

## 6.0 AN ALTERNATIVE CONSTRUCTION STRATEGY

Considering the Request for Further Information from Dublin City Council with respect to the extended duration being sought, an Alternative Approach to the site construction strategy has been considered with a view to expediting the Site 5 development.

### Stage 1 Layout

This revised strategy assumes that the Overall Site is configured, as per Figure 6 above, for the construction duration of Sites 1, 3, 4 and the MEW construction stage of Site 2.

These works will be constructed in years 1 to 8.

### Stage 2 Layout

Upon completion of works under the Stage 1, the Overall Site layout is changed as per that shown in Figure 9 (the 'Stage 2 Layout').

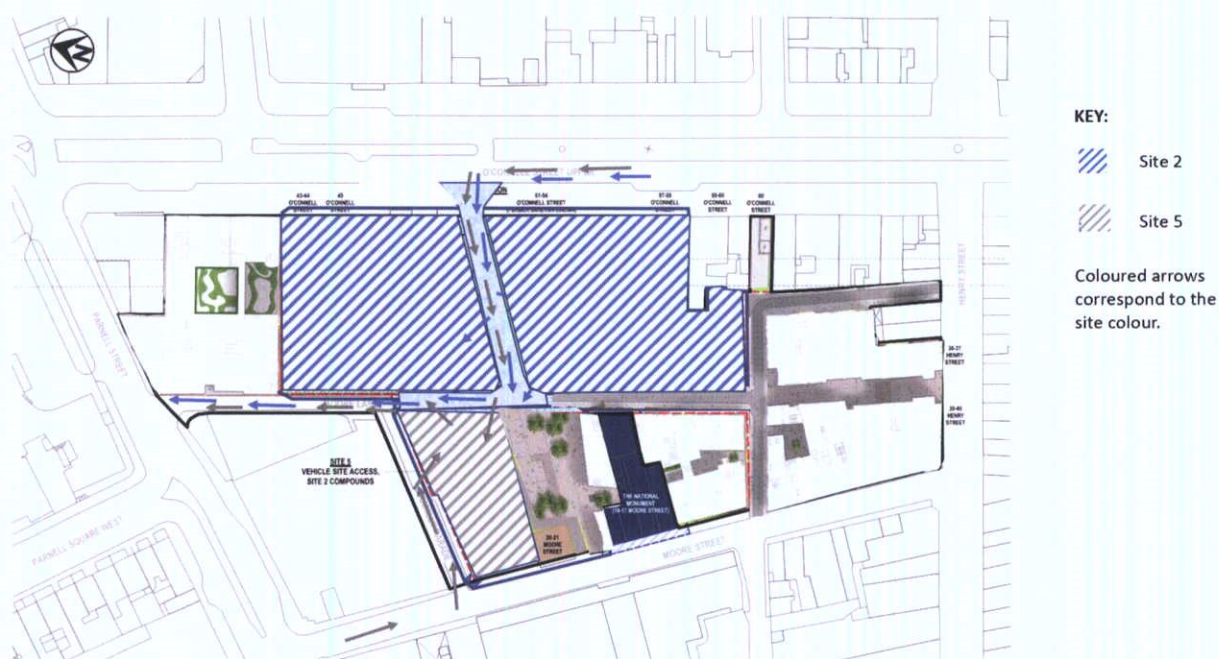


Figure 9 – Alternative Site Layout

Within the Stage 2 Layout, the primary access/egress route for the Overall Site relocates to O'Connell Street Upper. This will enable the construction of Site 5 to proceed earlier than would otherwise be possible; with access/egress to Site 5 construction via Moore Street and O'Rahilly Parade. Stage 2 Layout can only commence once the Site 2 MEW are completed with associated podium in place.

Under the Stage 2 layout, access via O'Rahilly Parade followed by a right turn onto Moore Lane will not be possible, thereby necessitating the O'Connell Street access for Site 2 oversite construction.

The Stage 2 Layout enables Site 5 to be constructed in parallel with the Site 2 oversite development. This approach would enable the planning duration for Site 5 to be reduced from 15 years to 12 years as it would no longer be required to complete Site 2 before Site 5 commences.

The challenge created by the Alternative Approach is that construction access for Site 2 (and some of construction traffic for Site 5) will require access from O'Connell Street, egressing via Moore Lane, north onto Parnell Street. Such a sequence will have the benefit of removing Site 2 construction traffic entirely from Moore Street and O'Rahilly Parade. Site 5 construction traffic will have exclusive site access via Moore Street/O'Rahilly Parade from the west and occasionally O'Connell Street from the east.

This will also mean that all construction traffic for Site 2 needs to approach the Site from the south, journeying north up O'Connell Street, as approaching from the north and making a right hand turn into Site 2 is not possible.

The other challenge to this approach is that the vehicle holding and handling facility, located in Site 5 in the Stage 1 Layout is subsequently lost. Therefore, with a more constrained Overall Site, there is greater risk to the Site 2 construction programme, resulting in a planning duration of 12 years being required for this Site. The programme in Figure 10 indicates this.

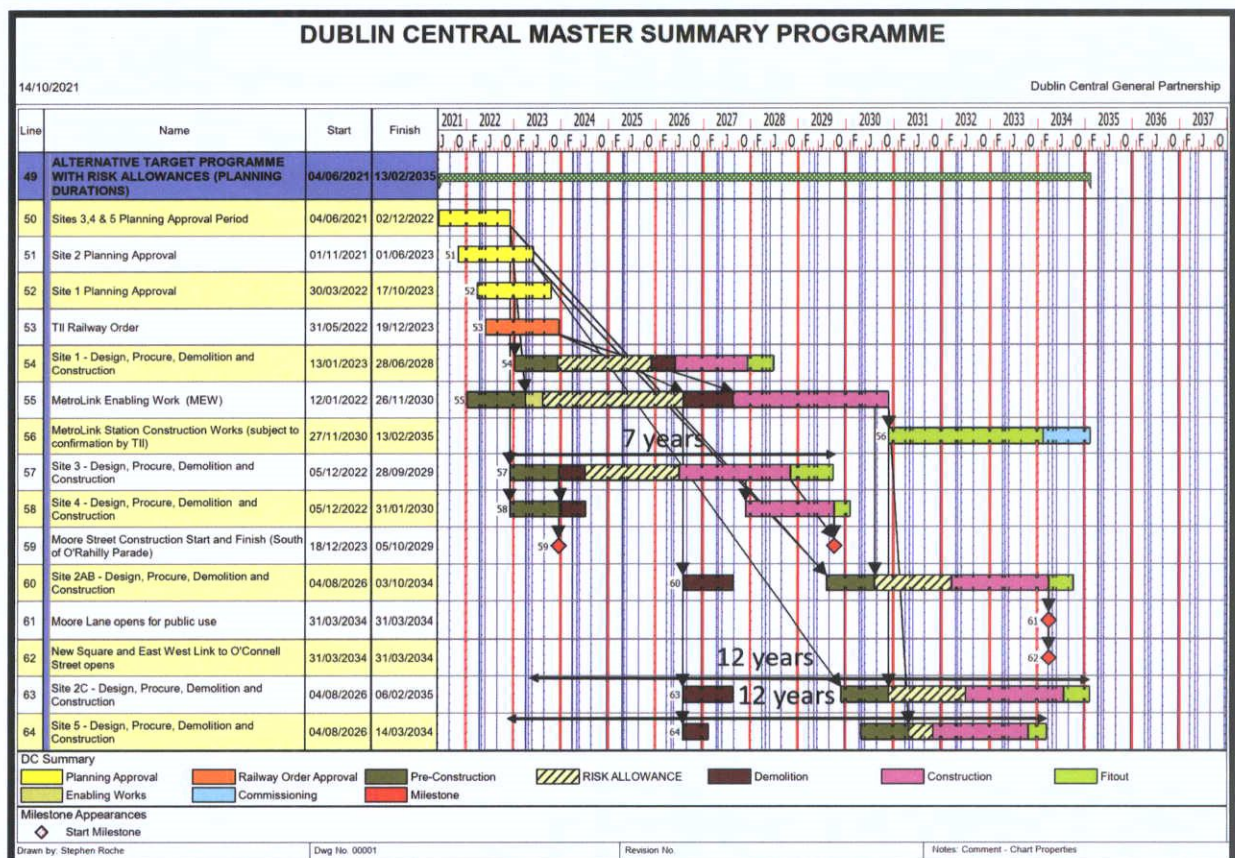


Figure 10 – Alternative Master Summary Programme with risk allocation indicating Planning Durations required

Again, whilst the risk has notionally been shown at the beginning of the construction stage, it can and will occur anywhere within the overall timescale for each project.

Whilst the Alternative Approach could be adopted to reduce the Planning duration for Site 5, it is not considered by DCGP to reflect the best approach, given the Overall Site constraints, which have been well documented here and in prior reports.

## 7.0 CONCLUSION

In reaching a conclusion, the following factors need to be considered:

- This is an unusually constrained site with a wide variety of constraints present.
- Inclusion of the MEW as part of project carries substantive additional risk to the overall programme.
- Assessment of planning permission durations should be conducted on a risk adjusted basis to reflect the characteristics of that specific project.
- While Dublin Central will deliver the MetroLink Enabling Works, many of the risk factors that could impact it are out of the control of Dublin Central (e.g., TII forcing design changes, delay to getting an enforceable Railway Order etc).
- Material MEW programme delays will effectively run down the clock for Dublin Central to be able to complete the over-site works. Such occurrences have the potential to result in the development not being complete within the lifetime of the permission. This would present an intolerable risk to the viability of the scheme.

Therefore, the proposed planning duration:

- Must consider likely risks that could occur while avoiding the outcome of having a development that cannot be completed within the lifetime of the permission.
- Must not equate to the targeted programme for delivery which represents a faster delivery period and, which by its nature does not have all the likely project risks factored in.
- Must not be merely a 'pessimistic date', but rather a genuine assessment of what a prudent developer may require in the context of the project specific risks and constraints.

For these reasons Dublin Central GP Ltd believes the 15-year Planning duration applied for is the correct and most appropriate period.

While an Alternative Approach for delivery within 12 years has been discussed within this report, it is considered sub-optimal with a variety of spill over impacts on the surrounding environment. While there are clear programme benefits, in totality, it is not considered the preferred approach.

**Appendix D - SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMME STATEMENT for Dublin Central GP Ltd dated 18th July 2022 – The Certo supplemental programme statement issued to An Bord Pleanála in support of its first party appeal justifying why a 15 year planning duration for Site 5 is necessary and why the 7 year period granted is wholly inadequate.**



# DUBLIN CENTRAL MASTERPLAN SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMME STATEMENT

for Dublin Central GP Ltd

18th July 2022

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## 1. PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT

The purpose of this statement is to provide additional detail with respect to the key rationale behind the Dublin Central GP Ltd. application to Dublin City Council for a 15 year duration of planning permission for Site 5 and its continued firm belief that such a duration is imperative to the expeditious and successful delivery of the Dublin Central project.

While the Applicant welcomes the Dublin City Council decision to grant permission for Site 5 (Planning Ref: 2863/21), dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022, the 7 year duration conditioned is considered to be wholly inadequate in this instance.

## 2. CONTEXT

### GENERALLY

Dublin Central GP Ltd. lodged a planning application to Dublin City Council on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 for the redevelopment of Site 5 (Planning Ref: 2863/21) as a component part of its overall Dublin Central Masterplan.

The site comprises the following:

Site 5 – offices with café / restaurant at ground floor level overlooking the new square

The overall areas of the proposed development of the Overall Site are quoted in Table 1.

	Site 1	Site 2AB	Site 2C	Site 3	Site 4	Site 5	Total
	sq. m	sq. m	sq. m	sq. m	sq. m	sq. m	sq. m
Office	3,610	17,484	17,029	-	295	5,799	44,217
Hotel	8,094	-	-	7,175	-	-	15,270
Residential	-	-	-	6,452	1,454	-	7,906
Retail	-	1,876	1,255	1,954	617	-	5,672
Café / Restaurant	-	625	150	138	864	679	2,456
Cultural / Gallery / Cafe	-	-	-	123	-	-	123
Extension to National Monument for ancillary use to National Monument – a cultural facility	-	-	-	-	60	-	60
Metrolink Enabling Works	-	555	831	-	-	-	1,386
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,704</b>	<b>20,541</b>	<b>19,235</b>	<b>15,842</b>	<b>3,290</b>	<b>6,478</b>	<b>77,090</b>

Note: the areas given for Site 1, Site 2AB and Site 2C are based on draft calculations prepared for intended applications for permission. The areas given for Sites 5 are included in the applications for permission made.

*Table 1 – Schedule of Area for the Masterplan of the Overall Site.*

A 15 year duration was sought, in the knowledge that 5 year durations are typical for commercial developments in the city centre and therefore a clear rationale to justify the longer duration being sought was included. This justification was included within the *Programme Report*, prepared by *Certo Management Services* contained in Appendix A of the *Masterplan Outline Construction Management & Demolition Plan*, prepared by *Waterman Moylan Consulting Engineers*, submitted as part of the Site 5 planning application (also appended herewith).

Such an extended duration is required by the requirement for Site 5 to be demolished to provide critical site access and a construction compound in order to enable the sequential and logical delivery of the Dublin Central Masterplan, most notably, Dublin Central Site 2 which includes substantive oversite development and enabling works to facilitate the future O’Connell Street MetroLink station as part of these proposals.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Applicant intends to lodge the Site 2 application imminently.

WHY WAS A 15 YEAR DURATION APPLIED FOR?

An extract from the *Programme Report (May-21)* is shown below in Figure 1.

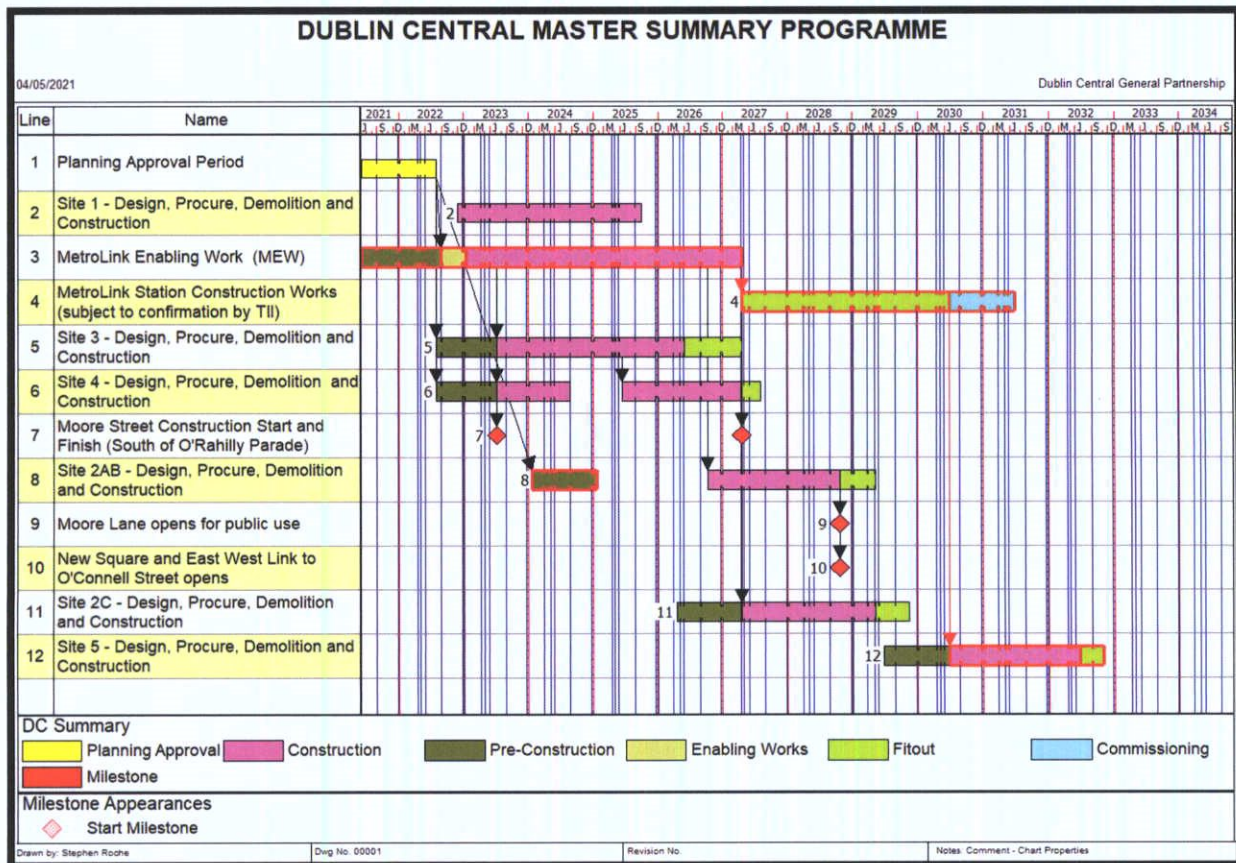


Figure 1 – Master Summary Programme (May 2021)

As can be seen in Figure 1, the works for Site 5 are timed to commence (Summer 2030) only once the oversite works in Site 2AB and 2C are completed (Autumn 2028 and Spring 2029 respectively)<sup>2</sup>. It is further envisaged that the construction and fitting out of the MetroLink Station at a later date (between Summer 2027 and Summer 2030), by third parties and subject to a Railway Order, will also require access via Site 5, a process for which the Applicant has no certainty at this juncture.

At the time of writing, the *Programme Report (May-21)*, concluded that TII<sup>3</sup> would need space at street level to facilitate the construction of a future station, subject to its Railway Order. Some of the major plant and equipment may be deliverable via the tunnels, but there will always be a need for a compound to feed into Site 2 and elsewhere. The *Programme Report* provided for these additional requirements in seeking a planning approval period of 15 years.

Since writing the *Programme Report (May-21)*, further detailed coordination has occurred with TII concerning its approach to fitting out of a future station and coordination of same with the Applicant’s development, following the completion of the Applicant’s Site 2 works.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to a separate application by the Applicant that will include enabling works for Metrolink to be undertaken on behalf of TII.  
<sup>3</sup> Transport Infrastructure Ireland.



The MetroLink Enabling Works (MEW), as its name suggests, relate only to preliminary works to facilitate a future MetroLink station, which itself will be subject to a Railway Order by TII. The MEW will be undertaken by the Applicant, subject to a separate planning application (Dublin Central Site 2 application due to be submitted imminently). The eventual construction of a station by TII, will involve substantive works including major internal civil works including the construction of mezzanine level floor slabs, railways and ancillary infrastructure, rail platforms, internal walls, lining walls, stairs and civil works for escalators and other elements followed by the mechanical and electrical installation works. It is expected that the civil works will require space to receive and handle materials and plant at grade to be then delivered to the work area below grade.

In addition, large items of M&E equipment will be delivered and handled in Area 1 as noted in Figure 2 before taking them into the building and dropping them down the access shaft referred to as Access Point 1. The items of equipment that will need to be handled include:

- escalators,
- ventilation fans,
- attenuators / dampers / transitions,
- VSD's / vent control equipment,
- heating, ventilation, air-conditioning (HVAC) / air handling units (AHU's),
- HV transformers,
- HV switchgear,
- traction power equipment,
- lifts,
- HV/LV switch panels,
- cabling (drums),
- ladder rack,
- pipework,
- pumps,
- communications/IT/ticketing/signalling, and
- steelwork

The strategy that TII has outlined for the logistics of delivering the station construction involves the use of Site 5 as can be seen in Figure 2 which is an extract from the TII document entitled "*METROLINK REPORT O'Connell Street Station – Review of Main Works Contractor's Works after Developer Constructed Box and Over Site Development Construction*" that was shared with Dublin Central GP Ltd. in February 2022.

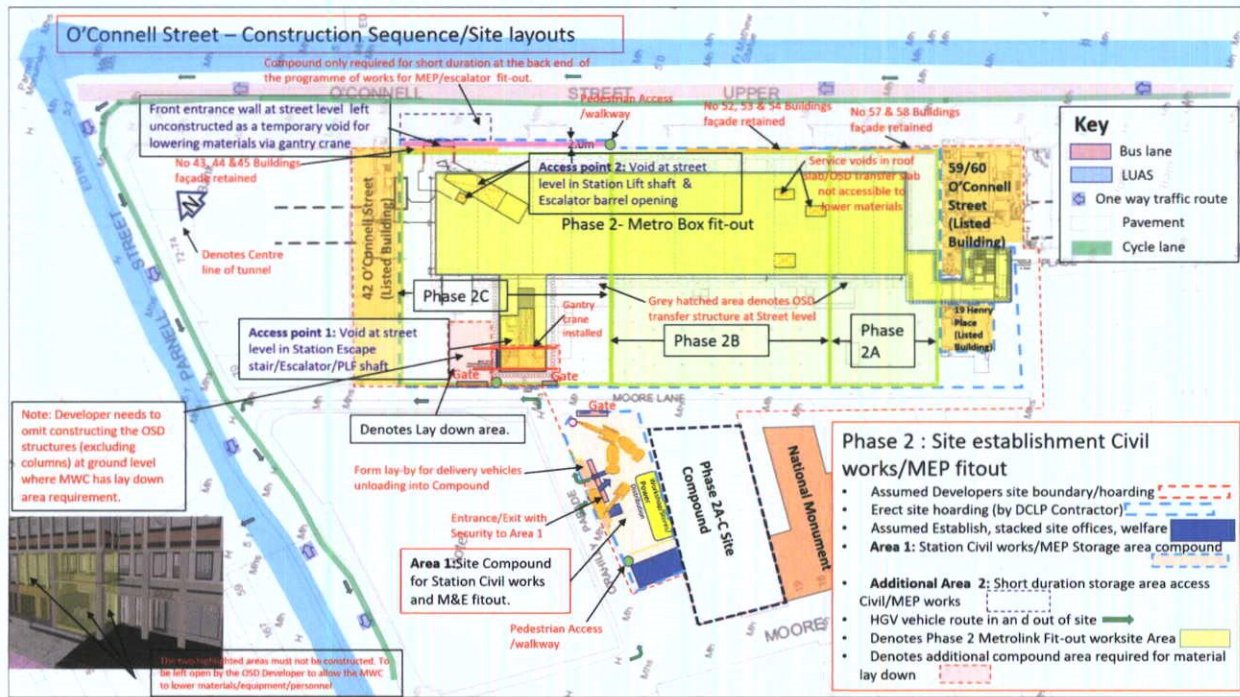


Figure 2 – Extract taken from the TII Review of Main Works Contractor's Works after Developer Constructed Box and Over Site Development Construction (included with permission from TII)

This clear intention to use Site 5 to assist with the construction of the station had been anticipated when the Planning Application for Site 5 was made, and a planning duration of 15 years was requested. Site 5 will be held back to support the construction of Sites 2AB and 2C and the station.

