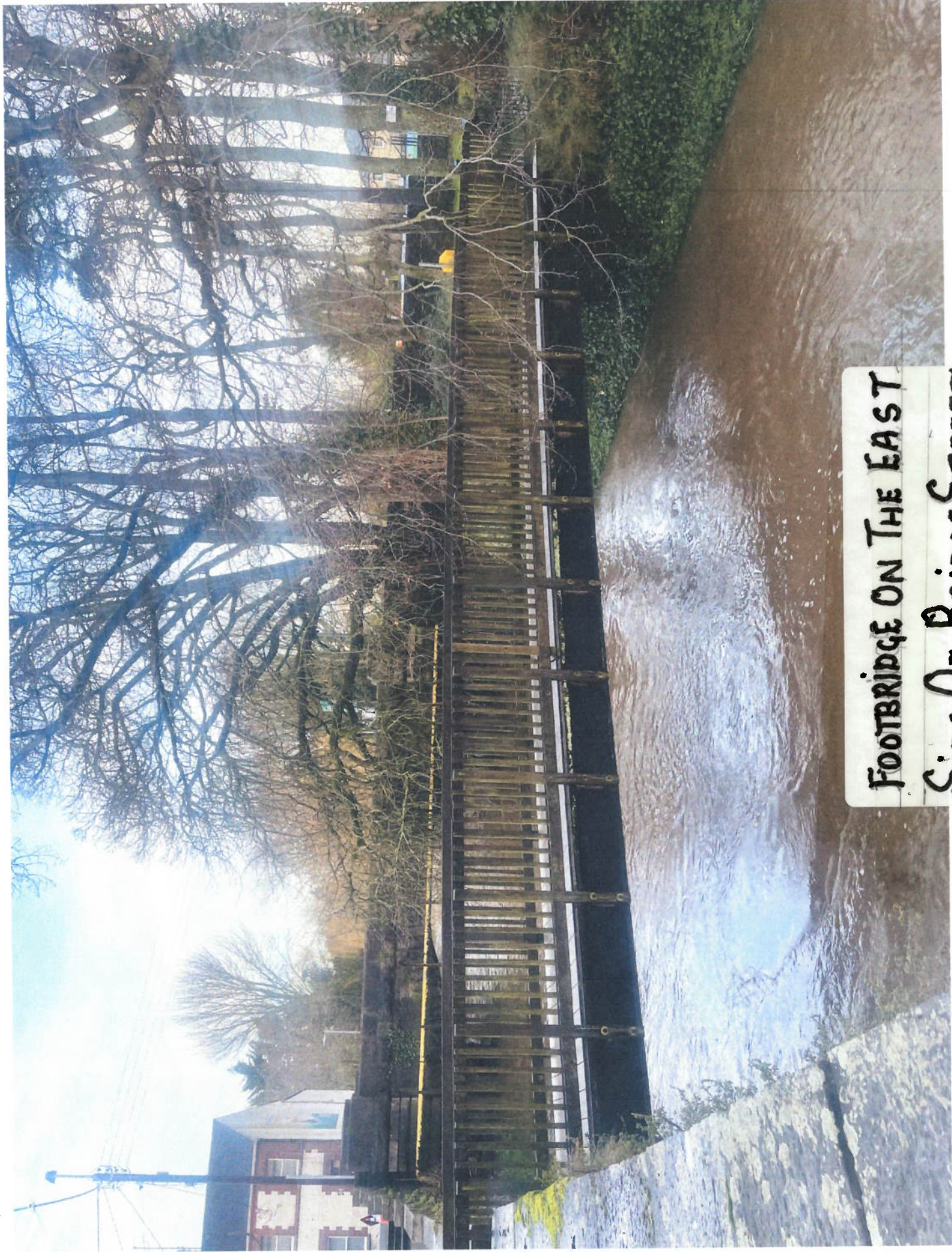
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# Philipstown Engineering Ltd

