

LANDSCAPE DESIGN STATEMENT FOR

18 UNIT APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT AT

NEWCASTLE, CO. KILDARE.

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Existing Site - Site Area 3,830m²

The site presently consists of a burnt out shell of an old pub, its car park and overgrown yard space to the rear linking through to a section of the existing paddock to the East. This paddock sections houses the Medieval Motte to the Northeast and St Finians Churchyard the Southeast. The West and Southwestern boundaries of the site are the existing roadside pavement. A number of existing mature and Early mature specimen trees are to be retained to South East of the site, in particular two Chestnut specimens set in existing hard surface 'parking' area.

Proposed Development - 18 Apartment Units in 2 Blocks

The proposal consists of two 3 storey building, located as centrally as possible in the site whilst allowing for vehicular access and parking to the North. This configuration allows for sections of open space throughout the site.

Open Space - 828m² / 22 % of site

Each ground floor apartment has its own terrace linking onto communal 'wrap around' lawns to the Southern & Western aspects of the buildings. A large open lawn section creates division between the buildings and the car parking facilities to the North. There are also sections for landscape planting around the carpark.

Landscape Design Rationale

In such a scheme 22% of open spaces allows for the introduction of a very positive and balanced spread of landscaping throughout. Open lawn has been used to both front and back of the buildings to emphasise the open space for the residents while pockets of mixed shrub offer an element of softening, screening, colour to the whole site. Specimen trees have been included into these borders to add further to softening of the development. Beech hedging to be set along the existing and proposed Northern boundary wall will give a green backdrop to the site and link well with the rural aspects beyond.

Overall the it is felt that the proposed scheme will be an attractive introduction to this site for both existing village and potential apartment residents.