In preparation of the Site 5 Planning Application, allowance was also made for unforeseen issues / constraints which any prudent plan would have in its programme. Delays to the construction of the MEW brought about, for example, by a delay in achieving an enforceable Railway Order (amongst others), will have a knock on impact on the delivery of Site 5, particularly as Site 5 is the final phase of the masterplan to be developed according to the Applicant's construction phasing strategy (Refer to Figure 3). Such provisions have been considered in the next section of this Statement and summarised in Figure 4 below.

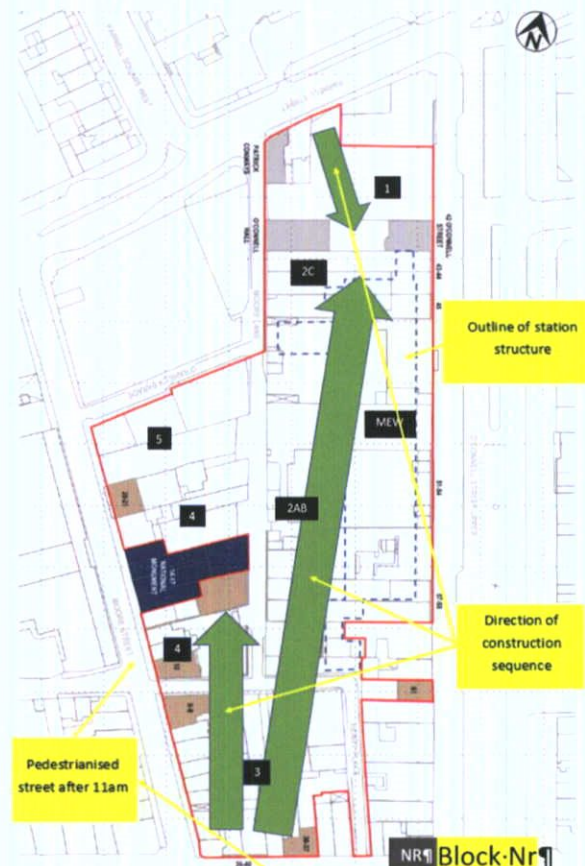


Figure 3 – Extract taken from Programme Report showing direction of construction approach

The significance of Site 5 in the delivery of the Overall Site play a crucial role, as it:

- Ensures disruption to the rest of the locality is minimised
- Manages traffic distribution to and from the Overall Site
- Reduces the need to encroach onto O'Connell Street with construction activity
- enables a logical south to north construction sequence that enables a quicker release of public areas back into public use (see Figure 3)
- Helps protect the National Monument at Nos. 14-17 Moore Street by giving the necessary "breathing space" to allow construction to be managed around it
- Facilitates the approach to minimise the disruption to the Moore Street Market Traders during the works

With the grant of a seven year permission by Dublin City Council (June 2022), the key benefits outlined above which have been carefully considered within construction strategy by Dublin Central GP Ltd. (informed by detailed dialogue and co-ordination with TII) are completely undermined. This will result in greater pressure being placed on the surrounding streets and on local stakeholders.

### 3. MONTE CARLO SIMULATION

The above factors have been given consideration in determining the proposed planning durations on a risk-adjusted basis.

Potential constraints were assessed by applying impact and probability criteria to predict an estimate for an overall delay. Modelling the data is helpful in determining how the overall impact upon the critical path (longest duration) could be assessed considering that:

- a) Not all risks will affect the critical path of the project as they could affect works not on the critical path at the time.
- b) As risks occur, not all will affect the critical path as some will be concurrent with other more dominant risks and therefore it is the dominant risk time that will be lost, and so it is this that needs to be modelled to predict the longest path for the project.
- c) Not all risks may be realised, and some may only be partly realised.

To account for the items a) to c) above, and to more accurately predict the impact on the critical path (longest duration) the project was modelled using computer software which ran a defined number of Monte Carlo simulations to predict the probability of different outcomes given the intervention of the risk variables present. This simulation is a construction industry standard approach that is typically employed for large scale, complex development projects. This modelling helped inform the impact of risk and uncertainty when deriving the completion dates for all the various Sites, as can be seen in Figure 4 below.

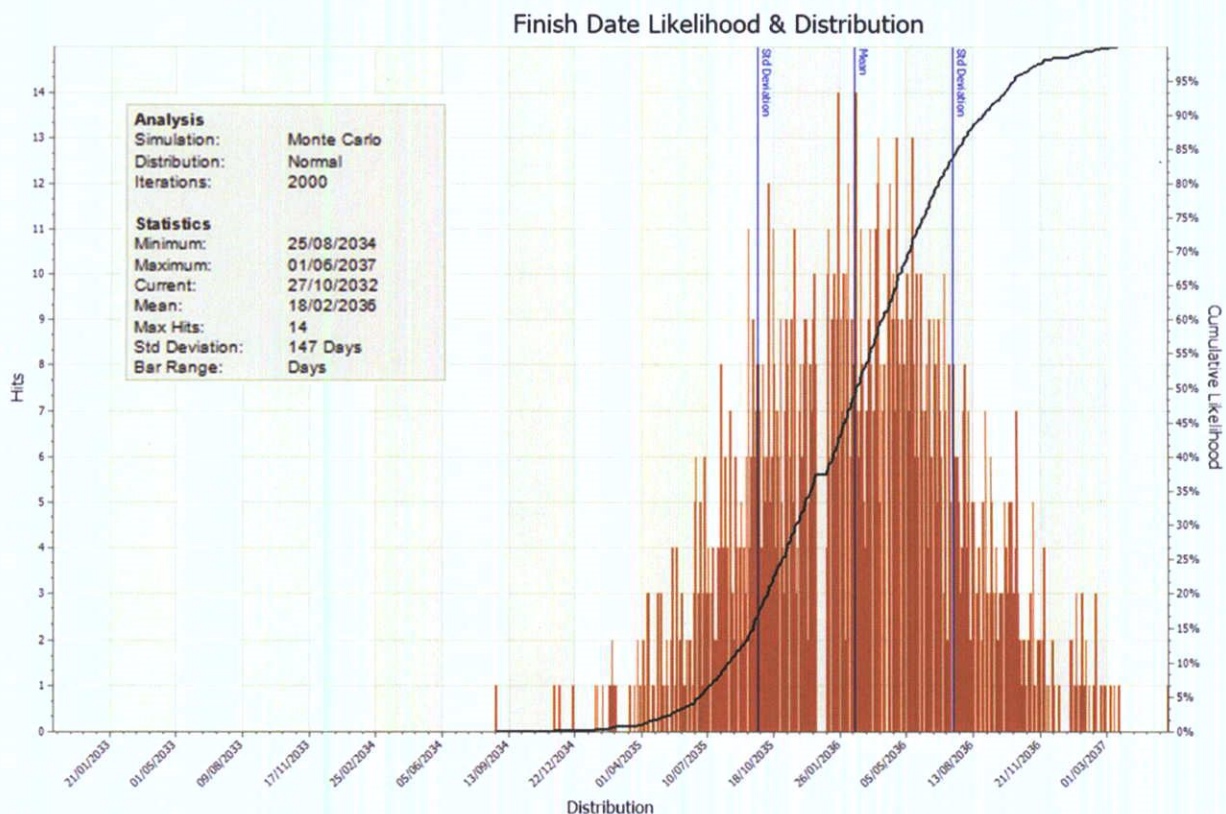


Figure 4 – Monte Carlo simulation for longest path of total project

To understand the effect on the completion dates of all the Sites, it was necessary to consider the predicted programme for any given percentile of probability and compare this to the Baseline Programme. Two different percentiles were used for this exercise to determine how sensitive the difference might be. Because this exercise is being applied to determine the correct duration of the Planning Approval period to be applied for, an extremely high percentile of probability was considered necessary and therefore the two percentile values that were used were 80% and 100%. The 80% percentile assumes that most of the predicted risk events have been realised, but not all of them to their fullest degree, whereas the 100% percentile predicts the most likely statistical outcome for the worst case situation.

The results can be seen in the Gantt Chart in Figure 5. The "Hatched Green" bars broadly show the baseline programme (shown in Figure 1) before the analysis was applied. The "Yellow" bars show the first position, i.e., the 80% percentile that the sites will be completed by the dates shown with the "Solid Dark Green" bars showing the second position, i.e., the 100% percentile.

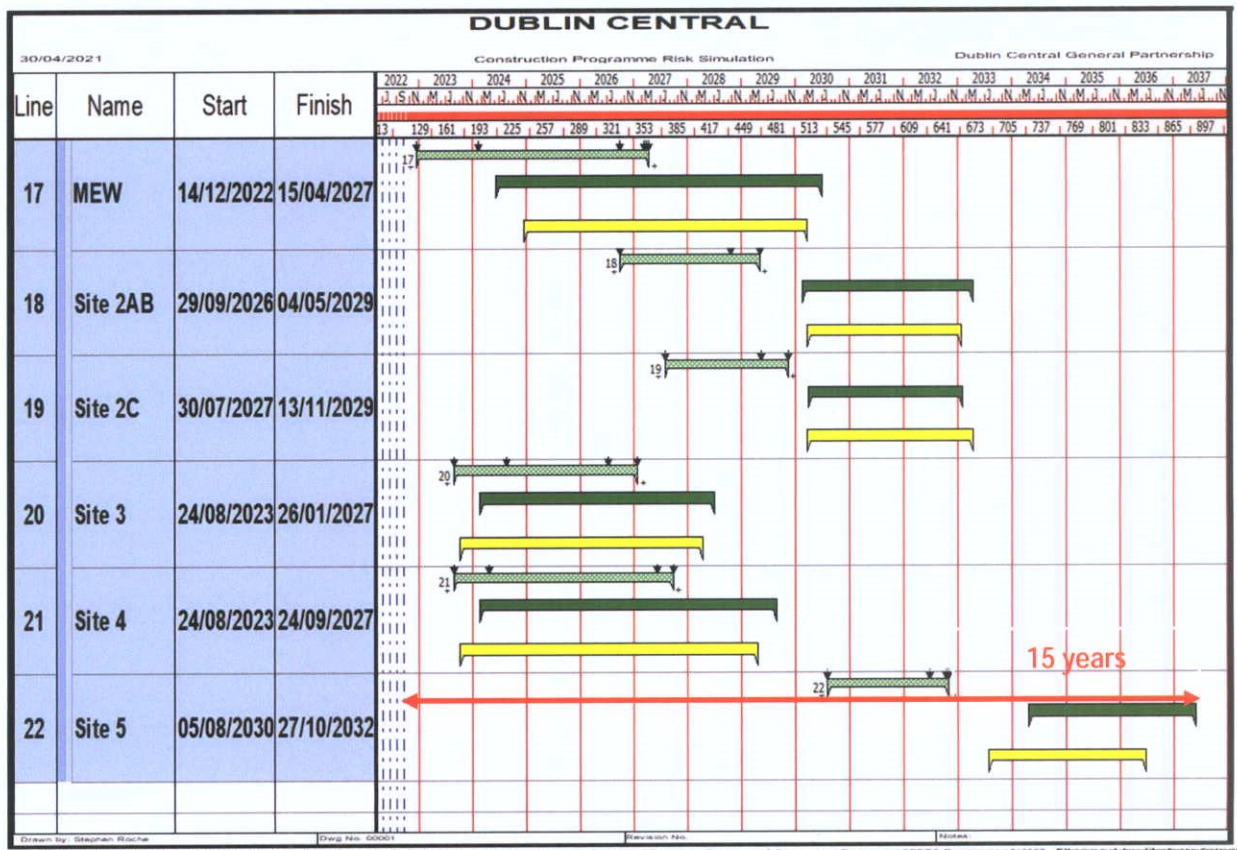
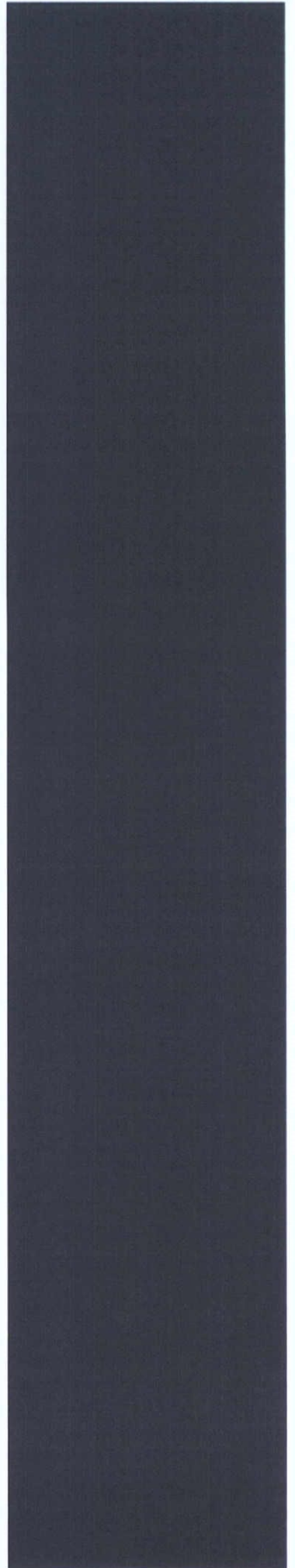
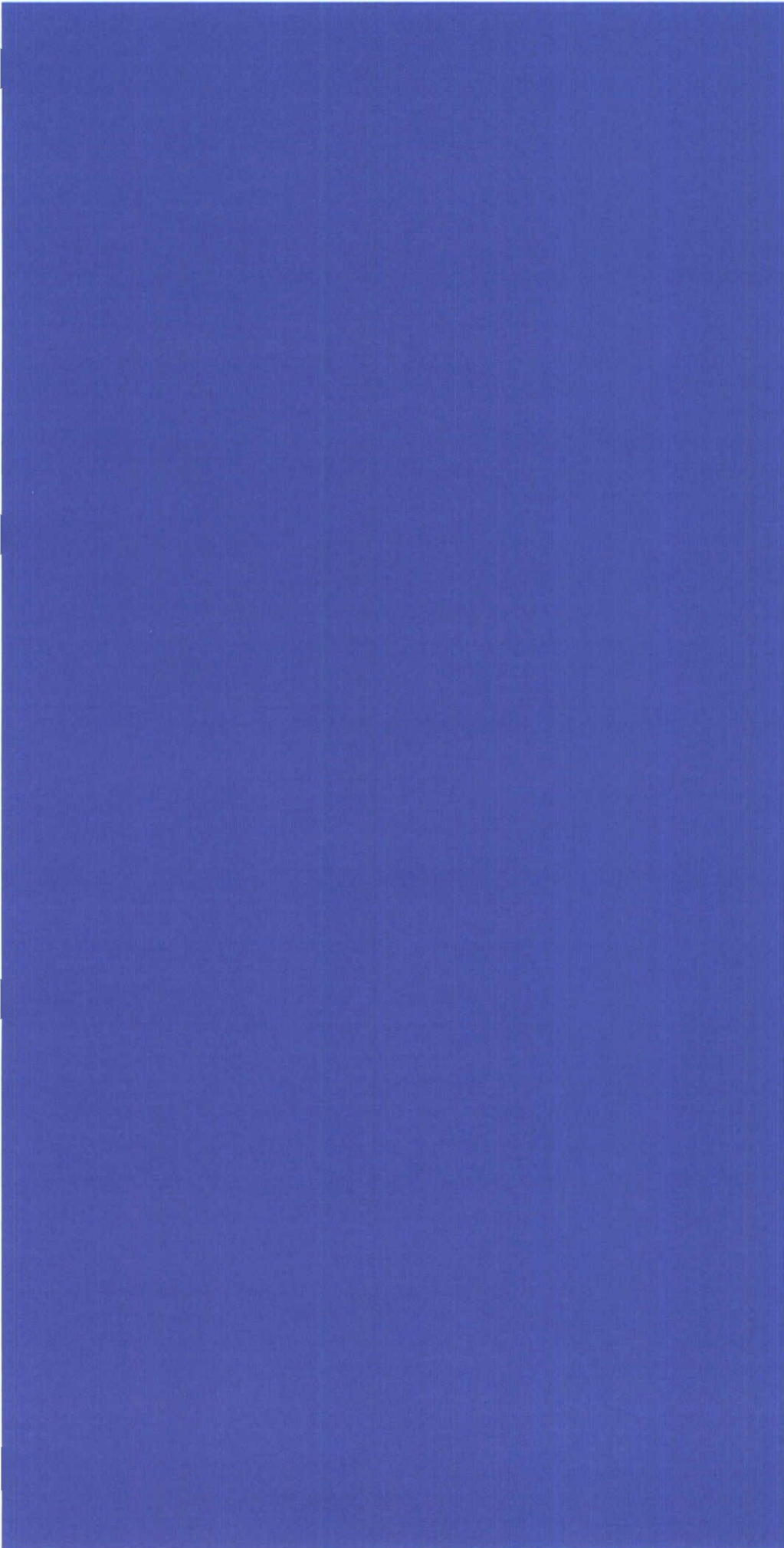


Figure 5 – Monte Carlo 80% and 100% percentile modelling results

The modelled completion date for Site 5 shows a 15 year duration is necessary.



Appendix E – MetroLink latter dated 20<sup>th</sup> July supporting the appeal to change the Planning Duration from 7 years to 15 years to accommodate their needs

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Dear An Bord Pleanála


We refer to the First Party Appeal submitted by the applicant Dublin Central GP Limited under the above ABP reference (the **Appeal**). The Appeal is against condition 5 only which provides for a seven year duration.

The Appeal seeks to have substituted for that seven year duration a duration of 15 years.

We confirm having reviewed the Appeal documentation which makes a number of statements about the potential length of the construction programme for Site 5. As you will be aware, TII will shortly be submitting a Railway Order application for the MetroLink Project. One of the MetroLink stations will be located underneath Dublin Central GP Limited's proposed development on O'Connell Street. We confirm that the statements made in the Appeal relative to there being a requirement to continue to use "Site 5" to access the station box during its construction and fit-out are correct.

For those reasons, I wish to confirm that TII is fully supportive of the Appeal and respectfully requests that the Board grant a 15 year duration under this planning permission.