STRUCTURAL AND GENERAL FABRICATION

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### OUR REF

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Fintan Malone

### YOURREF

Foot Bridge River Dee  
Ref : ACP-323972-25

### DATE

27/01/2026

***Thank you for your inquiry, we are glad to enclose the following quotation:***

To supply fabricate structural steel as per drawing issued  
Main Support Beams 533x210x92kg Cross beams 152x152x30kg Bracing 76mm CHS  
Support for concrete 60mm comfloor decking.  
Handrails as per drawing issued Top rail 60mm CHS With a lower hand rail 50mm Chs  
Vertical bars 16mm round solid at 116mm centres  
Price also includes full set of workshop drawings to be passed by structural engineer before fabrication

Cost to Supply and fabricate only main steel frame with concrete decking please note concrete work by others Finish on steel Galvanized

**Cost € 28836.00**

Cost to Supply, fabricate and fit handrails to bridge Finish on steel Galvanized

**Cost € 16616.00**

Estimated Cost to fit bridge on site day rates if work must be done out of hours  
Extra cost will apply

**Cost € 5240.00**

### **Prices Do Not Include**

Hard stand for erecting crew  
Civils' work / Concrete work / Grouting works  
Engineers Design or connection details  
Road Closures and Traffic management  
Paint: Topcoat  
Vat

