

County GALWAY



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ESB RETAIL SHOP & DEPOT

St. Michael's Square, Ballinasloe



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Summary

The ESB shop and depot comprises a single storey flat roofed building, built in 1961. The property is located in the centre of Ballinasloe town in Co. Galway, facing onto the square.

The property comprises a former ESB shop and depot. The small depot yard to the side of the building is enclosed by a dash rendered finish concrete blockwork wall, and is accessed through painted metal gates. On-street public parking is provided in front of the building.

Description & Materials

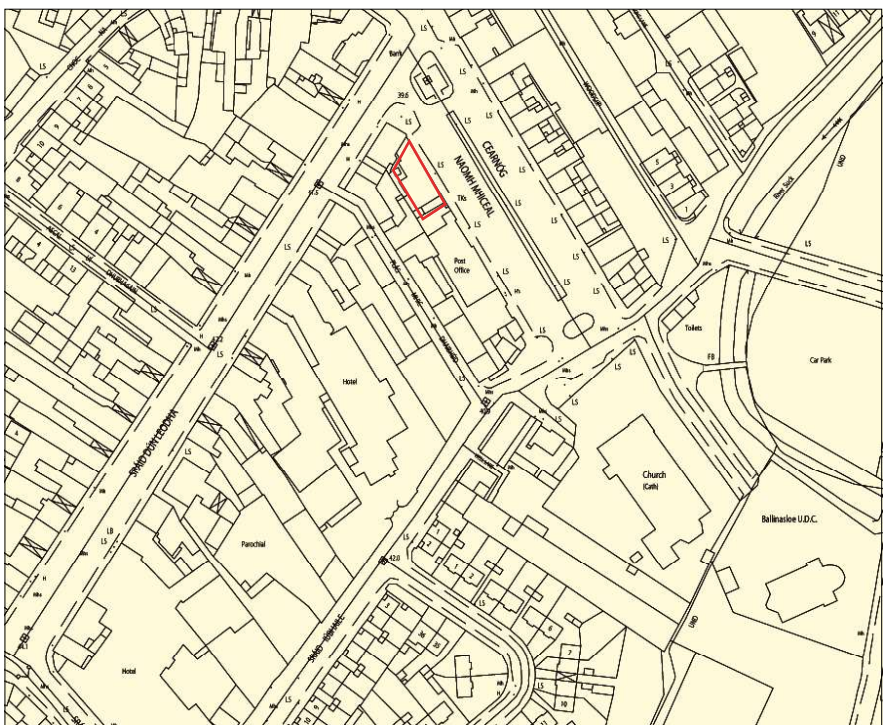
The building is accessed directly from the street. It comprises a showroom, office, store and toilets.

The structure of the building is composed of concrete block construction supporting a flat roof concealed by a

parapet wall. Floor to ceiling glazing framed in brown painted aluminium is applied to the front of the former showroom. The front entrance is recessed from the street line and incorporates a projecting canopy over the shopfront bay which provides shelter to the entrance. A painted smooth plaster render is applied to the blockwork surrounding the entrance to the shop. The remainder of the building is faced with concrete masonry cladding. Large timber folding doors provide access to the store. The shop entrance is highlit to both sides with yellow mosaic tiles and the external wall construction is in distinctive coloured coursed concrete block rough finish.



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1. View of Main Entrance. 2. Street Context - St. Michael's Square. 3. Southeast View of Shopfront. 4. Northwest View of Shopfront.



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ESB DEPOT

Poolboy Industrial Estate,
Ballinasloe

Date Of Survey: 31st August 2003



Summary

The ESB depot comprises of a steel-framed pitched roof detached building, rectangular in plan and built in 1961 in the Poolboy Industrial Estate on the outskirts of Ballinasloe. Remedial work was carried out in 1993.

Description & Materials

The property is located in an area of industrial and manufacturing facilities. It is adjoined on one side by a fuel supplier's yard. The front of the property is defined by a low concrete block wall. The building sits at the centre of the site surrounded by parking areas and the rear of the property is enclosed providing an external storage yard.