Yours faithfully



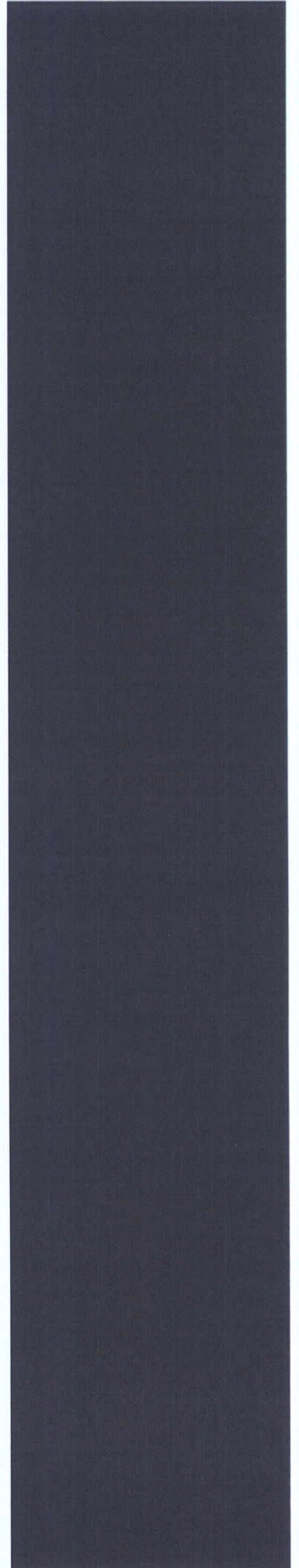
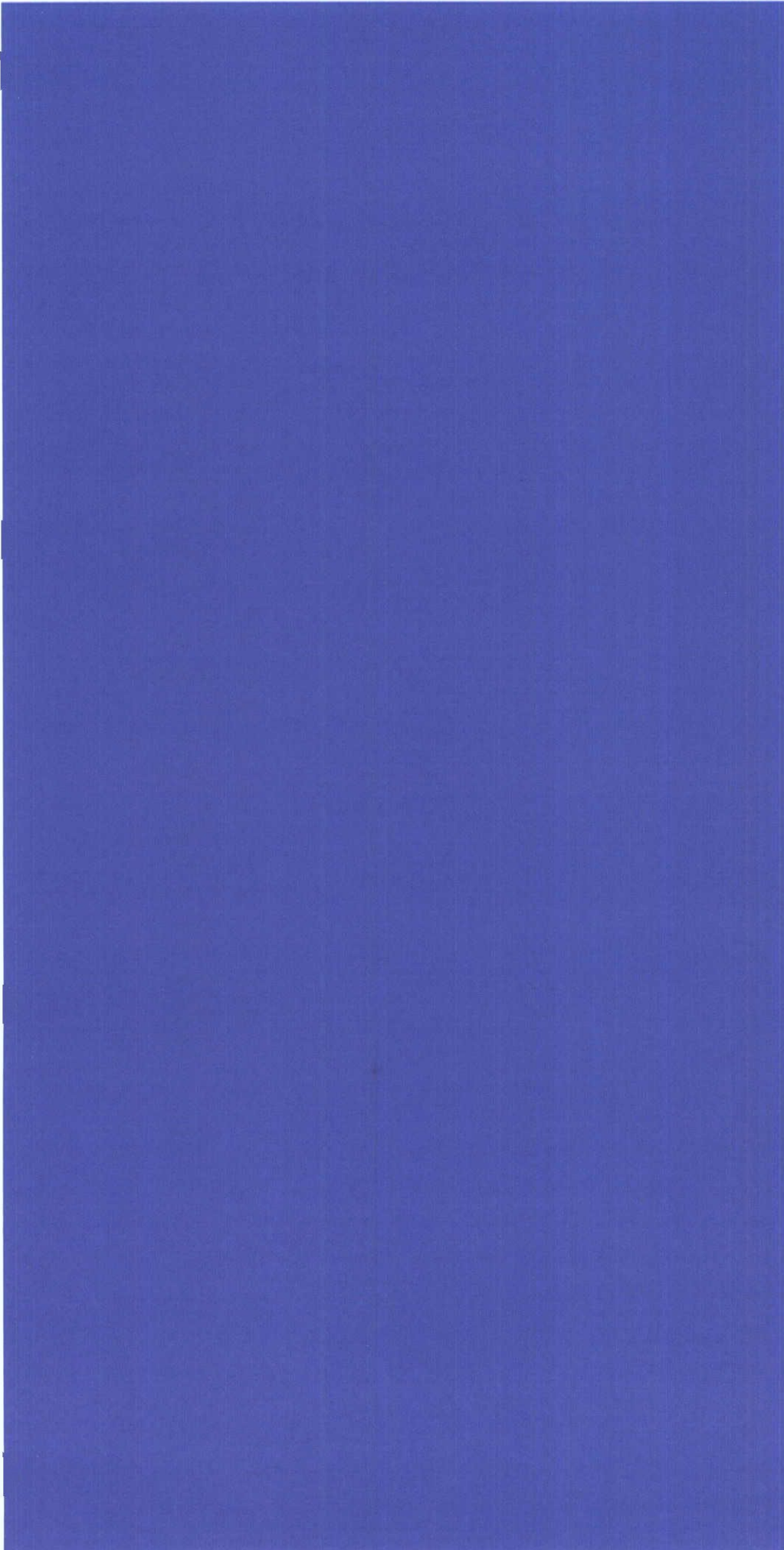
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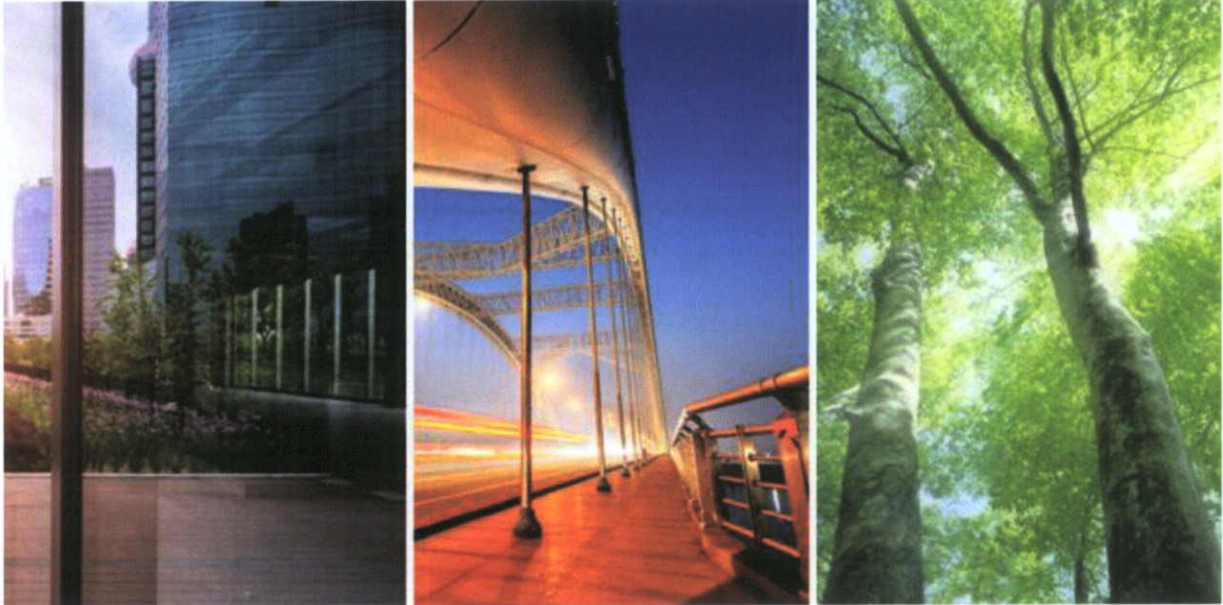
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**APPENDIX 3.2      OUTLINE CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION MANAGEMENT PLAN –  
SITE 2**



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### **Outline Construction & Demolition Management Plan – Site 2**

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# 1. Introduction

Waterman Moylan have prepared the following Outline Construction and Demolition Management Plan for the implementation of the construction stages of the proposed Dublin Central development. It is noted that the development will be constructed in phases which are outlined in this report. This plan is prepared for Site 2 relating to the relevant Planning Application.

Dublin Central GP Limited is aware of the challenges that exist in delivering such a large and complex development within the city centre.

The plan sets out typical arrangements and measures which may be undertaken during the demolition and construction stages of the project in order to mitigate and minimise disruption and disturbance to the area around the site. Of particular note, are the protected and retained buildings and facades within and around the site, including the nearby National Monument located at Nos 14-17 Moore Street.

This plan will be used to guide the Main Contractor/Contractors who will have ultimate responsibility for developing a more detailed demolition and construction management plan for formal agreement with Dublin City Council in advance of them commencing the demolition or construction works on site. This plan will provide Dublin City Council with an outline proposal of how construction will be managed to comply with Local Authority and statutory requirements and will be updated post award of planning to reflect specific planning conditions which may be applied to the development.

This plan should be read in conjunction with all other planning stage reports included as part of this planning application.

The Dublin Central project is an expansive (c.2.2 Ha) and complex regeneration project. It needs to be delivered in stages to overcome site and project constraints.

A site wide cumulative masterplan encompassing an area of c2.2 Ha has been prepared by 'the Applicant' to set out the overall development vision for the Dublin Central project. The Masterplan area encompasses almost entirely three urban blocks and includes structures of heritage significance that will be retained. The area will include the MetroLink Station, which will be part of a separate application for approval to be made by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

Located in the east of 'the Masterplan' area. Site 2 is bounded generally by O'Connell Street Upper to the east, Nos. 59 & 60 O'Connell Street and Henry Place to the south, Moore Lane to the west, and Site 1 to the north and the rear of No. 59 & 60 O'Connell Street.

Site 2 contains the following protected structures: Nos. 43-44, 52-54, 57-58 (only upper facades protected) and the rear of 59 O'Connell Street Upper, and lies within the O'Connell Street ACA.

The existing buildings and facades noted above are to be incorporated into the proposed scheme. Additionally, the Reading Room to the rear of 59 O'Connell Street Upper is also to be retained and incorporated. Structural design strategies, construction methodology and sequencing, and temporary works strategies have been reviewed and proposed in order to protect retained structures on and adjacent to the site.

'The Masterplan' (March 2021) proposes 2 independent buildings above ground on the Site 2 development. Block 2AB provides ground floor retail and café / restaurant uses and offices above and ranges in height from 2 to 7 storeys over new single storey combined basement which also extends beneath with Block 2C. A new street is also provided between the 2 buildings connecting O'Connell Street Upper and Moore Lane. Block 2C provides the same ground floor retail and café / restaurant

uses with offices above ranging in height from 5 to 8 storeys over the combined basement beneath Block 2AB.

Both Sites share a single storey basement to include a car park and plant. The shared basement car park and plant rooms are to be constructed from reinforced concrete walls and slabs. The proposed structural solution for Block 2AB superstructure is an in-situ reinforced concrete slab construction with in-situ reinforced concrete columns and core walls. The structural solution for Block 2C is a pre-cast concrete structural frame.

As part of the Dublin Central development there is a requirement to incorporate MetroLink Enabling Works (MEW) within the design and construction of Site 2. Through consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), and based upon the current TII preliminary design carried out by Jacobs Idom a structural “box” beneath the ground floor level has been incorporated in the Site 2 basement design. The structural box is to accommodate the independent construction and operation of the planned O’Connell Street MetroLink Station which is being designed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. This includes provision of co-ordinated voids to accommodate station entrances, ventilation, and fire escape shafts through this part of the Dublin Central proposed development. These ensure that the proposed Dublin Central development is structurally independent of, and not prejudicial to, the MetroLink project. The MetroLink project will be the subject of a separate application for approval to be made by Transport Infrastructure Ireland in Q3 2022. MetroLink Enabling Works (MEW) are however proposed within the Site 2 application, to be undertaken by the Applicant, with the actual station and railway works to be undertaken separately by TII at a later date.

## 2. Site Master Plan

The Dublin Central project is an expansive (c.2.2 Ha) and complex regeneration project. It needs to be delivered in stages to overcome site and project constraints.

A site wide cumulative masterplan has been prepared by the Applicant to set out the overall development vision for the Dublin Central project. 'The Masterplan' area encompasses almost entirely three urban blocks. The area is bounded generally by O'Connell Street Upper and Henry Place to the east, Henry Street to the south, Moore Street to the west, and O'Rahilly Parade and Parnell Street to the north. Moore Lane extends south from Parnell Street through the centre of the masterplan area, as far as its junction with Henry Place.

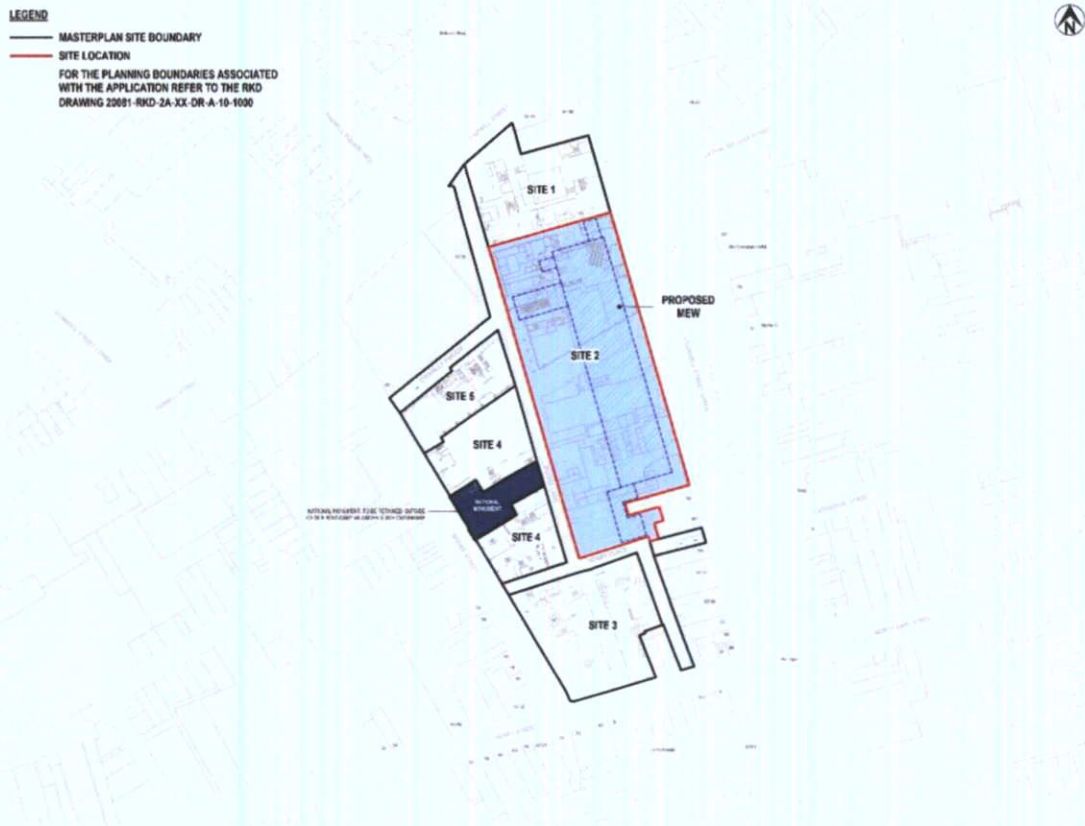


Figure 1. Site 2 Location Plan

'The Masterplan' area includes structures of heritage significance that will be retained. Nos.14 -17 Moore Street are under the ownership of the Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and are not part of the Masterplan area. The buildings have been designated National Monument status and are subject to a preservation order.

The Masterplan area has been divided into five identifiable sites for the purpose of making planning applications. The adopted site numbering is shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2, also showing the location of each site within the Masterplan. For the planning boundaries associated with the application refer to the RKD drawing 20081-RKD-2A-XX-DR-A-10-1000. Site 2 is also subdivided into Block 2AB and Block 2C to enable reference to the 2 buildings that sit above a combined basement and the proposed MetroLink Enabling works.

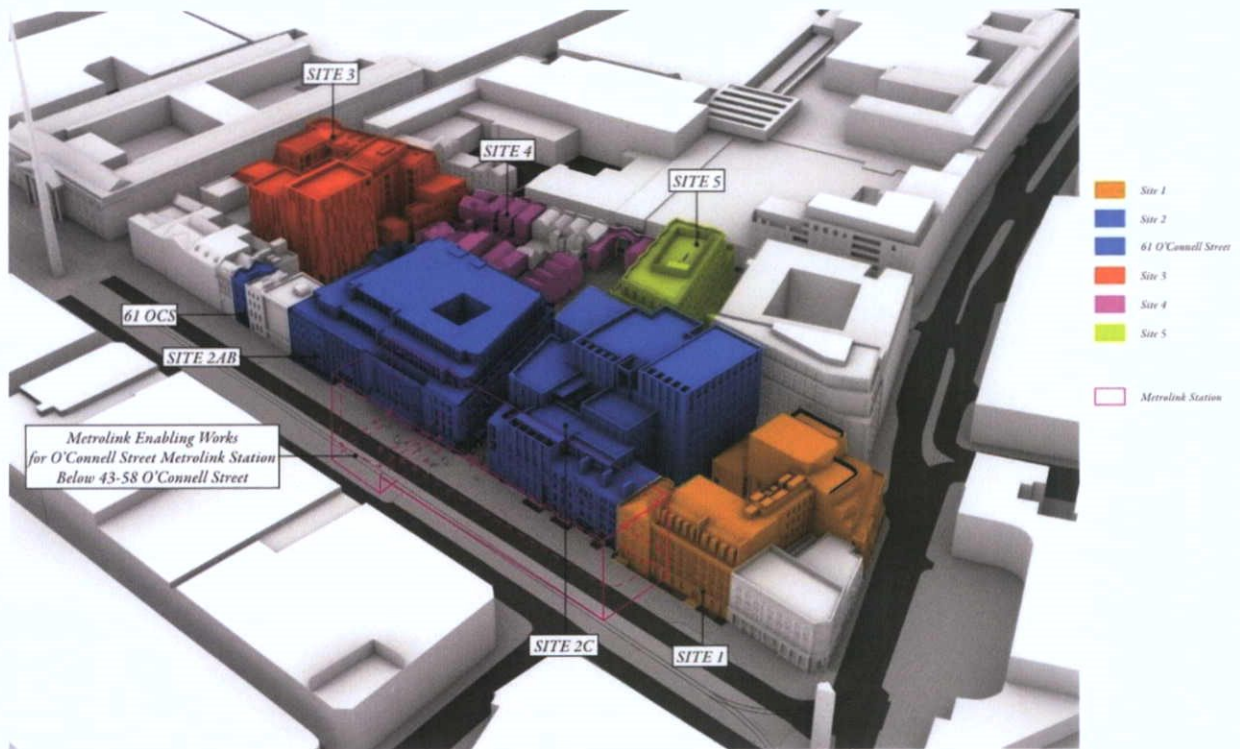


Figure 2. Masterplan

## 2.1 MetroLink Enabling Works

The National Transport Authority (NTA) and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) approached the Applicant in 2018 with a view to locating a future MetroLink Station serving O'Connell Street within the Dublin Central site, in an effort to avoid locating the Station within the central median of O'Connell Street. TII is in the process of finalizing the design of the MetroLink project. TII is expected to make an Application for a Railway Order for the MetroLink project, including the O'Connell Street Station, in Q3 2022.

As part of the Dublin Central development there is a requirement to incorporate MetroLink Enabling Works (MEW) within the design and construction of Site 2. Through consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), and based upon the current TII preliminary design carried out by Jacobs Idom a structural "box" beneath the ground floor level has been incorporated in the Site 2 basement design. The structural box is to accommodate the independent construction and operation of the planned O'Connell Street MetroLink Station which is being designed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. This includes provision of co-ordinated voids to accommodate station entrances, ventilation, and fire escape shafts through this part of the Dublin Central proposed development. These ensure that the proposed Dublin Central development is structurally independent of, and not prejudicial to, the MetroLink project. The MetroLink project will be the subject of a separate application for approval to be made by Transport Infrastructure Ireland in Q3 2022. MetroLink Enabling Works (MEW) are however proposed within the Site 2 application, to be undertaken by the Applicant, with the actual station and railway works to be undertaken separately by TII at a later date.

The provision of the MetroLink O'Connell Street Station and its associated tunnel works would be completed by the NTA/TII once ready to do so and subject to the required consents being in place. It is envisaged that the MEW works would be completed in advance of the NTATII tunnel boring machines reaching the area.

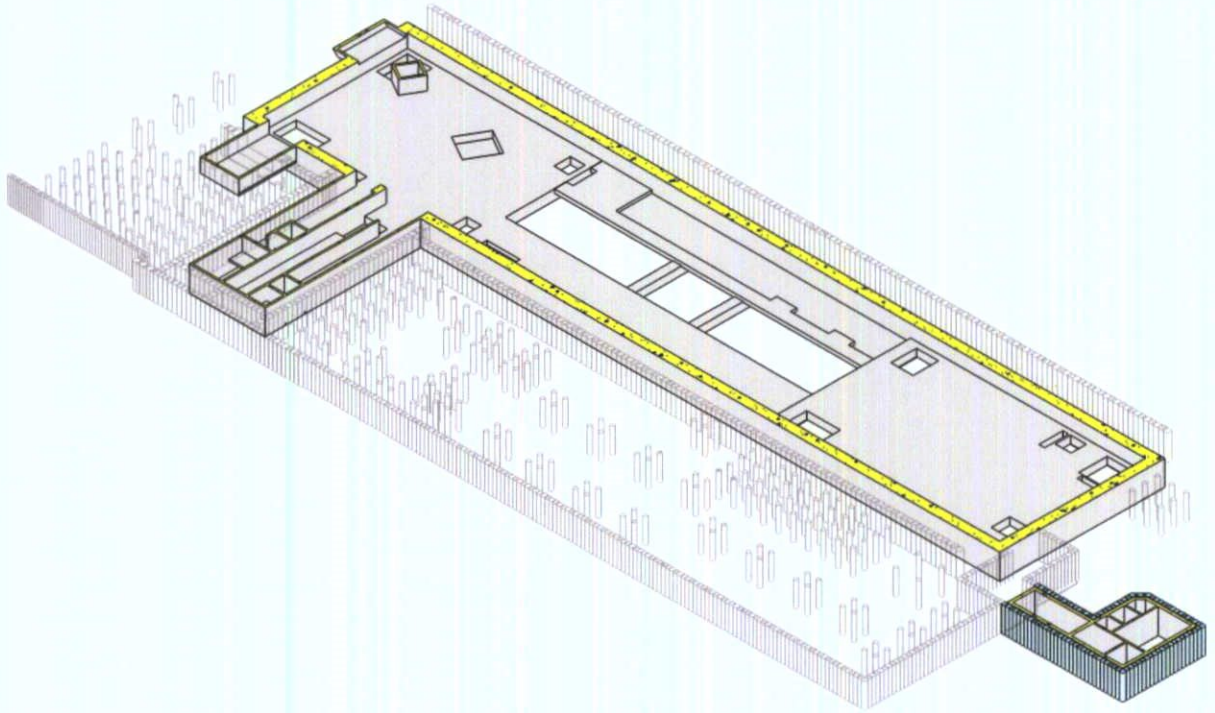


Figure 3. Section Through MEW Construction (Concourse Level)

## 2.2 Site 2 Location & Proposed Development

Located in the east of 'the Masterplan' area. Site 2 is bounded generally by O'Connell Street Upper to the east, the front portion of No. 59 & 60 O'Connell Street and Henry Place to the south, Moore Lane to the west and Site 1 to the north. It includes Nos. 43 – 59 O'Connell Street Upper (including the Carlton Cinema site), the rear of No. 59 & 60 O'Connell Street. The planned MetroLink, to be delivered independently by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) will have a future station under Site 2.