Should you have any queries please contact me  
Regards

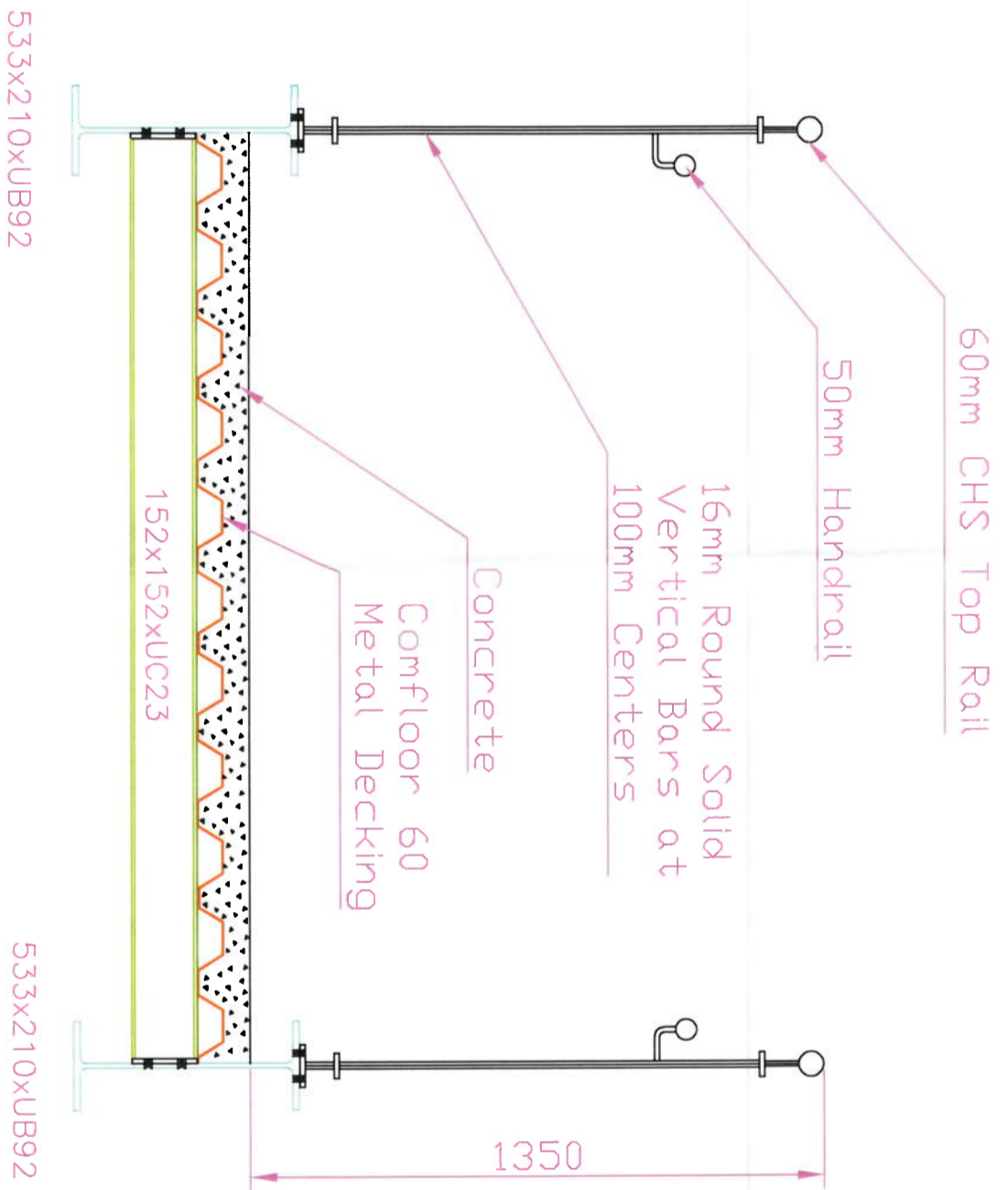
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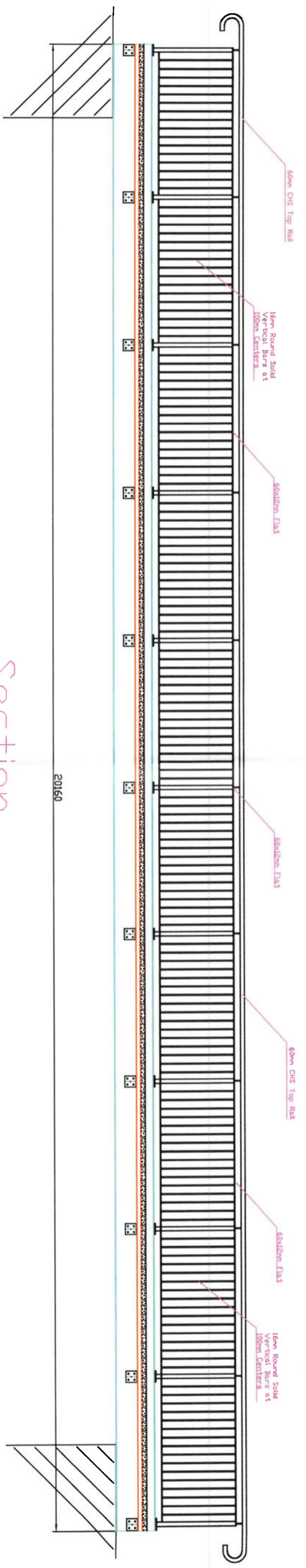
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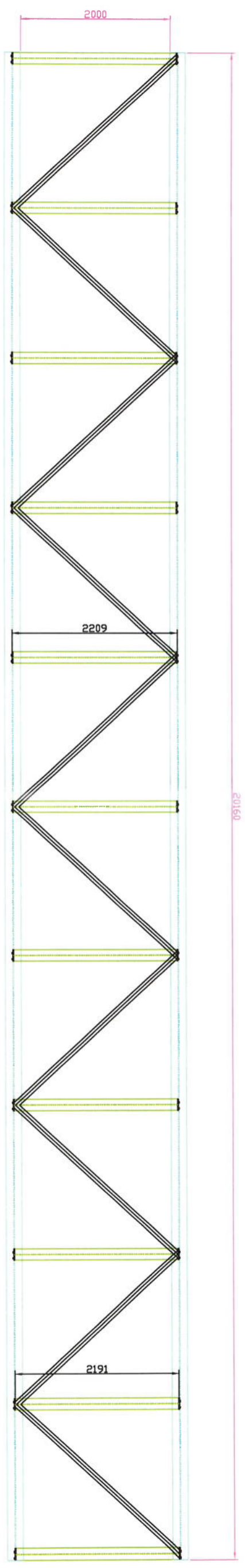


