

Wicklow County Council,
Planning Department,
County Buildings,
Whitegates,
Wicklow Town,
Co. Wicklow.

22nd January 2021

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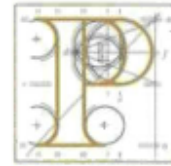


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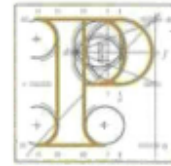


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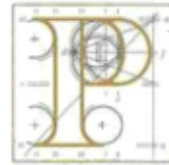


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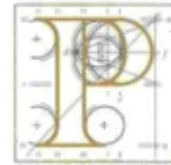
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