Site 2 contains the following protected structures (only upper facades protected): Nos. 43-44, 52-54, 57-58, the rear of 59-60 O'Connell Street Upper, and lies within the O'Connell Street ACA.

'The Masterplan' (March 2021) envisages the following development for this area:

**Building 2AB** – Mixed-use scheme accommodating ground floor retail and café / restaurant uses and office accommodation above and ranges in height from 2 to 7 storeys over a new single storey combined basement shared with Block 2C. The provision of a new street connecting O'Connell Street and Moore Lane between the new buildings.

**Building 2C** – Mixed-use scheme accommodating ground floor retail and café / restaurant uses with offices above 5 to 8 storeys over the basement shared with Block 2AB. Provision of a new street connecting O'Connell Street and Moore Lane.

The entire basement under buildings 2C and 2AB and associated site development works will also be co-ordinated with the MetroLink Enabling Works (MEW).

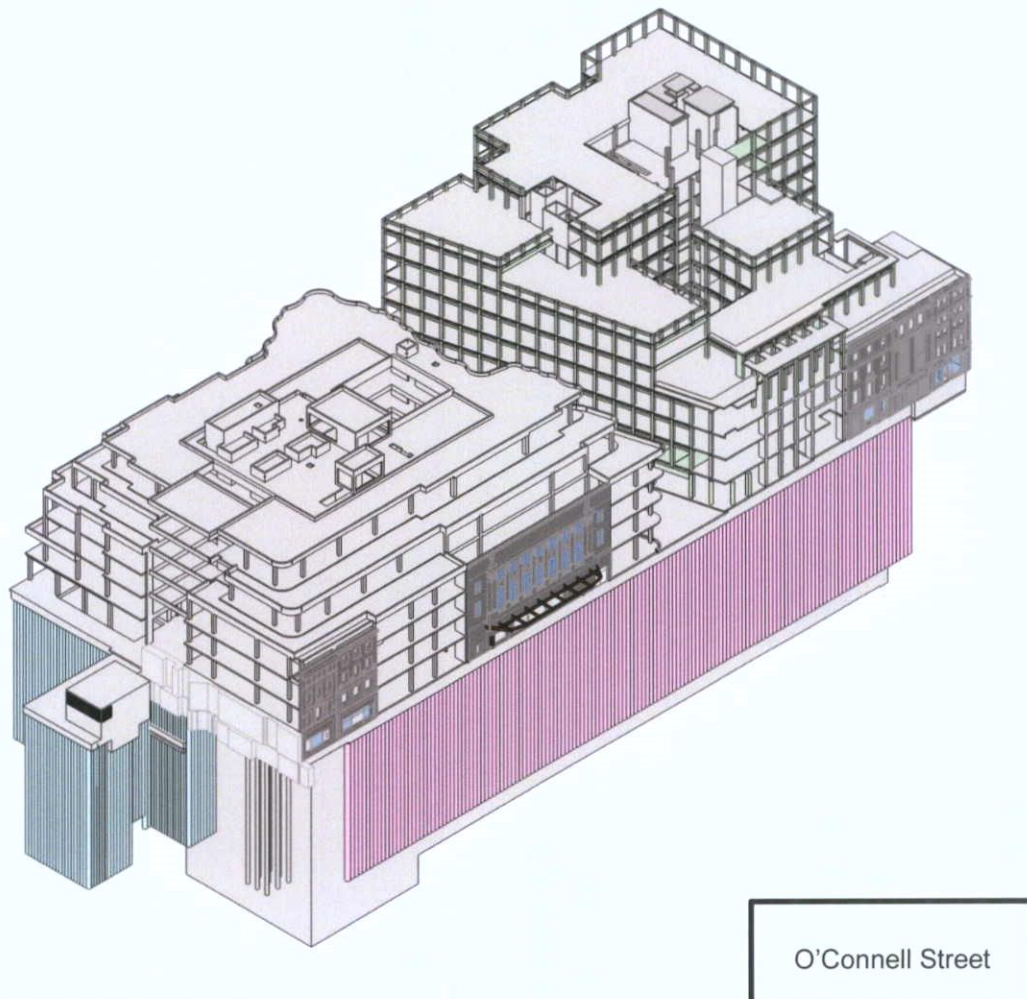


Figure 4. Proposed Site 2 Development

### 2.3 Sequencing of Works

Refer to the drawings included in Appendix B for details of each stage of the proposed construction phasing for the MEW and Site 2 substructure and superstructure works summarised below. The construction phasing plans will be updated as the design progresses and will be made available to the main contractors. The main contractor will be required to submit method statements and to secure all necessary consents and approvals for all activities critical to the safety of all surrounding property and public highway. The protected buildings and the other retained structures will be monitored as previously described and as noted in the Section 6. The use of written method statements and technical submissions and approvals will mitigate the risks as a result of the subterranean construction work.

In summary, the proposed construction phasing consists of:

1. Works completed prior to the Site 2 construction commencing
  - 3m wide exclusion zone erected around the National Monument with protective hoarding.
  - Creation of a new haul road along Moore Lane.
2. Demolition
  - Façade retention structures installed to all protected facades prior to commencing demolition.
  - Temporary works installed to all retained and neighbouring boundary properties prior to commencing demolition to protect structures during demolition and construction
  - Demolition of existing buildings to grade level within Site 2.

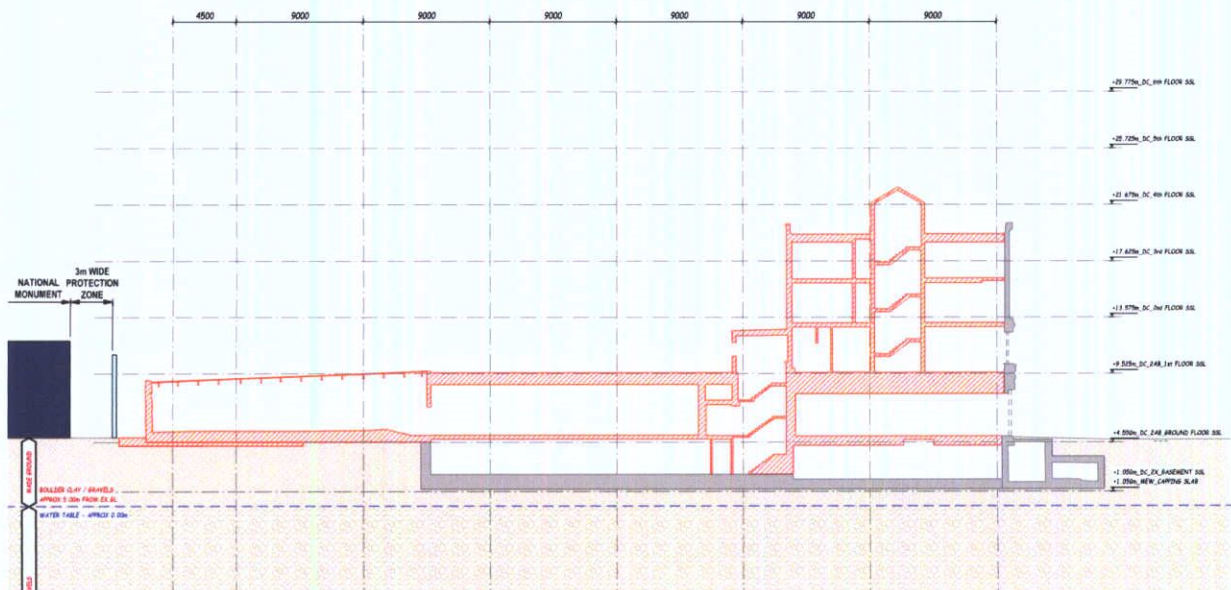


Figure 5. Site Set-up (1) and Demolition of Existing Buildings (2)



3. Excavation to piling mat formation level

- Temporary works installed adjacent to Moore Lane to support the new haul road and offer lateral earthworks support adjacent to the National Monument.
- Underpinning of perimeter structures where necessary.
- Demolition of existing ground floor and basement structures with excavation to piling mat formation level.

4. D-Wall and piling installation

- Installation of piling mat.
- Installation of D-Wall as part of MEW.
- Installation of bearing and secant piles for Site 2 development.

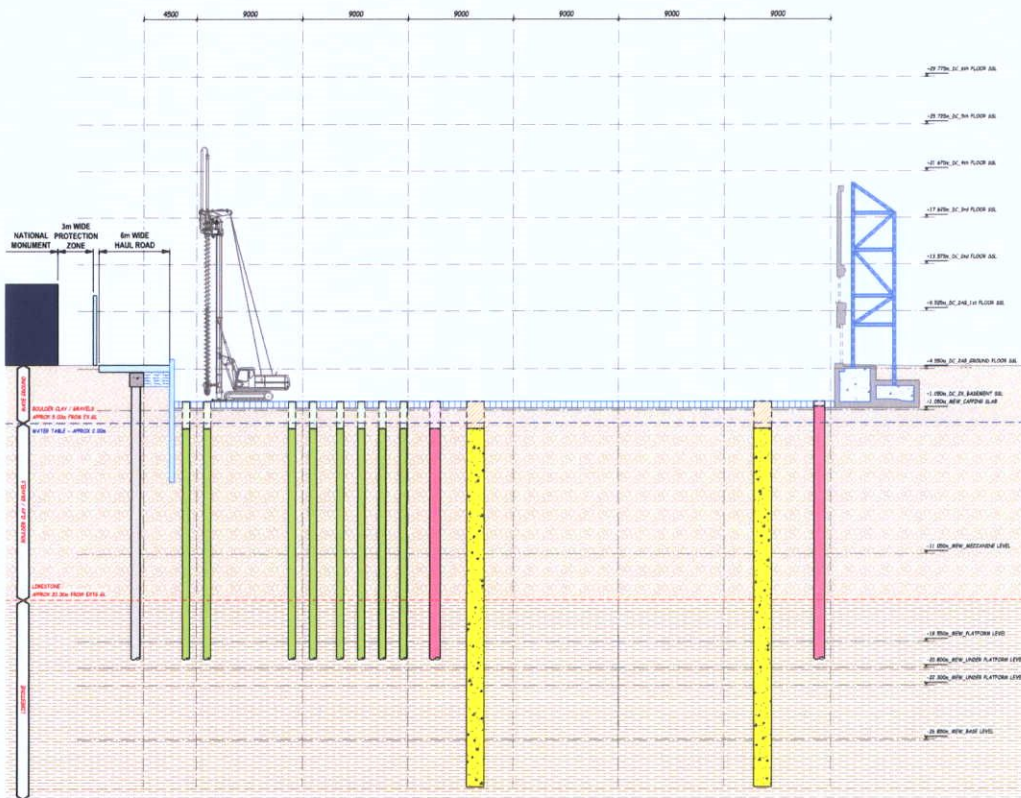


Figure 6. Excavation (3) and D-wall and Piling Installation (4)

5. Bulk excavation for MEW

- Dewatering system provided as necessary to control ground water flows in the boulder clay and limestone.
- Excavation in layers of the ground within the D-Walls as part of the MEW.
- Install temporary works (propping) as required.

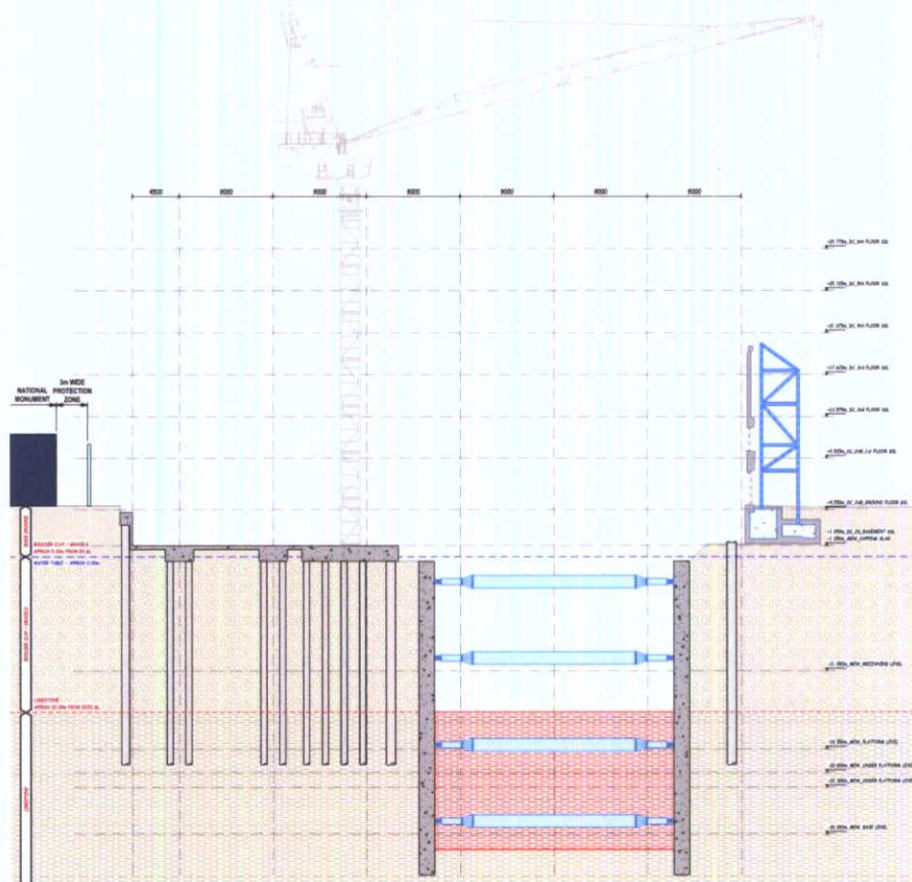


Figure 7. MEW Excavation (5)

6. MEW primary structure

- Bottom-up construction sequence to begin construction of propping slabs, including capping slab.

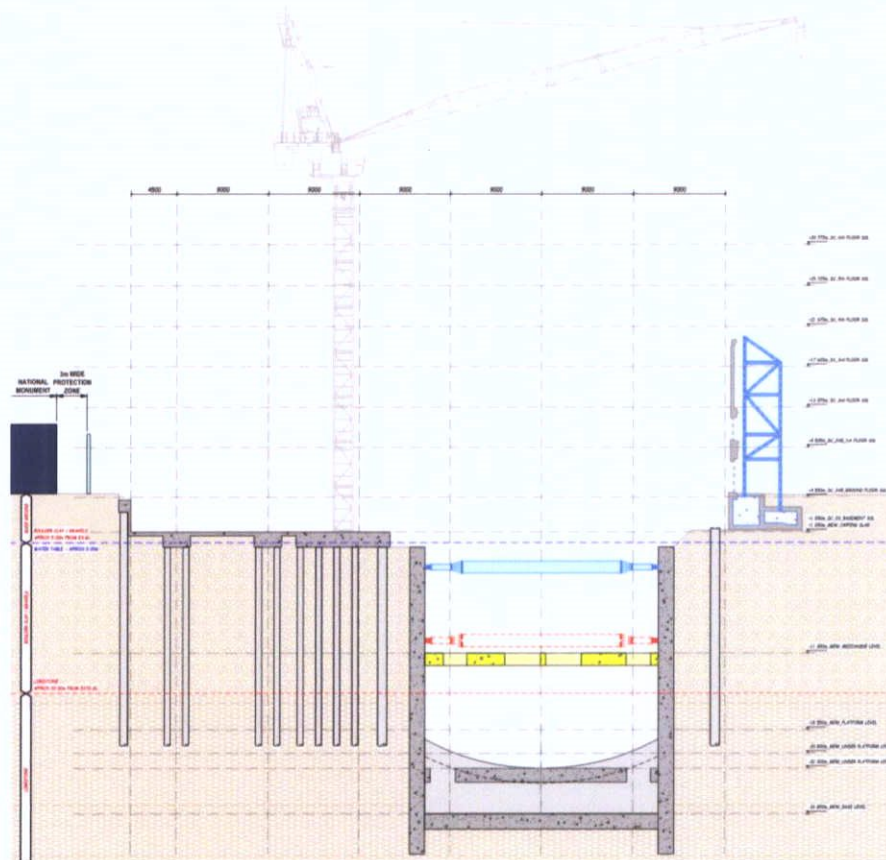


Figure 8. MEW Structure (6)

7. Transfer beams and substructure to enable oversite development

- Final excavation of Site 2 basement.
- Site 2 basement slabs constructed, including transfer beams/rafts over station box.

8. Completion of substructure

- Construction of the Site 2 basement slabs and retaining walls.

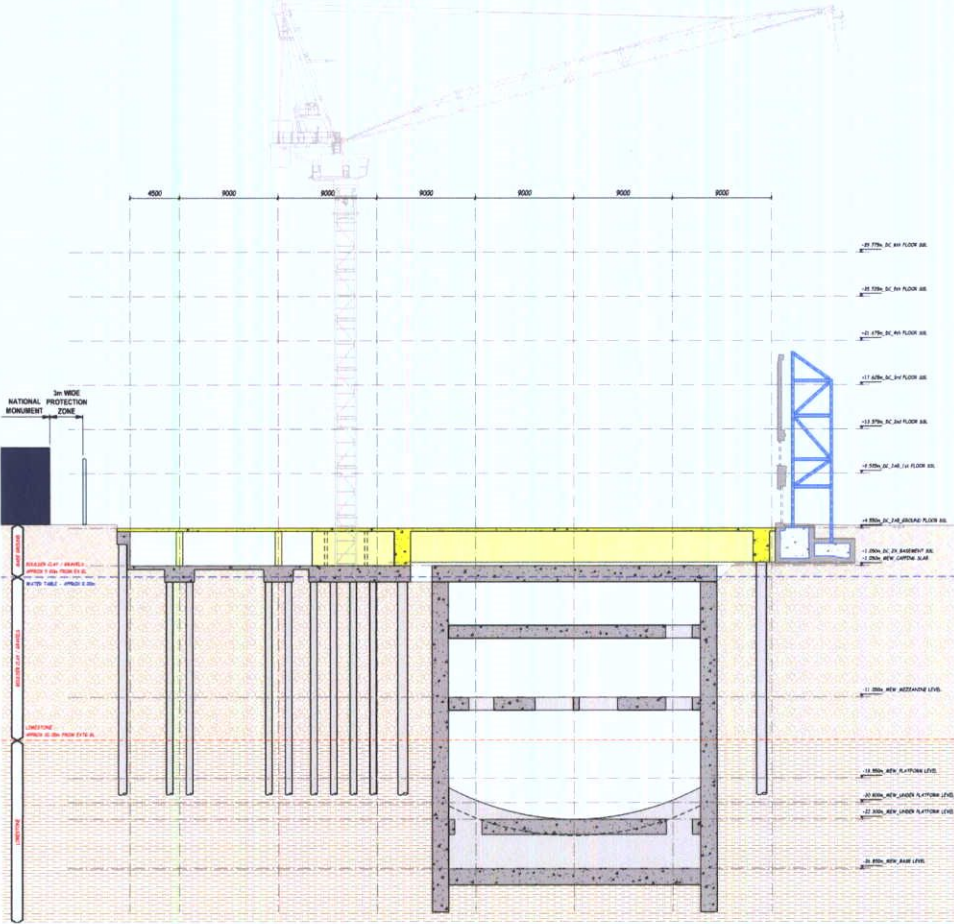


Figure 9. Transfer Over MEW (7) and Completion of Site 2 Basement (8)

9. Completion of superstructure

- Construction of the Site 2 superstructures
- Façade retention system to be removed on completion of superstructure and permanent restraint of facades to primary structure
- Temporary haul road and protection to the National Monument to be removed upon completion of the works.