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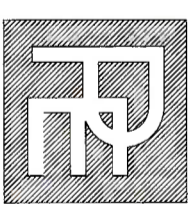


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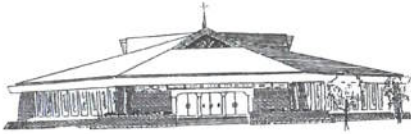


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## Parish of Ardee - Collon

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28 January 2026

An Coimisiún Pleanála  
Public Realm Section  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1,  
D01 V902

E-Mail  
ardee.collon@gmail.com

**Re: 2040 Plan ACP 323-972-25**

To whom it may concern:

In the interests of our parishioners who attend Mass on a regular basis, we wish to express our serious concern regarding the safety and wellbeing of pedestrians using the narrow footpath on Bridge Street, Ardee.

Given the volume of pedestrian traffic, particularly at peak times, we believe the current footpath presents an ongoing safety risk. We would therefore be fully supportive of the provision of a footbridge on the Riverside Walk side of Bridge Street, which would greatly improve pedestrian safety and accessibility.

We trust that these concerns will be given due consideration as part of the planning process.

Yours sincerely,

Sinéad Cowley  
Parish Secretary





**Pobalscoil Chillín, Áth Fheirdia**  
**Ardee Community School**  
**Ardee, Co. Louth**  
**Tel: (041) 6853554**  
**Email: [info@ardeecs.ie](mailto:info@ardeecs.ie)**

Mary H. Jackson  
Principal  
Secretary, Board of Management

To whom it may concern,

Ardee Community School is a Post Primary School with over 1400 pupils and staff.

Approximately 40 to 50% of our pupils walk to school each day. We are attempting to increase this percentage who walk and cycle to school and would support any measures which will increase the safety of pedestrians and cyclists through Ardee Town and its surroundings.

Yours Sincerely,

*Mary Jackson*

Mary H Jackson

Principal

28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**DESSIE MURRAY GYM & FITNESS CENTRE**

**JOHN ST. ARDEE.**

I am the owner of the above gym & fitness centre and part of my fitness regime, my members go running & jogging around the town of Ardee and as the owner I am responsible for their safety. I discourage them from running & jogging across Bridge St Bridge, because the pavement is very narrow and close to traffic.

I would be very supportive of this proposed pedestrian footbridge over the river Dee because it would be very beneficial to the town and to my members.

Signed: Jessie Murray

Address: John St. Ardee

Date: 31/01/26

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Public Realm Section,  
64 Marlborough St.,  
Dublin 1.



RIVER DEE

CAR PARK

RIVER DEE

DESSIE MURRAY  
FITNESS CENTRE

OLD CHURCH

CHURCH

NO DASHES RD.

JOHN ST

RIVER SIDE WALK

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SAFE  
RUNNING AND JOGGING  
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Ref ACP -323972-25

03/02/2026

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support for the purposed upgrade for an accessible walkway located at the riverside walk through to the bridge street carpark Ardee Co. Louth.

As a disability organisation we fully support this upgrade. Through member consultation and feedback, suggests the current pathway is too narrow for various types of wheelchairs and to close to the main road with ongoing passing traffic and heavy load vehicles such as lorries making it unsafe to pass and access.

The purposed upgrade for this location would be very welcomed as our members enjoy accessing Ardee town and we support making the environment more accessible, while promoting their independence.

Please be advised that we support with planning and access through two of our support documents.

Link: [Access Guidelines - Irish Wheelchair Association](#)

1. Great Outdoors Access Guide
2. Best Practice Access Guideline 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

Yours Sincerely



**Valene Ryan**  
Service Coordinator  
Irish Wheelchair Association  
Ardee, Co. Louth

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