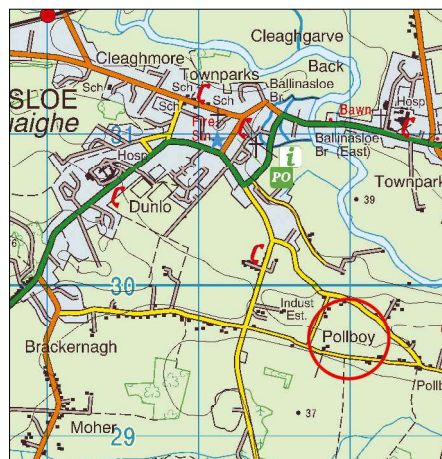
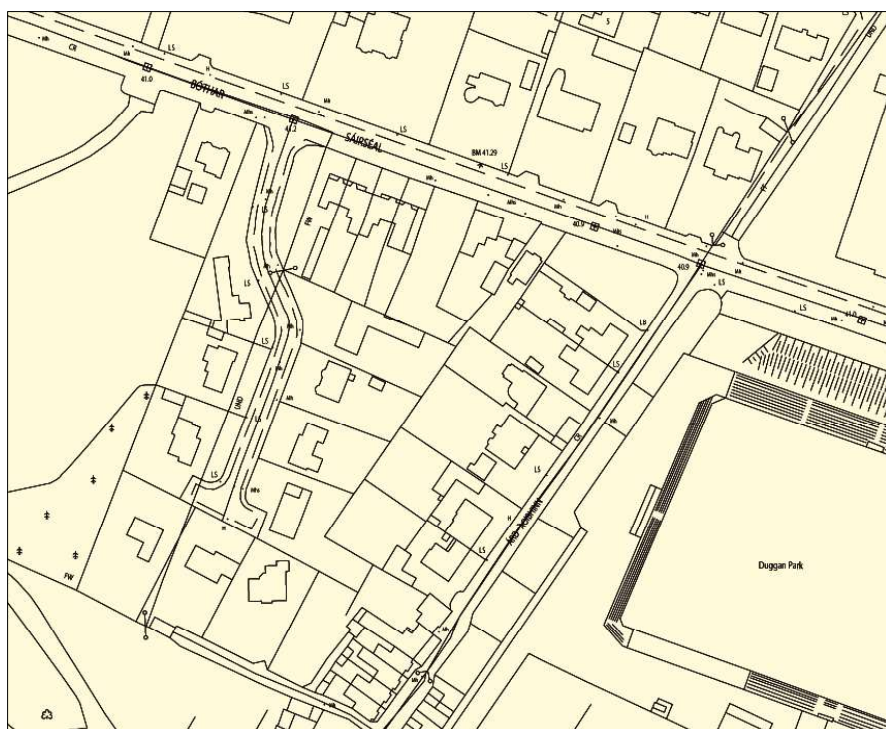
The building comprises offices, stores, a workshop and garage. The building is clad with green profiled metal sheeting which are also applied to the roof. There are some translucent profiled panels on the roof providing natural lighting to the interior. The front corner of the building is clad with concrete blockwork which has a nap plaster finish. This front corner encloses the office rooms. The windows are framed with aluminium and have precast concrete cills. Wire mesh panels are applied in front of the windows for security. A large sliding door provides access to the store at the front of the building.



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1. View of Main Entrance. 2. Side Elevation. 3. Front Elevation of Depot.

ESB DEPOT

Galway Road, Clifden



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Summary

A detached, single storey pitched roof depot building with adjoining flat roofed store located in the centre of a square site on the Galway Road approaching Clifden. The structures on the property were constructed in 1973 and 1976. The architects were Bowman & Quaid.

Description & Materials

The site is located in an area of mixed use including hotels, housing and industrial buildings. The present use of the entire property is as an ESB depot and there is one single storey building situated in the middle of the site facing north onto the Galway Road.

The building comprises offices, canteen, stores, toilets and drying room. A telecommunications room situated inside the building footprint is accessed independently from the rear yard. The gross floor area of the building is 164m². Structurally the building comprises masonry blockwork construction supporting a prefabricated pitched roof covered with concrete roof tiles. The floor consists of an in-situ concrete slab.

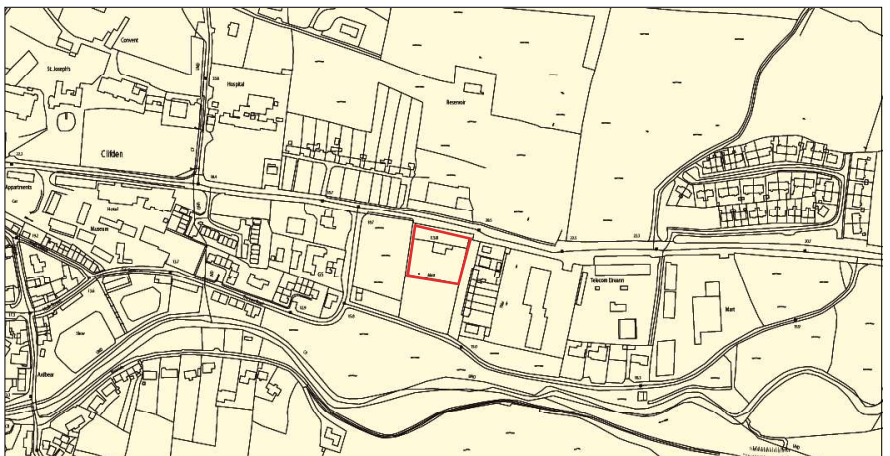
The elevational treatment comprises white painted nap plaster finish to

blockwork walls. Window openings have floor to ceiling hardwood window frames. A smooth plaster render has been applied to the plinth. Double glazed aluminium lobbies area have been applied to the two entrances to the building. The rear of the building is accessed via ramps and steps.