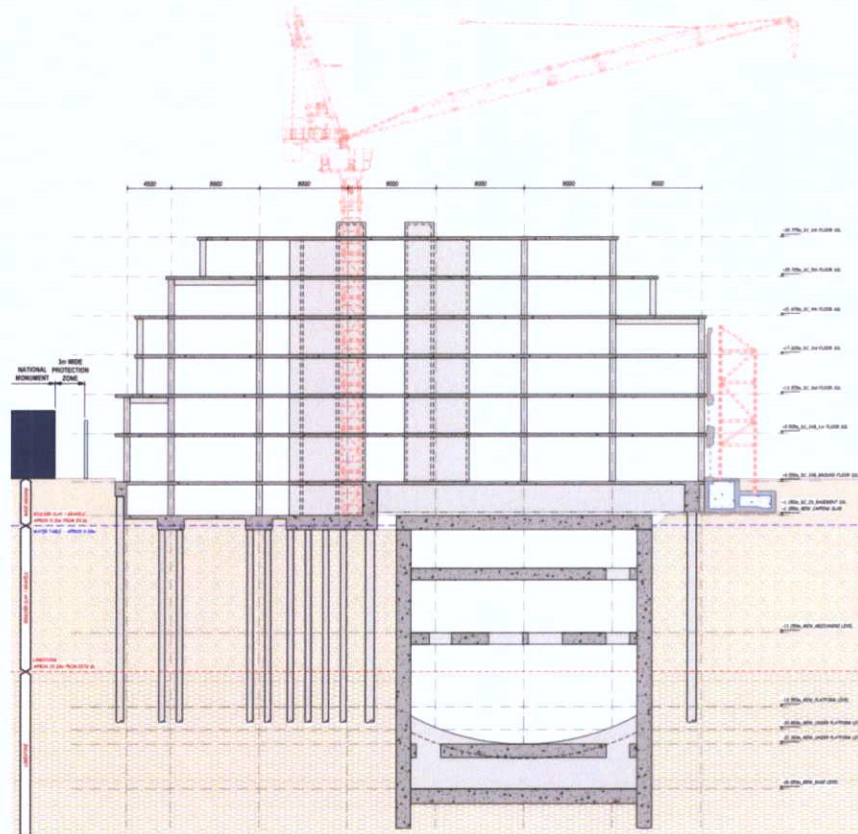


Figure 10. Completion of Site 2 Superstructures (9)

2.4 Key Milestones

Key Milestone Date	Site 2 Works
Q1 2024 – Q3 2025	Site Preparation
Q1 2024 – Q2 2026	Metro Enabling Works Construction
Q3 2026 – Q4 2027	Basement Construction
Q1 2028 – Q3 2030	Construction
Q2 2030 – Q1 2031	Fit-Out Works
Q2 2031	Completion

### 3. Construction Methodology – Metro Enabling Works

#### 3.1 Description of the works

The final construction sequence will be based on the contractors preferred method however the typical construction sequence involves the construction of a shallow guide wall to maintain the setting out and verticality of the main wall. Panels of the diaphragm wall are then excavated using cutting or grabbing machinery. Based on the depth to the Calp Limestone formation, and the proposed levels of the station box, it is assumed a proportion of the excavation will be within the rock and therefore a hydraulic cutting machine is likely to be used.

In order to support the sides of the excavation prior to concreting, Bentonite is pumped into the excavation which exerts a hydraulic pressure against the trench walls and prevents collapse of the side. The bentonite fluid will be mixed and stored on site and re-used across multiple excavations.

Reinforcement is prefabricated on site and is then positioned in the bentonite filled trench. The connection points for the curved base slab, and the slabs at the mezzanine, concourse, and capping slab levels can be blocked out within the reinforcement cage to allow for connection at the relevant point of the construction sequence. Concrete is then poured into the trench, typically through tremie pipes that extend to the bottom of the trench and fill from the bottom up. The support fluid is displaced as the concrete is pumped into the trench and can be re-use in other excavations for the wall.

The MEW construction has been considered as a bottom-up construction where the excavation will be advanced down to the lowest level with the structure then being constructed from this bottom level. In the permanent condition the reinforced concrete slabs will act as permanent props between the diaphragm walls to resist lateral pressures. In the temporary condition horizontal props will be installed successively as excavation progresses downwards.

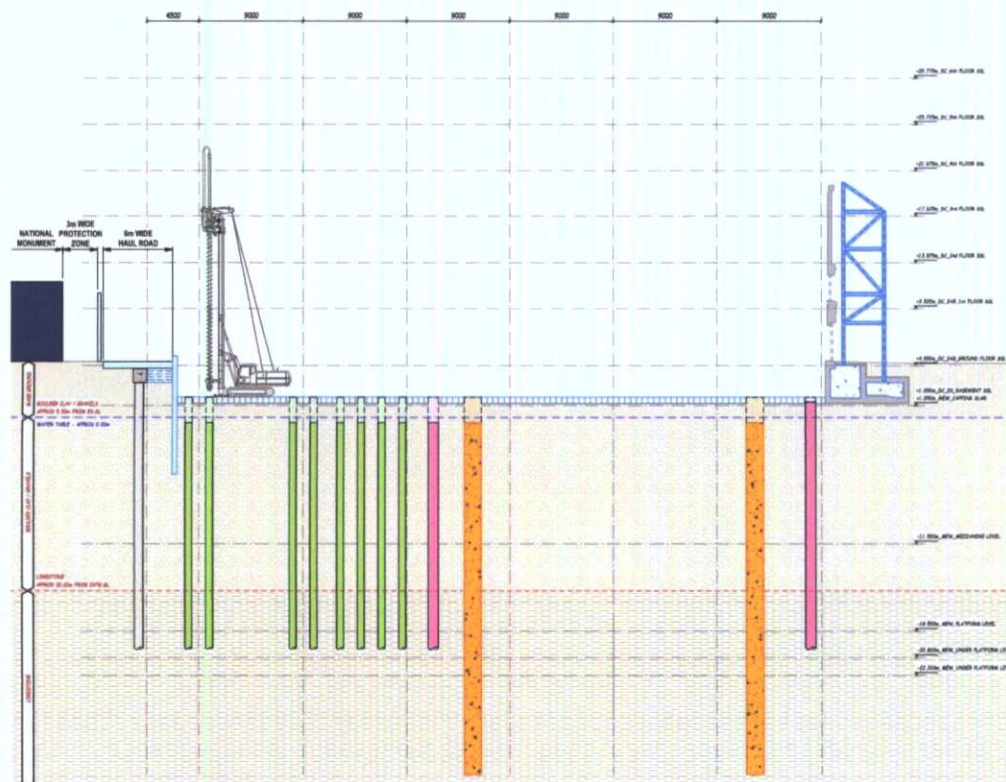


Figure 11. Construction Phasing Showing Construction of D-Walls

Once bottomed out the new lowest level slab will be cast, and work will proceed upwards with the temporary props being removed once the concrete slabs have reached the desired strength at each level. This will continue until the basement MEW works are complete.

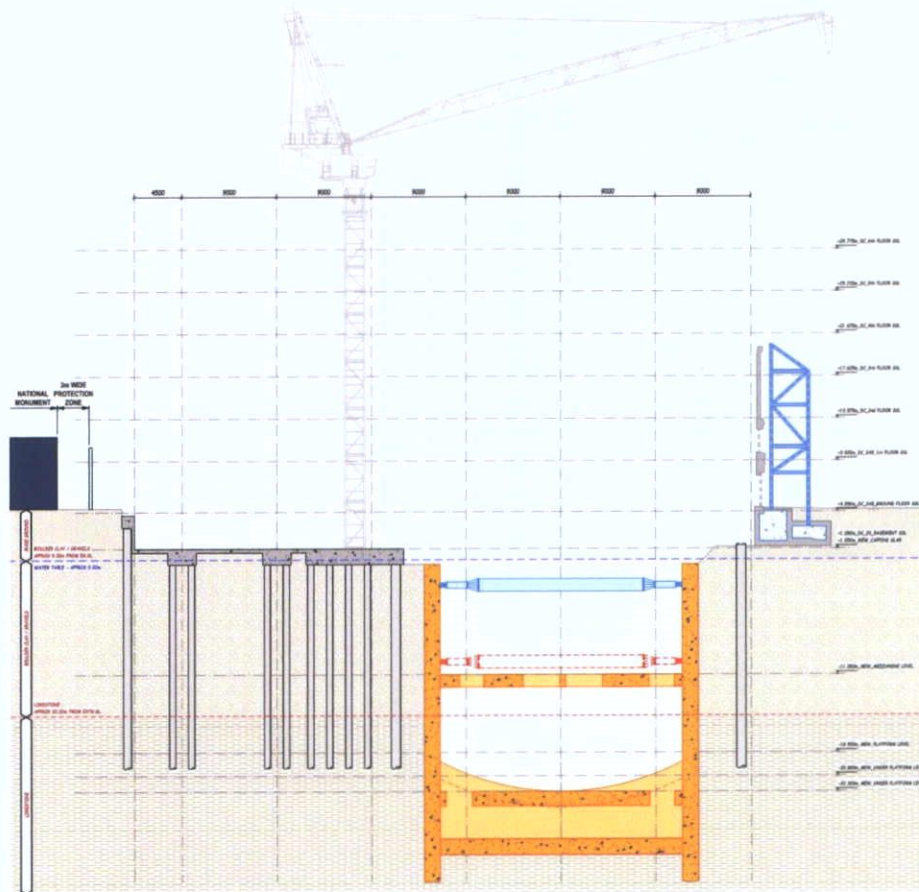


Figure 12. Construction Phasing Showing Temporary Propping and Slab Construction

## 4. Construction Methodology – Over Site Development

### 4.1 Basement Sub-Structure & Foundations

Sites 2 comprises a single storey basement that encompasses Block 2AB and Block 2C. The basement typically houses plant and ancillary services for the buildings above. There is also a car park located within the basement which is accessed from Moore Lane within the Block 2C boundary.

The basement enclosure comprises a contiguous pile wall at the boundary to the MEW on the east, a secant pile wall along Moore Lane to the west, and retaining walls constructed from the basement slab to the north and south. The retaining walls will return down the east and west sides of the basement to form a lining wall inside the pile wall. The basement wall will provide a grade 2 environment and form part of the waterproofing protection to the basement. The basement slab is formed by a 350mm thick reinforcement concrete base slab that spans between pile caps and the pile.

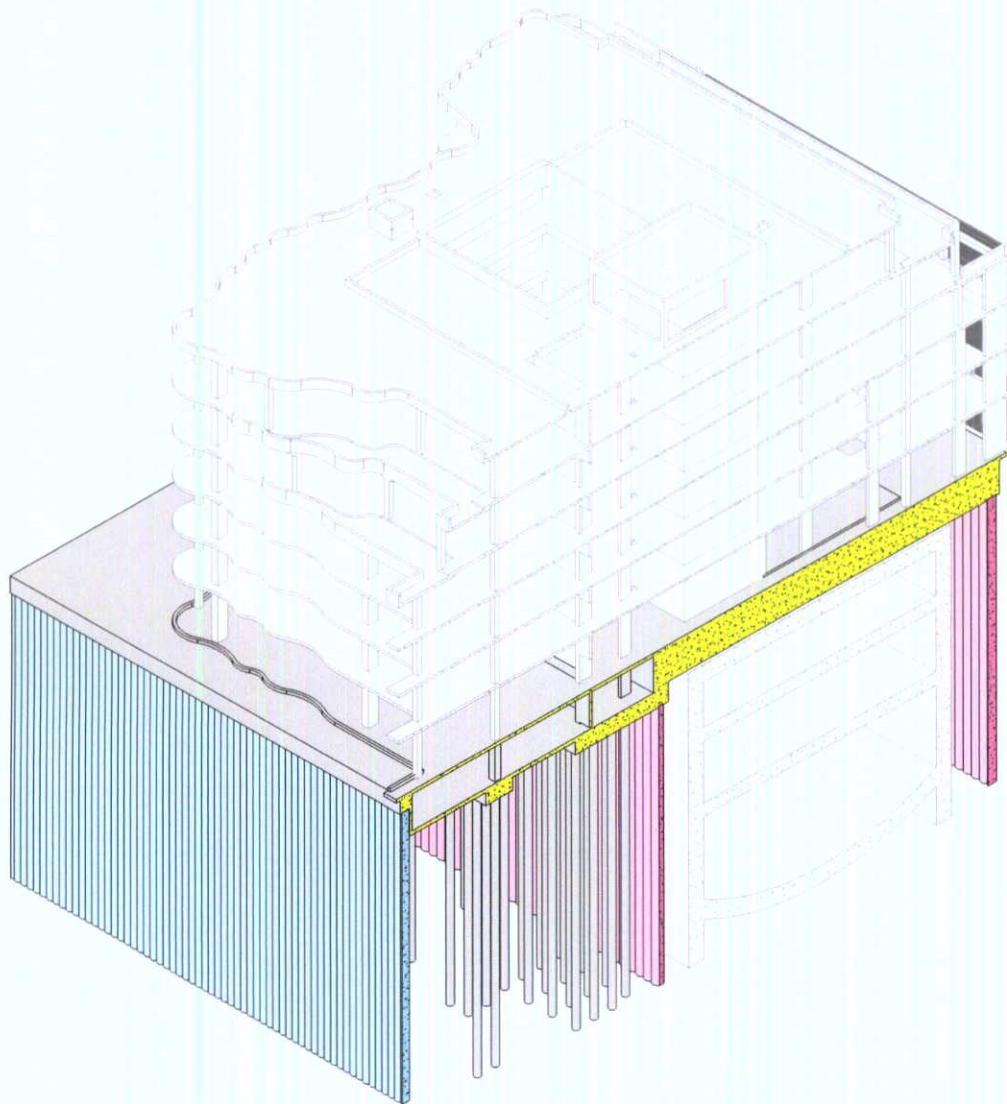


Figure 13. Proposed Site 2 Substructure Short Section (Through Block 2AB)



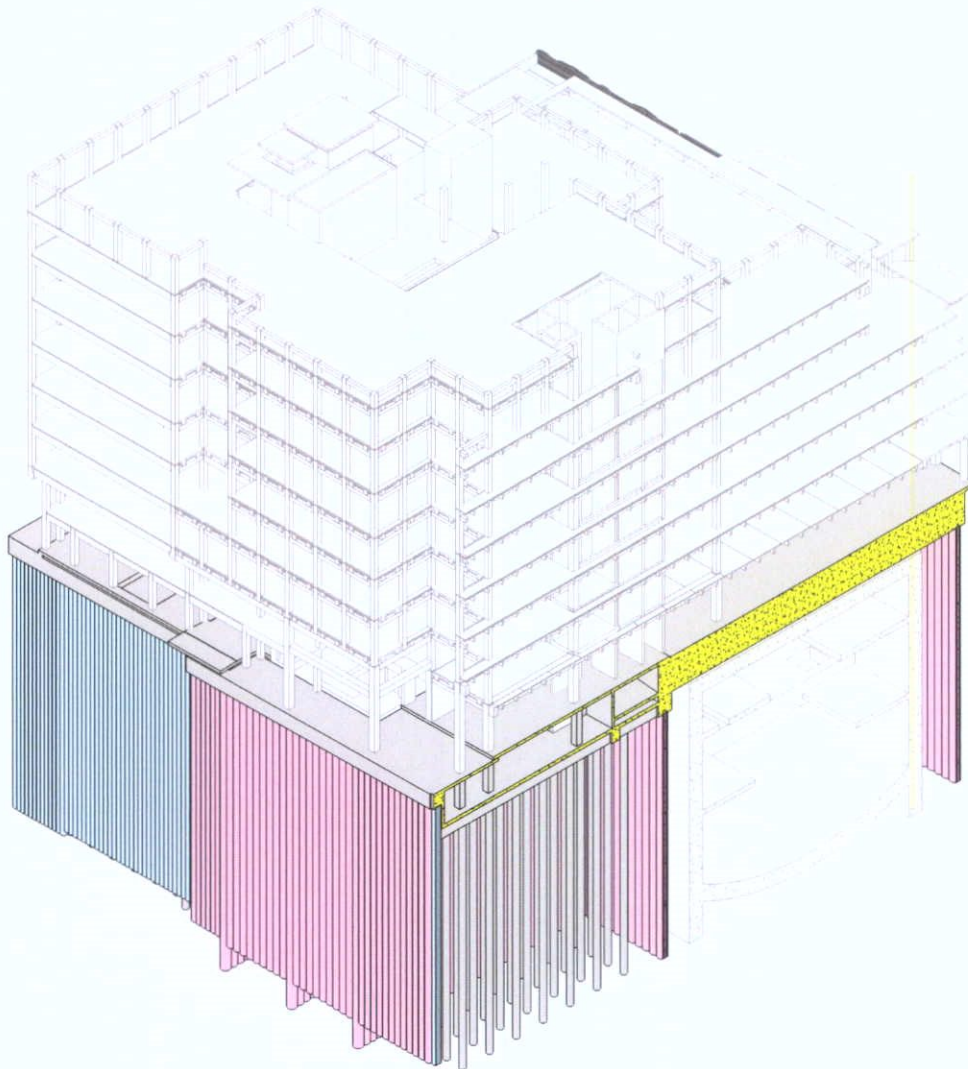


Figure 14. Proposed Site 2 Substructure Short Section (Through Block 2C)

The piled walls provide a temporary works solution to retain the made ground and enable an unpropped excavation of the basement along these elevations. The north and south boundaries of the basement to the existing buildings will be underpinned to avoid the excavation for the basement undermining the existing foundations. Temporary propping may be required during the excavation to protect the existing structures. The excavated material to form the over-site development basement will generally be made ground down to circa 5m below ground level then Alluvium (Sandy Gravel).

#### 4.2 Transfer Structure Over MEW shell

To the east and west of the MEW a piled wall is to be installed to support the transfer structures bridging over the station box, which in turn support the proposed Block 2AB and Block 2C superstructures above.

On the western side of the MEW, it is also used to form the basement. Continuous capping beams sit on top of the piled walls and support the transfer structures over the MEW.

To span the 30m over the MEW, 3.5m deep transfer structures span between the capping beams. Over the majority of the station box, transfer beams have been located beneath the positions of the columns for the superstructure over. Where additional columns do not align with the primary transfer beams below, secondary beams span between primary transfer beams.

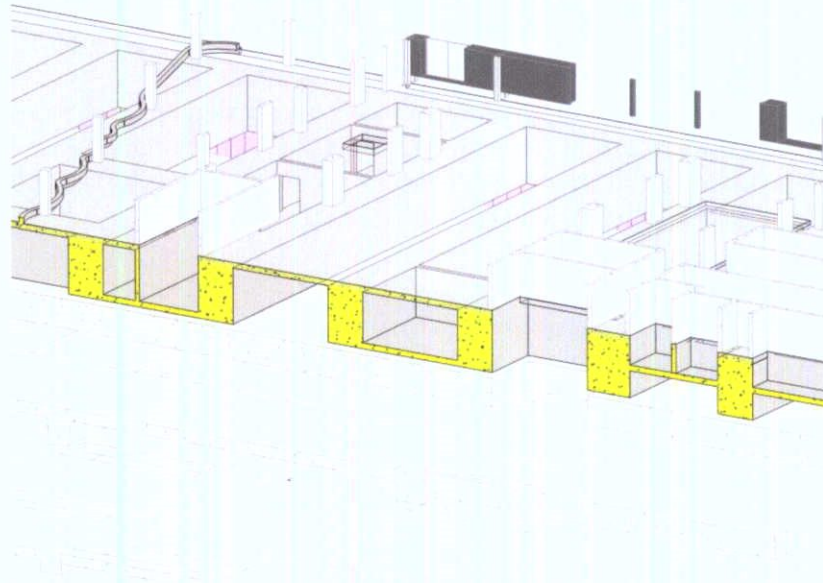


Figure 15. MEW Transfer Beam Detail

Beneath Block 2C there are significant openings at ground floor require by the MEW package works which do not allow transfer beams to span between the pile walls and support the columns over. Therefore, a 3450mm deep transfer slab spanning between the piled walls has been designed in this area to transfer the loads from the cores and columns of the superstructure above.

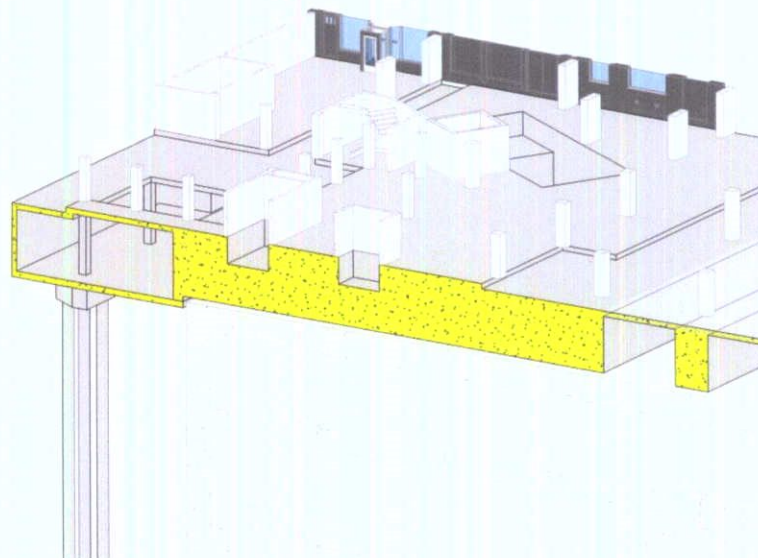


Figure 16. MEW Transfer Slab Detail

To maintain the structural independence required between the development structure and the MEW structure, a clearance between the underside of the transfer structures and the topping/roof slab for the

MEW has been provided. This is to allow for the deflection and construction tolerance of the transfer structures above without transferring load to the station structure. A lightweight, non-combustible, compressible void former will be placed above the capping slab and can be used as a permanent void former for the construction of the transfer beams and internal slabs. The specification of the void former with voids/cells will allow for the passage of water over the capping slab, as part of the waterproofing strategy.

#### 4.2.1 Secant Pile Retaining Wall

The secant wall comprises interlocking hard (male) and firm (female) piles, which will provide an inherently stiff wall which will enable a robust temporary works solution to be adopted. The secant wall will also provide resistance to water penetration and loss of any fine material from behind the wall which could affect adjacent buildings and infrastructure. The secant wall will also provide direct support for the superstructure, with the capping beam approximately 1m wide by 1m deep distributing vertical loads along the length of the piled wall. The basement floor will act as a permanent prop providing restraint to limit ground movement of the wall due to lateral pressures.

