

# Keepers Lock

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## Comhála an Choimeádáí Loic

Kelland Homes are creating an exceptional range of modern, stylish homes on the banks of the Grand Canal in the new neighbourhood of Clonburris. Kelland Homes have always been committed to placemaking and are synonymous with choosing names which are embedded in the locality. We want our legacy to ensure that the name is uniquely inspired by local features but also a name that promotes the residents health, happiness and well-being uneconomic.

When choosing a name we considered the following:

1. Avoiding any duplication within the county of existing names.
2. Reflecting the local and historical context of the approved development.
3. Comply with; (a) Development Plan policy, and (b) The guidelines on naming and numbering of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, and (c) Have regard to the Guidelines issued by the Place Names Commission (An Comision Logainmeacha).

Inspired by the site's location on the historic Grand Canal, we wanted a name that evokes an idyllic and desirable place to live but with a clear reference point. The proximity to the ninth lock on the Grand Canal creates a charming name with a sense of place. The Grand Canal is an important part of life in Dublin. Built as an important trade route, used until as recently as 1940, it also provides a wonderful natural amenity.

The Grand Canal is the southernmost of the two canals that connect Dublin, in the east of Ireland, with the River Shannon in the west. It was in 1757 that the Irish Parliament granted Thomas Omer £20,000 to start construction of a canal, originally devised as a strategic commercial trail. Like a modern motorway, the Grand Canal was once a vital artery of trade and commerce. The canal from Sallins was finally opened to traffic in 1779 and a twice-weekly passenger service from Sallins to Dublin started in 1780. The first steamer to traverse

the canal from Dublin to Limerick was the Shannon Steam Navigation Company's wood paddle steamer Mountaineer, which received the Canal Company's permission to proceed in October 1826. The second was the Dublin and Wexford Steam Company's iron paddle steamer Marchioness Wellesley, which arrived in Limerick on 2 February 1827. By 1857, the last of the passenger boats were withdrawn, as competition from the railways made them

uneconomic.  
The Grand Canal was an important part of Dublin's development. It was once part of a vital distribution network for, amongst other items, large wooden casks of Guinness. The Guinness brewery used the canal as a distribution network right up until 1960. Barges provided transport for both ends of its process – for raw materials and the product itself.

The Grand Canal has developed from an important trade route to a relaxing haven. Connecting the capital city westwards with the River Shannon, this gentle, old engineering marvel winds through the centre of Dublin, on towards fertile farmlands and charming villages. Nowadays, the pleasant towpaths of the 117km Grand Canal Way allow walkers to enjoy this mighty waterway. Punctuated by the locks that characterise the technology of its golden years, the canal shows at time when the waterway affected all life surrounding its banks.

Street Naming and Dwelling Numbering  
Our street naming and dwelling unit's in accordance with the Planning Authority's policy and requirements for such schemes

The agreed numbers shall be placed on each house upon completion so as to be clearly legible from the proposed access road and the public realm. The agreed street name in both Irish and English shall be erected at the beginning of each street in a manner to be clearly legible, and in accordance with Planning Authority's requirements.



### OUR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONSISTS OF:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| » 111 Houses – 2, 3 & 4 Bed | » Commercial / Retail              |
| » 106 Duplexes – 2 & 3 Bed  | » Creche                           |
| » 39 Apartments – 1 & 2 Bed | » Green open space with play areas |
- OUR PROPOSED NAMING / NUMBERING IS 1 - 266 KEEPERS LOCK, CLONBURRIS, DUBLIN 22.**