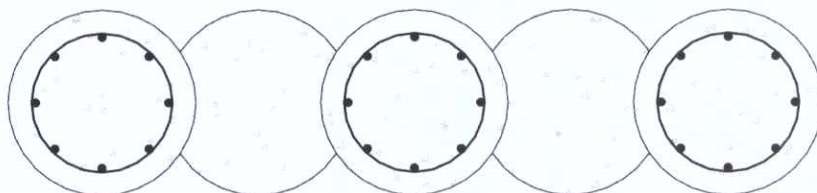


Figure 17. Male/ Female Interlocking Secant Pile Wall

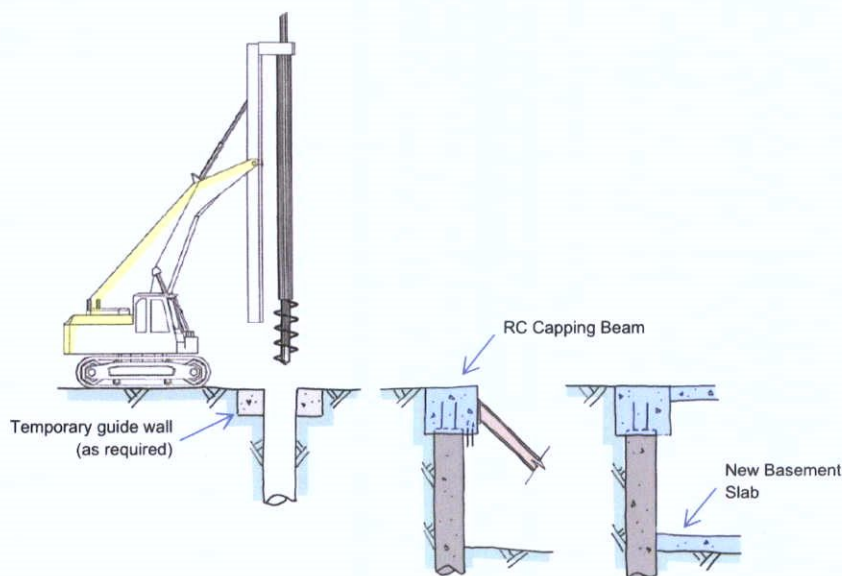


Figure 18. Typical Secant Pile Wall Construction

### 4.3 Block 2AB: Super-Structure & Building Frame

The proposed structural solution for Block 2AB is a reinforced concrete frame with flat slabs.

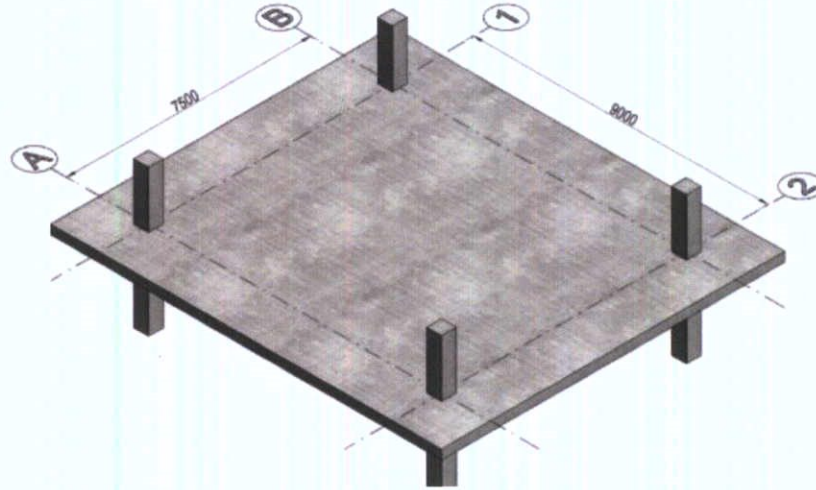


Figure 19. Block 2AB Typical Structural General Arrangement

The super-structure will likely use traditional construction techniques. The sequence of pouring the concrete stair and lift core and columns followed by the floor slab will continue on a sequential floor by floor basis.

The suspended slabs at each floor level above will likely use a proprietary formwork system (Peri Skydeck or similar). The decking will be erected complete with edge handrails and access towers to each level. Steel reinforcement will then be installed on the deck. Lifting of decking and rebar will be done using the tower cranes while static concrete pumps will be used to pour the concrete.



Figure 20 - Typical RC Formwork (Skydeck)

After curing of the slab, the formworks will be removed for reuse on the next floor above while the supports remain in place as back propping. Back props will be removed at a later date once the building has progressed and the concrete has cured sufficiently to remove the props.

Concrete placement will typically be via pumping for all large pours to free up the crane for other lifting operations. Wind and weather will be monitored and crane usage will be restricted as required during inclement weather to ensure safety of all personnel.



Figure 21 - Typical Concrete Placement

#### 4.4 Block 2C: Super-Structure & Building Frame

The structural solution for Block 2C comprises a precast concrete structure. The floors comprise precast "Double Tee" units supported on "Tee" or "L" shaped beams depending on the location and span arrangement. The columns are also precast concrete and the core walls are 250mm thick in-situ reinforced concrete.

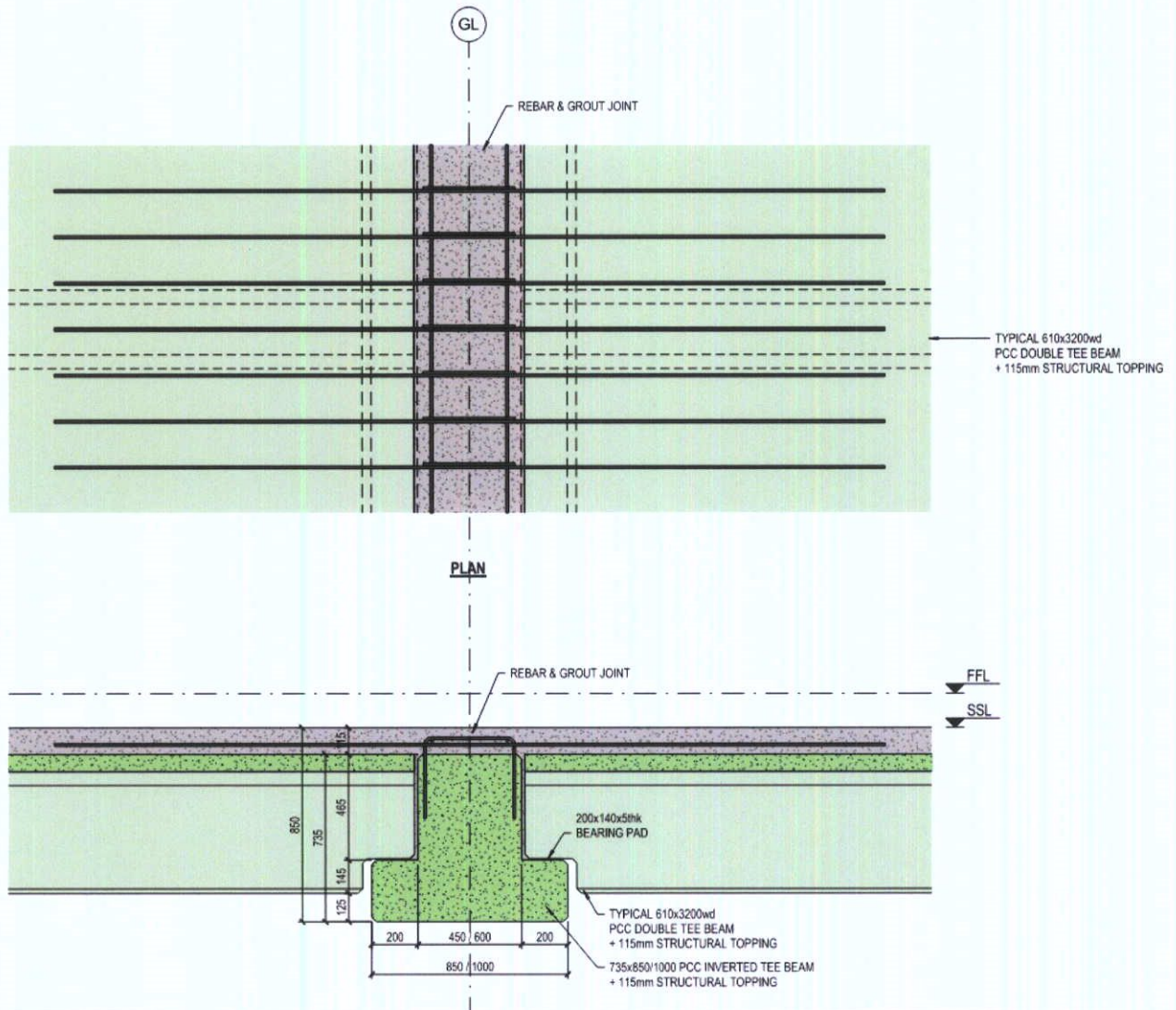


Figure 22. Typical Banagher Pre-cast Concrete Double Tee Beam Detail

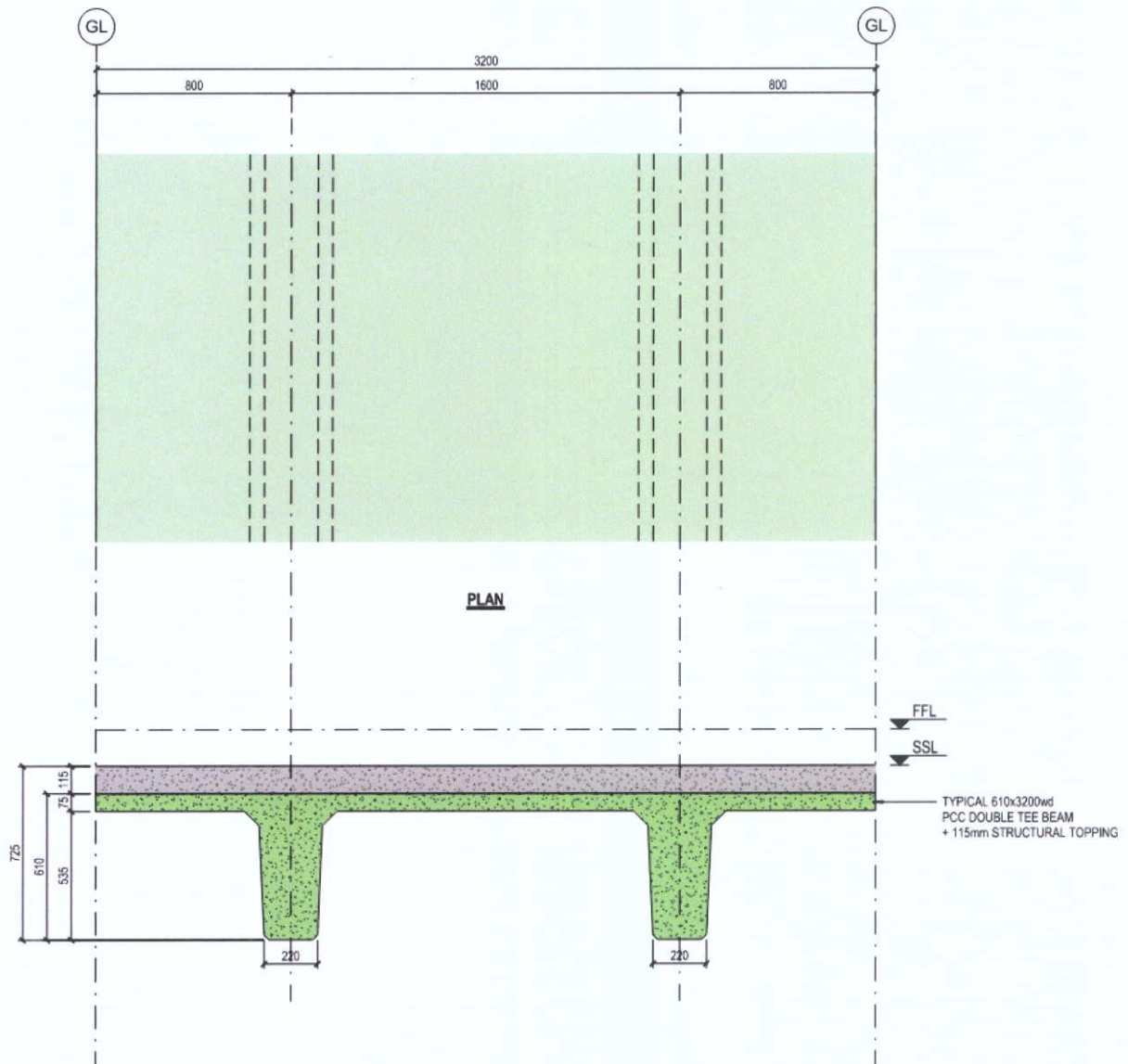


Figure 23 Typical Banagher Pre-cast Concrete Double Tee Beam Profile

The structural bay on the east elevation, behind the retained facades, will likely be constructed in an in-situ concrete strip to provide a transfer structure for columns over at the step backs in the building line at upper levels. The in-situ floor construction also allows for variations in the slab edge on this façade to accommodate the architectural detailing.

Similarly, around the central cores, the slab will likely be constructed locally in in-situ reinforced concrete to accommodate, lift and stair positions, walkways and lobbies, and architectural layouts. The slab spans between columns around the central void, core walls, and pre-cast beams.

The precast concrete elements will be manufactured off-site and delivered to site on a just-in-time basis. The floors and columns will be erected on a sequential floor-by-floor basis with the structural screed topping poured sequentially after. The precast elements will be installed using the tower cranes while static concrete pumps will be used to pour the reinforced concrete topping.



Figure 24. Typical Precast Concrete Construction

#### 4.5 Retained Facades

The existing facades at Nos. 43-45, 52-54 (Carlton Façade), and 57-58 O’Connell Street Upper are to be retained and laterally restrained by the new building structure at every floor level.

The ground floor entrance to 52-54 (Carlton Façade) O’Connell Street Upper has been schemed to enable a large clear span entrance to the retail area. This requires further investigation to determine the nature of the existing structure that supports the façade at first floor level. The Site 2 Engineering Design Report, has resolved a solution to resupport the façade to provide a flexible shop front to suit the tenants ultimate requirements.



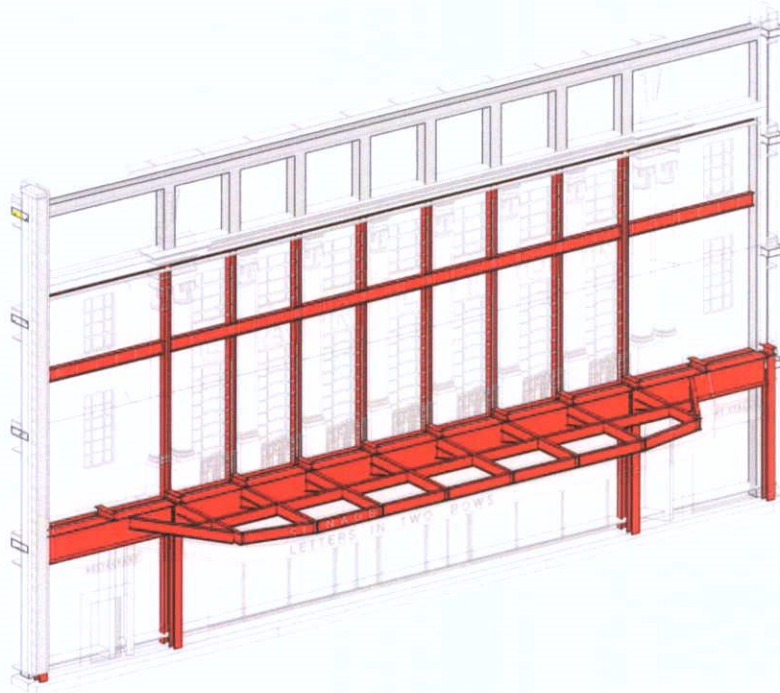


Figure 25. 52-54 (Carlton Façade) O’Connell Street Upper Steel Fame Support

## 4.6 59-60 O’Connell Street Upper “The Reading Room”

The Reading Room is an historical section of the building at the rear of 59-60 O’Connell Street Upper of heritage importance. It is not a protected structure but is to be retained within the proposed development.

### 4.6.1 Structural Assessment

Where the new layout permits, the design approach to the Reading Room at the rear of 59 O’Connell Street is for refurbishment and conservation rather than replacement, but considerations will also be given to the need for ongoing and potentially increasing maintenance given the age of the existing structure. Where repairs are required, they will be undertaken with consideration to the existing materials and construction.

Given the age and layout of the building it is likely to comprise of a mixture of loadbearing masonry, timber floor joists and floorboards, possibly including some beams either timber or later steel additions to reduce the spans of the floor joists.

The layout of the existing structure is to be confirmed following site investigations once the internal finishes have been removed. The inspection will confirm the existing structure including the construction of the partition walls and assumed construction and structural span of the floors. The structural assessment will include sampling and testing of the structural fabric to confirm strength and material properties.

There are a number of modifications proposed for the structure and external works around the building. The impact of the MEW works in this location is a further consideration and the structural concepts proposed have taken this into consideration.

## 4.6.2 Boundary Conditions

There will be a deep excavation to enable the formation of a shaft to provide an access route into the future station (by others). The proposed structure in the area around the Reading Room comprises of Secant piled walls which will be bored a suitable depth below the full depth of the access shaft. The excavation to form the shaft will then follow in stages and the secant piled walls will be propped across the width of the shaft to limit lateral soil movement. The secant piles will also limit the ground water seepage and therefore also reduce soil displacement and settlement of the Reading Room. The final design of the secant piled walls and the temporary works to back prop these will be the responsibility of the Piling specialist sub-contractor.

The detailing of the interface between the existing basement wall and the new piled walls will be carefully considered with the project architects and they will need to consider whether to provide ventilation and/or breather membranes and insulation to create similar or improved conditions to the current situation.

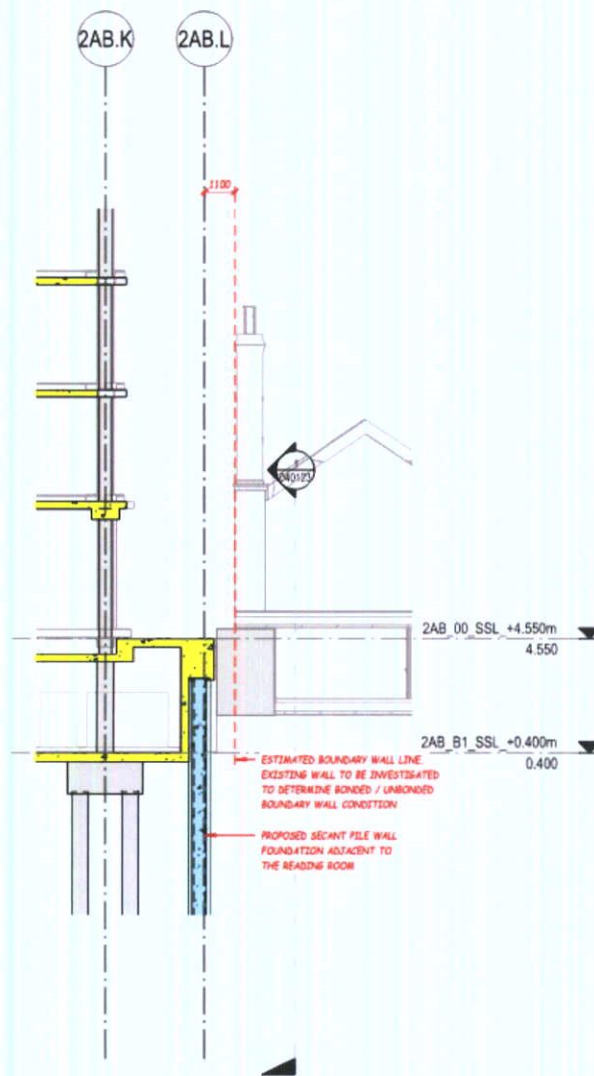


Figure 26. Secant Wall Adjacent to Existing Reading Room Basement

## 5. Site 2: Site Setup

Hoarding will be required to the Site 2 boundary. This will be located along O'Connell Street Upper, Moore Lane and Henry Place.

Vehicle gates with barriers will likely be accommodated at a security huts combined with a secure turnstile to control pedestrian and vehicle access. Vehicle access and egress routes will be located along Moore Lane.

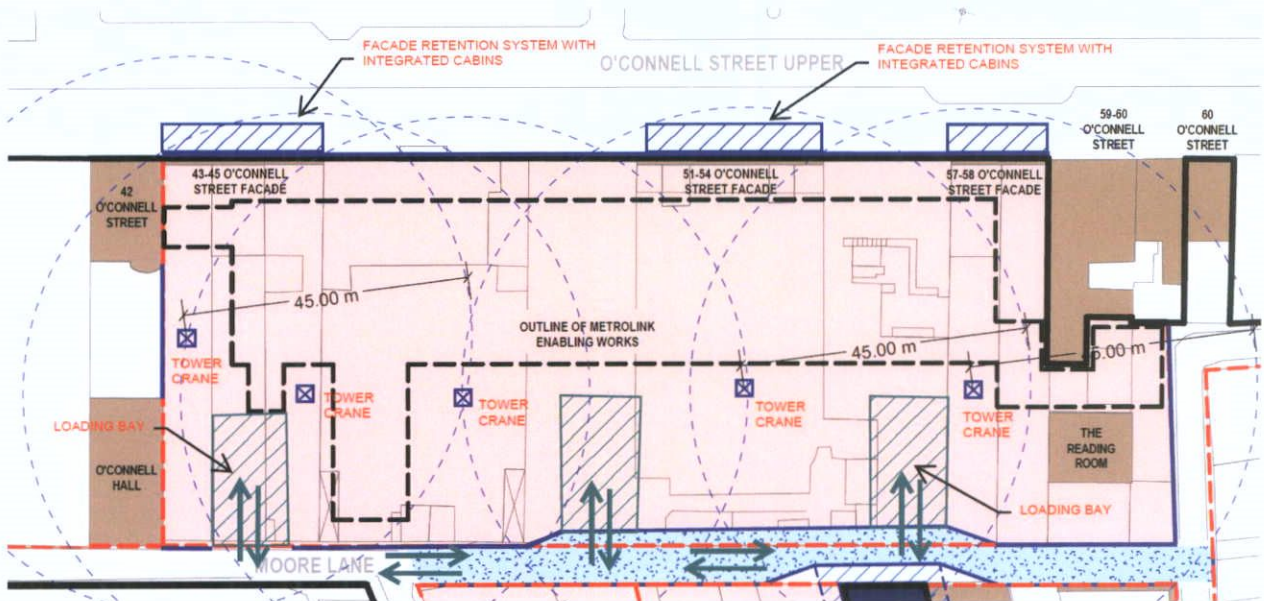


Figure 27. Site 2 Proposed Site Setup

### 5.1 Site 2 Hoarding

The hoarding will be designed at a later date by the Main Contractor/Contractors and will be designed to minimise impact to the footpaths along O'Connell Street Upper. Where necessary, the hoarding may be designed to incorporate covered walkways and elements of temporary works as part of the façade retention systems, to the agreement and approval of Dublin City Council.

The hoarding line will be maintained at all times during demolition and construction. In the event of any of the hoarding having to move outwards to facilitate construction activities, this will be done with the agreement of Dublin City Council including obtaining new hoarding licenses as required. If this encroaches on minimum footpath widths, the Main Contractor/Contractors will erect diversions to opposite footpaths to the agreement of Dublin City Council.

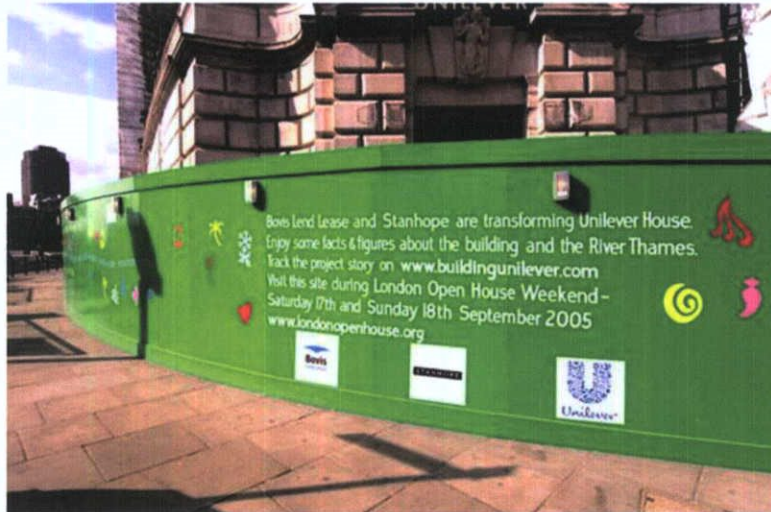


Figure 28. Typical Pavement Hoarding with Street Lighting

Where there are ESB/telecommunication kiosks, light poles and traffic signage on the footpaths these will be maintained by the Main Contractor/Contractors where practical. The hoarding will be constructed around traffic lights and the kiosks to maintain visibility and access to the agreement of Dublin City Council.

## 5.2 Site 2 Compound

It is proposed to locate the Site 2 compound within the site Masterplan's Site 5 boundary. The compound will consist of:

- Offices
- Meeting Rooms
- Toilet / Shower Rooms
- Drying Rooms
- Canteens
- Storage Containers

All cabins will be steel securi-type with steel lockable shutters to windows and steel lockable door. All cabins will come to site in good condition and will be maintained in good order throughout the project. Double / triple stacking of cabins may be required with safe stairs and walkways provided to the upper levels of offices.

## 5.3 Access & Egress

Safety and ease of access to the site are to be provided for by the Main Contractor/Contractors when planning the works. Separation of vehicular and heavy plant traffic from pedestrians and operatives will be implemented as far as is practical when considering the layout of the site infrastructure and access points.

Where a site access crossing is required on a pavement this will require a dedicated pedestrian management setup to ensure there are no incidents of crossovers between pedestrians and site vehicles. This may require a turtlegate barrier in addition to with semi-permanent barriers along the kerb edge, flagmen to control barriers and flagmen to watch truck movement and pedestrians.

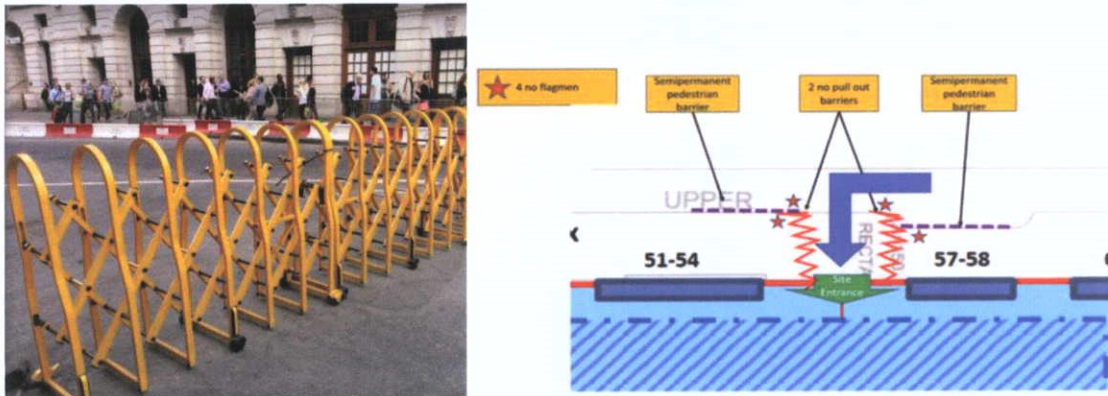


Figure 29. - Typical Pavement Crossover System

## 5.4 Logistics

Both Block 2AB and Block 2C will require dedicated tower cranes to service the construction activities. This will include all stages of construction including the building envelope and fit-out lifting requirements. These may be complemented with teleporters, mobiles cranes, hoists and mobile concrete pumps as required.

The construction traffic and pedestrian routes are outlined in the Construction Traffic Management Plan. In general, trucks will be off loaded from the designated laydown areas. Deliveries will typically be on a just in time basis and this system will be strictly controlled by Main Contractor/Contractors who will organise the deliveries. The Main Contractor/Contractors will advise their suppliers on the delivery routes, ensuring the drivers are made aware of the site location and the correct route to site in accordance with the Dublin City Council heavy goods vehicles cordon restrictions.

If any plant setups are required outside the site, a road lane closure may be required. The road closure license will be obtained from Dublin City Council and an agreed traffic management plan will be implemented as required. Any traffic management measures will be designed by qualified personnel in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual and implemented by Signing, Lighting & Guarding (SLG) trained operatives.

The logistics plan will be presented to workers during the site induction. Refresher training in the logistics plan will be presented in toolbox talks.

## 5.5 Proposed Craneage Strategy

Tower cranes will be required during each of the construction phase of the development. The Main Contractor will nominate the location(s) of these once appointed but indicative locations are shown in Appendix A – Proposed Site Setup. Mobile cranes may also be utilised on a short-term basis throughout the construction period.

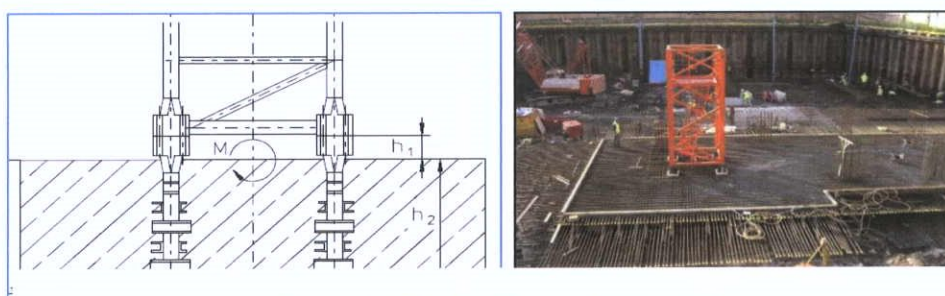


Figure 30. Typical Tower Crane Anchors

## 5.6 Power, Waste & Drainage

A power supply from ESB Networks to power both the compound and the construction site will be applied for by the Main Contractor/Contractors. The size of supply will be calculated to ensure it is sufficient to power both the site compounds and construction site activities. A dedicated power supply will be provided for the tower cranes, task lighting, power tools and charging stations for plant such as electric hoists.

In the event of any delays securing the required power supply to power offices and cranes, generators may be required. Diesel generators will have sound enclosures and will be regularly serviced to prevent noise and odour pollution and setup in a spill tray to prevent any spillage contaminating the ground. Temporary site lighting will be installed to provide safe and well-lighted walkways around the site compounds and task lighting to the construction sites.

Water and drainage will be required to service the site toilets and canteen facilities. The Main Contractor/Contractors will carry out a site survey to identify the locations of the water and foul drainage connections to each of the sites. It will be the Main Contractor/Contractors responsibility to apply to Irish Water for connections to the water main and foul drain, ideally utilising existing connections.

## 5.7 Working Hours

The working hours will be dictated by the planning conditions and are expected to be as follows:

Days	Start Time	Finish Time
Monday-Friday	8:00	18:00
Saturday	8:00	14:00
Sunday	No work permitted	No work permitted
Bank or Public Holiday	No work permitted	No work permitted

Working times will be within the hours permitted by the Planning Decision for the development. It may be necessary to work outside these hours at times, for example for early morning concrete pours and late evening concrete finishing. The Contractor will consult Dublin City Council regarding out of hours working and local residents and businesses will be informed of any out of hours works required. A planning derogation will be applied for to Dublin City Council when out of hours working is required. The terms and conditions of the planning derogation will be strictly adhered to at all times.

## 5.8 Car Parking

In general, there will not be car parking for operatives on site. Personnel will be encouraged and informed of the numerous public transport options available to access the works.

## 5.9 Wheel Washing Facility Requirement

The Main Contractor/Contractors will ensure that the enabling works package will include provisions for a wheel washing facility with water collection and filtering before any discharge to the public surface water drainage system. Trucks discharging concrete should have a wash out area to clean the chute prior to entering the wheel wash.



Figure 31. - Typical Wheel Washing Facility

### 5.10 Expected Vehicle Movement

An outline construction traffic management plan has been prepared and details access routes, site signage, haulage license protocols and environmental control procedures. Reference should be made to the Construction Traffic Management Plan submitted as part of the planning documents.

Once the construction programme is finalised by the appointed Main Contractor/Contractors, a detailed breakdown of the expected vehicle movements will be available.

### 5.11 Security

In addition to the hoard to the Site 2 perimeter the following measures will be adopted by the Main Contractor/Contractors:

- A dedicated site security team with 24hr access to the site and direct contact with the local An Garda Siochana station.
- Each person on site will have been inducted and fingerprint access control will be used for site entry and exit. The Contractor will know who is on site at all times.
- There will be a site CCTV system which may be extended to cover the footpaths and roads around the site (depending on the GDPR regulations).
- Hoarding lighting will be incorporated to increase the general illumination levels around the site.
- Siting the cabins behind the hoarding with windows overlooking the streets will provide a greater degree of natural surveillance to the area to ward against anti-social behaviour.



Figure 32. Typical Site Security Measures

## 5.12 Diaphragm Wall Site Setup

The walls to form the station box are to be constructed using diaphragm walls.

The final construction sequence will be based on the contractors preferred method however the typical construction sequence involves the construction of a shallow guide wall to maintain the setting out and verticality of the main wall. Panels of the diaphragm wall are then excavated using cutting or grabbing machinery. Based on the depth to the Calp Limestone formation, and the proposed levels of the station box, it is assumed a proportion of the excavation will be within the rock and therefore a hydraulic cutting machine is likely to be used.

In order to support the sides of the excavation prior to concreting, a support fluid is pumped into the excavation which exerts a hydraulic pressure against the trench walls and prevents collapse of the side. This is typically a bentonite fluid which can be mixed and stored on site and re-used across multiple excavations. Stop ends are also installed in the trench to produce a defined profiled joint to the next panel. They can also be used to install a water bar if required.

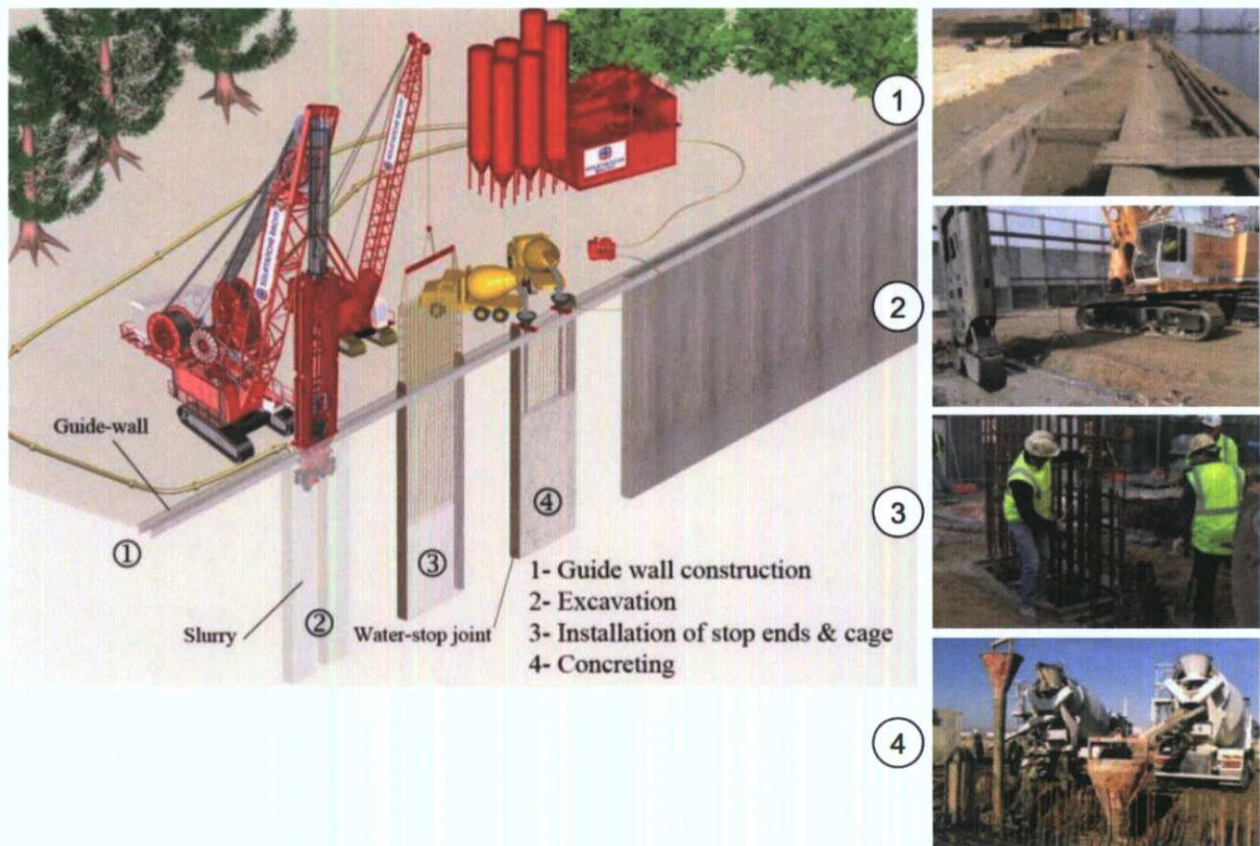


Figure 33. Typical Diaphragm Wall Setup

The prefabricated reinforcement cage is then installed into the trench. The connection points for the curved slab at platform level, and the slabs at the mezzanine, concourse, and capping slab levels can be blocked out within the reinforcement cage to allow for connection at the relevant point of the construction sequence. Concrete is then poured into the trench, typically through tremie pipes that extend to the bottom of the trench and fill from the bottom up. The support fluid is displaced as the concrete is pumped into the trench and can be re-use in other excavations for the wall.



Panel construction progresses in a hit and miss sequence. This aids the construction programme as excavation can commence on other panels while the previously completed panel cures. Once a panel has cured, the adjacent panel can be excavated, the stop end from the initial panel removed, and the casting sequence noted above repeated to form the adjacent connected panel.

The drilling suspension fluid, typically bentonite slurry, will be contained and stored within reservoir tanks located on site adjacent to the operation. During placement of the concrete via tremie pipe method the suspension slurry will be recycled and recirculated back to the reservoir tanks using pumps. The Contractor's methodology will be required to minimise spillages during construction of the diaphragm wall. The area will be kept clean with bunds placed around the operation to prevent the spillage of support fluid. The Contractor's detailed methodology will also address any spillages which will need to be immediately contained. Contaminated soil will be removed from site and disposed of in a licenced waste facility. The cleaning procedure as well as the time between operations shall be established by the Contractor ahead of the works commencing.

Section 5.12 Diaphragm Wall Site Setup contains further information on the diaphragm wall construction.

## 6. Protection of Retained Structures during Construction

### 6.1 Existing Buildings

Site 2 is occupied by a variety of 3 and 4 storey buildings which mainly comprise retail units at ground floor along O'Connell Street Upper with offices above. Block 2AB incorporates the retained facades to 57-58 O'Connell Street Upper and the rear building to 59 O'Connell Street Upper also known as the "Reading Room". Block 2C incorporates the retained facades to 43-45 O'Connell Street Upper and 52-54 (Carlton Façade) O'Connell Street Upper.

Of particular importance to the Site 2 development are the retained facades and buildings of historical importance and the adjoining buildings to the site.

**Retained facades within Site 2 (above Ground Floor) include:**

- 43-45 O'Connell Street Upper
- 52-54 (Carlton Façade) O'Connell Street Upper
- 57-58 O'Connell Street Upper

**Other retained buildings of historical importance currently proposed within the site development include:**

- 59-60 O'Connell Street Upper rear building "Reading Room"
- 61 O'Connell Street Upper (Protected Façade)

**Buildings Adjacent to Site 2 of historical importance include:**

- 42 O'Connell Street Upper & O'Connell Hall (protected)
- 59 O'Connell Street Upper ("Reading Room")

**Nearby Building to Site 2 include:**

- General Post Office (National Monument)
- 14-17 Moore Street (National Monument)

At the next stage of the project, where structures are to be retained and conserved, intrusive structural investigations will be undertaken to provide a greater understanding of the existing condition and arrangement of the structure. This will also include neighbouring buildings if access can be provided. This will include a visual structural inspection with the finishes removed and sampling and testing of the structural fabric to test for strength and material properties.



**LEGEND**

- MASTERPLAN SITE BOUNDARY
- SITE BOUNDARY
- NATIONAL MONUMENT (UNDER STATE OWNERSHIP)
- PROTECTED STRUCTURE / FACADE
- RETAINED STRUCTURE / FACADE

Figure 34. Site 2 Protected and Retained Structures

## 6.2 14-17 Moore Street - National Monument

Moore Lane and Nos 14-17 Moore Street are located outside of the western boundary of Site 2. A construction access haul road is also proposed along the line of Moore Lane.

The design concept for the basement and the support of Moore Lane and the Moore Street properties beyond the boundary of Site 2 has been carefully considered. Limiting ground movement is an important consideration and preliminary analysis has been undertaken and is presented in the Basement Impact Assessment report included as part of the planning submission. The proximity of the National Monument to the excavations and construction vehicles is a key factor in considering the demolition and temporary and permanent earthworks support along the Site 2 Moore Lane boundary. To address the sensitivity of the National Monument the planning stage design concepts provide a stiff temporary and permanent works solution along the Moore Lane boundary. There will be further ground movement and phasing analysis undertaken at the following design stages in collaboration with and taking account of the main contractors method statements and programme for the works. The final design of the secant piled walls and the temporary works propping will be provided by the appropriate specialist sub-contractors.

It is proposed to construct a secant piled wall along the western boundary of Site 2. In the temporary condition the secant piled wall retains the soil outside the site boundary, the stiffness of the wall will be designed to reduce ground movement associated with the basement excavation works. Additionally, the secant piled wall provides protection to the construction works within Site 2 from the surcharge loading of construction traffic along the haul road. In the permanent design, the secant wall forms the basement of Site 2.

The secant piled wall at the boundary is part of the strategy for enabling the deeper excavation to form the MEW station box. The shallow basement required for the oversite is less significant than the deep basement excavation that are required to enable the MEW station box.

The MEW works are to be excavated between parallel diaphragm walls which will be propped across the excavation as work proceeds to limit the wall deflection and thereby limit the ground displacement. The propping may also need to incorporate jacks to prestress the props to further control and limit ground movement. This will be considered further with the relevant contractors and incorporated into their construction methodology.

In addition, two additional piled walls will be located a short distance away from the diaphragm walls, these ultimately support the building loads from the super structures above, but in this temporary case they also add further to the ground stiffness and contribute to managing lateral soil movement and hence the impact on Moore Lane and the nearby Moore Street properties.

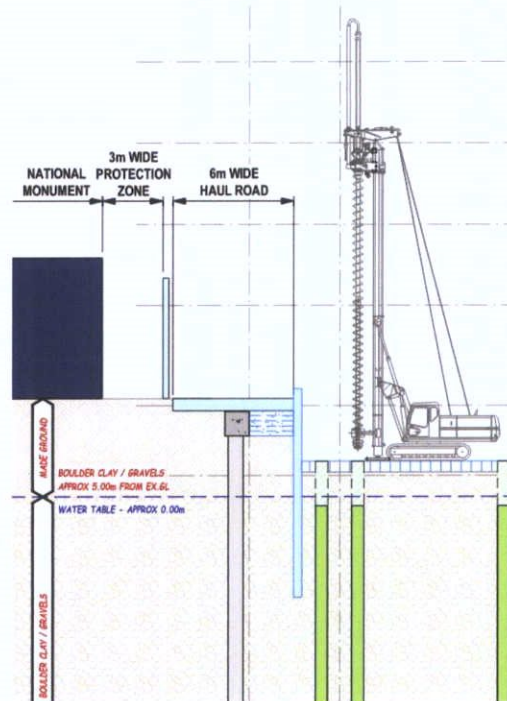


Figure 5. Section Through the National Monument, Moore Lane, and the Western Boundary of Site 2

### 6.3 Site 2 – Retained Facades

Particular consideration has been given to the retained and/or protected structures on or adjacent to Site 2. These shall be protected during demolition and construction via extensive temporary works required throughout the development that will be coordinated and incorporated into the permanent works. The following proposed retention systems outlined in this report are for guidance purposes only and will be subject to site investigations of the existing conditions and design by the Temporary Works Specialists.

The existing facades above ground floor at Nos. 43-45, 52-54 (Carlton Cinema Façade), and 57-58 O’Connell Street Upper are protected and are to be retained in the proposed development.

#### 6.3.1 Structural Assessment

Prior to commencing demolition each façade that is to be retained will be inspected for signs of historic structural movement or structural distress. This will include the external face and internal surfaces. To be able to inspect the structure internally the existing finishes will need to be removed to expose the structure of the wall.

If there are steel beams embedded in the wall the condition of these will be inspected to ensure that the beam is not significantly corroded due to moisture ingress. If deterioration is evident and is beyond repair a strategy for replacement or removal will be developed.

Lintels over doors and windows will also be examined. Timber lintels will be replaced with a suitably durable replacement at an appropriate time during the reconstruction works. Steel beams and lintels will be examined and where suffering from corrosion or damage will be repaired during the re-construction works.

It is likely that some brick work may be loose or missing and the internal surface once exposed may be irregular with “pockets” or voids where bricks may have been removed over the lifetime of the building. Where this is the case, these voids will be infilled with brickwork to reinstate the thickness of the wall.

### 6.3.2 Temporary Condition

The retained façades will require lateral support which will need to be in position prior to demolition of the building behind. Existing internal finishes will be removed to reveal the structural elements of the wall. The existing windows will be removed, and the window openings will be temporarily reinforced with timber bracing. As demolition proceeds the rear of the façade will be covered with felt and battens to protect the façade from exposure to weather and general construction activities. The front of the façade will be covered by a suitable sheeting that will also provide a degree of weather protection and will extend over the façade retention system. This strategy will be developed further during the detailed design stages and will be conveyed to the main contractors at tender and taken through into construction stages.

### 6.3.3 Temporary Condition – 43-45 O’Connell Street Upper

The retained façade to 43-45 O’Connell Street Upper will require lateral support which will need to be in position prior to the demolition of the building behind. The concept for this is to provide a steel frame on the wide O’Connell Street Upper footpath with the columns supported on concrete kentledge blocks.

Where the bases are located over existing pavement vaults, these will be suitably back-propped and protected. The façade retention system shall incorporate a suitable protective structural deck above the “passageway” beneath the temporary structure should pedestrian access need to be maintained at pavement level. Site cabins may be located within the façade retention system above first floor level subject to the Main Contractor’s logistics plans.

The façade retention details for 43-45 O’Connell Street are shown in Appendix C.

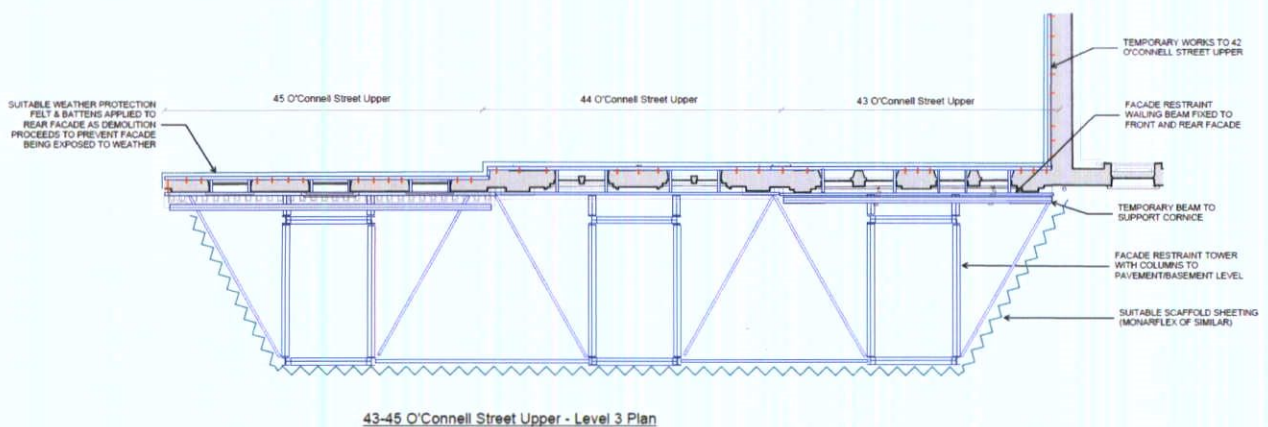


Figure 36 – 43-45 O’Connell Street Upper (Plan – Typical Façade Restraint System)

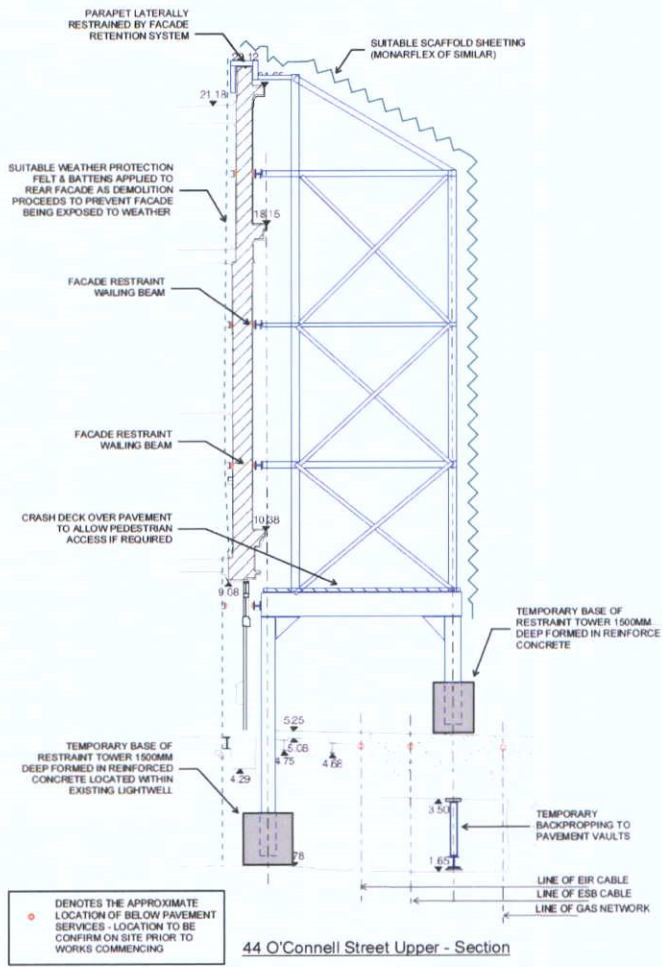


Figure 37 – 43-45 O'Connell Street Upper (Section – Typical Façade Restraint System)

### 6.3.4 Retained Facades – 52-54 O’Connell Street Upper

The retained façade to 52-54 O’Connell Street Upper will be provided with a similar system of support and the same approach will be adopted to safeguard the façade. The façade retention details for 52-54 O’Connell Street are shown in Appendix C.

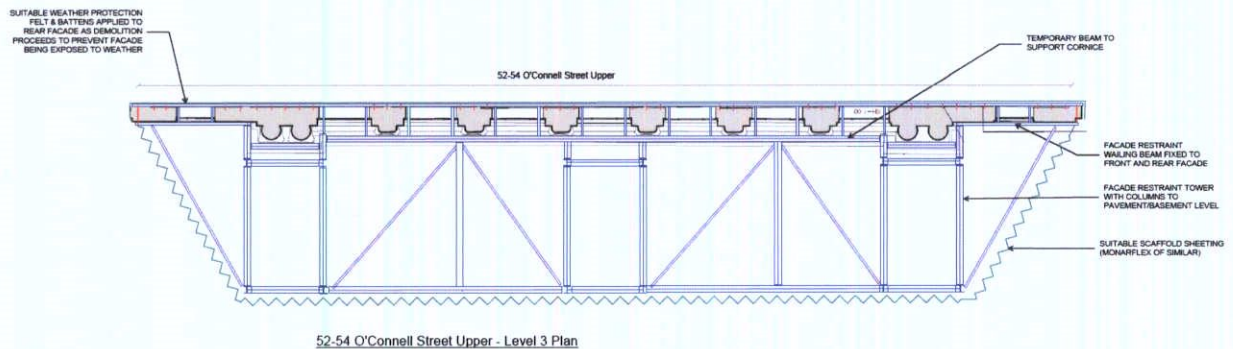


Figure 38 – 52-54 O’Connell Street Upper (Plan – Typical Façade Restraint System)

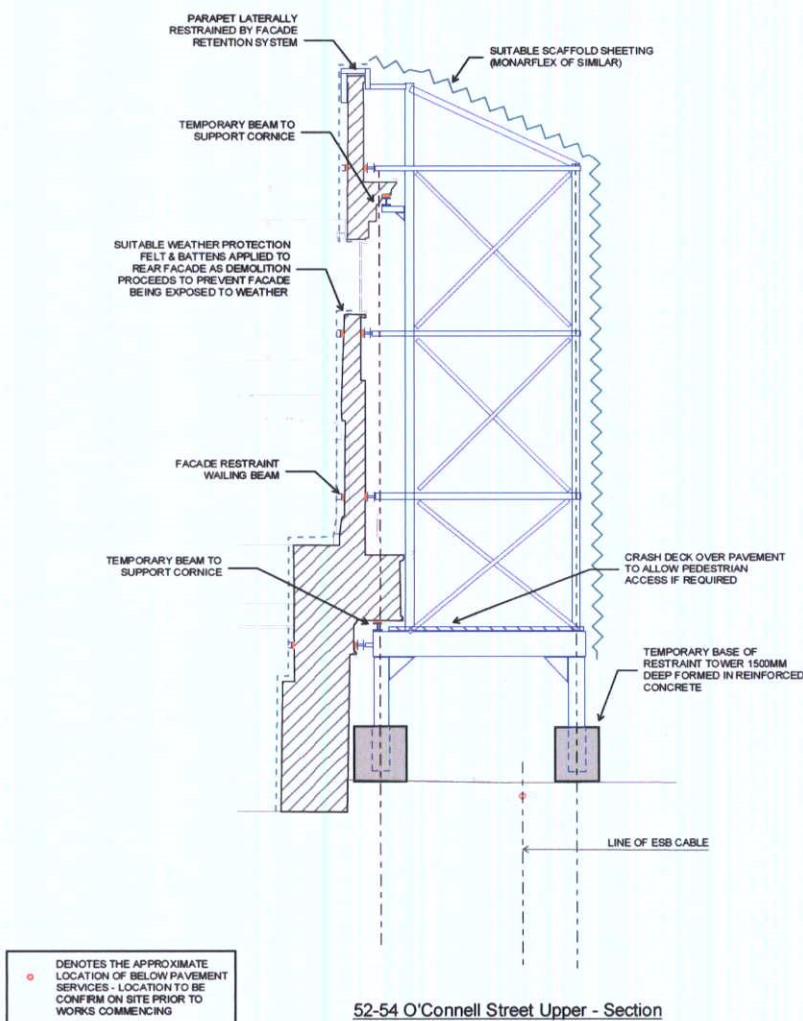


Figure 39 – 52-54 O’Connell Street Upper (Section – Typical Façade Restraint System)



### 6.3.5 Retained Facades – 57-58 O’Connell Street Upper

The retained façade to 57-58 O’Connell Street Upper will be provided with a similar system of support and the same approach will be adopted to safeguard the façade. The façade retention details for 57-57 O’Connell Street are shown in Appendix C.

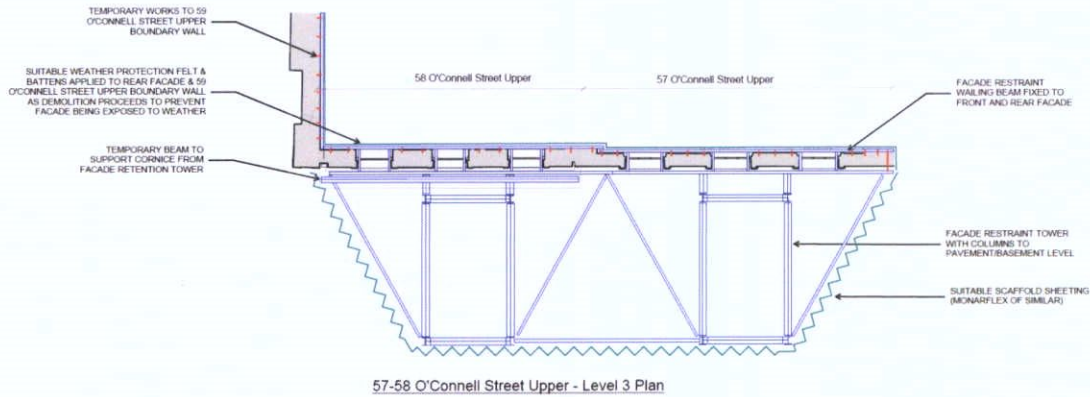


Figure 40 – 57-58 O’Connell Street Upper (Plan – Typical Façade Restraint System)

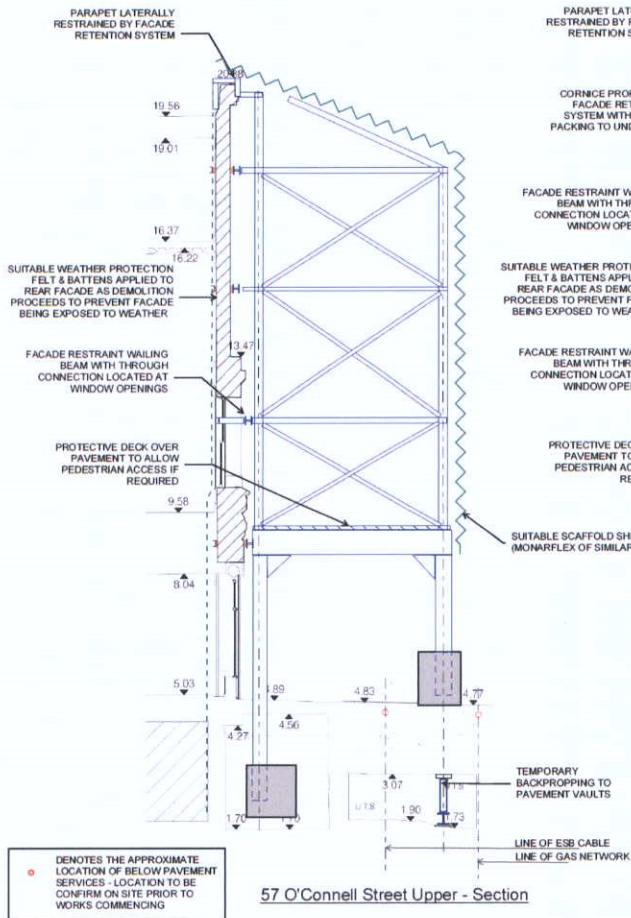


Figure 41 – 57-58 O’Connell Street Upper (Section – Typical Façade Restraint System)

## 6.4 Adjoining Buildings

At the northern end of Block 2C, the site shares a boundary with the protected structures at 42 O'Connell Street Upper and O'Connell Hall. This building is not included in the Site 2 application but the boundary condition needs to be considered in our design.

At the Southern site boundary a similar condition will apply at 58 O'Connell Street.

### 6.4.1 Structural Assessment

42 O'Connell Street Upper O'Connell Hall is currently bookended by No 43 O'Connell Street Upper and is part of a terrace of buildings. On the North side of No 42 the former buildings have been demolished some years ago and No 42 North flank wall is currently braced by temporary steel framed raking shores. O'Connell Hall is similarly propped but flying shores exist propping the North flank wall. These temporary works were installed by the previous site owners as part of the previous redevelopment plans.

A similar condition exists at 58 O'Connell Street Upper and will need to be safeguarded during the course of the works.

### 6.4.2 Temporary Condition

During the demolition and reconstruction phase of Site 2 temporary support will be required to the exposed Southern flank walls of No 42, the linking structure and O'Connell Hall, raking shores will need to be provided inside No 42 O'Connell Street and the existing shoring to the North Boundary will also need to be retained. Alternatively if work can be undertaken inside No 42 O'Connell Street Upper and O'Connell Hall in parallel with or in advance of the Site 2 demolition to make these adjoining structures independently stable, the temporary raking shores within Site 2 and to the North boundary may be able to be avoided. The raking shores will be supported on temporary pad foundations located below the level of the proposed basements. Localised temporary works will be required to protect the existing foundations for 42 O'Connell Street Upper while the local bases are installed.

Once the temporary raking props have been installed and as demolition progresses the exposed party/boundary walls will be protected from the weather using felt and battens.

58 O'Connell Street Upper is not owned by DCGP Ltd and so the temporary works will need to be discussed with the adjoining owners, any temporary works shoring will need to be positioned inside Site 2.

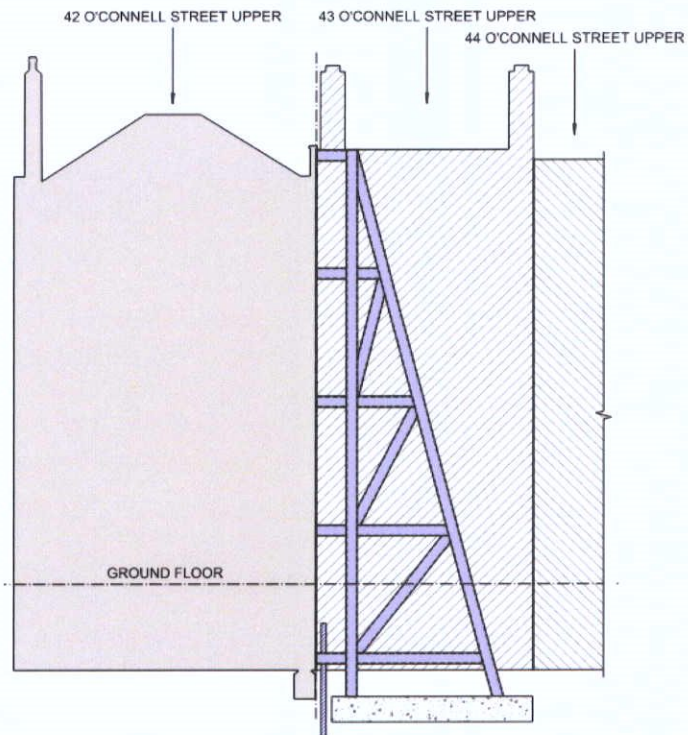


Figure 42. Indicative Temporary Works Scheme for 42 O'Connell Street Upper Installed within No. 43 – a similar system is proposed at 50 O'Connell Street Upper boundary

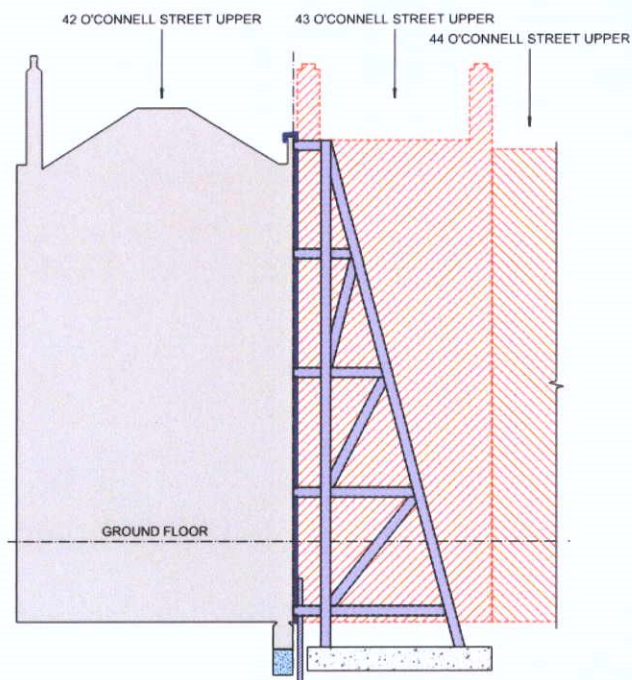


Figure 43. Exposed Face of 42 O'Connell Street Upper Party Wall Protected as No.43 is Demolished