There are also located on the site an unused diesel underground tank, diesel pumps, an overground diesel storage tank, a vehicle wash-down facility and a concrete loading platform.

The site boundaries are defined by stone walls to the front and concrete post and chainlink fencing to the rear. The north boundary of the site (road frontage) is set back into the site by approximately 2.2m. Customer car parking is to the front of the site and the rear yard is concealed from view by a 2.5m high concrete block wall. Access to the rear yard is obtained through metal security gates and the site is sloped towards the rear. Ground surfaces in the site vary from a grass verge surrounding the car park at the front to a tarmacdadam covered surrounded by a gravelling and a rough grassed area.

The site area is 0.37ha (0.92 acres).



1. View of Main Entrance. 2. Rear Elevation. 3. View of Service Yard. 4. View of External Storage Area.



ESB Shop Loughrea, View of Entrance Hall and Corridor

ESB DEPOT

"The Hill", Caherwalter,
Loughrea

ESB

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Summary

The ESB depot comprises a detached, single storey pitched roofed building, rectangular in plan, built in 1978 and located in a rural area of east County Galway. The architects were Bowman & Quaid.

The site is located in a rural setting on the outskirts of the town of Loughrea on the Ballinasloe Road, to the rear of a former garage site. The site to the front has not yet been entirely cleared and still contains a number of fuel storage tanks and a concrete car-wash booth. The property is enclosed by a post and chain link fence and by galvanised steel fencing. The entrance driveway has precast concrete bollards and chains on either side. There is a single detached building situated to the side of the entrance to the site. The present use of the property is as a depot for linesmen.

Description & Materials

The rectangular building is located towards the front of the site. The gross floor area of the building is 129m². It comprises a canteen, reporting area, drying room, toilet, store and office. The store opens directly out onto the yard.

The structure of the property consists of concrete blockwork construction on a cast in-situ concrete floor supporting a pitched roof covered with blue-black fibre cement slates. The gable ends are also clad with slates.

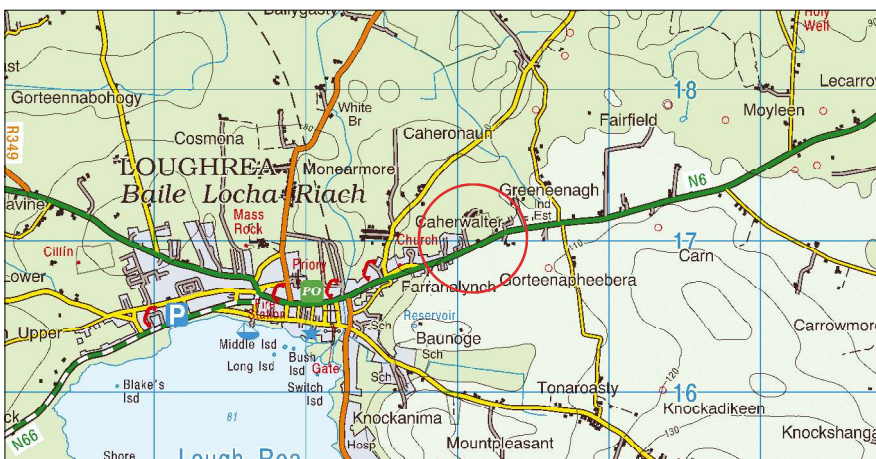
The elevational treatment comprises aluminium framed windows with hardwood doors surrounded by painted sand and cement plaster rendered blockwork upon a smooth plastered plinth. The front entrance to the building faces south.

The yard is used for pole, cable and vehicular storage. A large telecommunications mast is located directly behind the building. There is a 10kV overhead line, underground fuel tanks and a transformer pole. The entrance gates consist of steel frame clad with wire steel mesh and there are two street lamps lighting the entrance to the site. A coarse gravel surface has been applied to driveway and yard.

Special Features

The property is subject to both sporting and fishing rights.

The site area is 0.86 ha (2.1 acres).



1. Side Elevation. 2. Front Elevation. 3. View of Site from Boundary Wall. 4. View of Entrance to External Yard and Depot Building.



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ESB RETAIL SHOP & OFFICES

Piggott's St, Loughrea

Date Of Survey: 31st August 2003



Summary

The property comprises a detached single storey shop, area office, store and a car park on a corner site off the main street in Loughrea. This attractive property occupies a long site with significant frontage onto Piggott's Street opposite St. Brendan's Cathedral. The rear of the site is convex in shape, following the line of the adjacent stream. The site was purchased in 1972 and the shop built in 1994. The architect was Anthony M. O'Neill.

Description & Materials

The retail shop closed during August 2003. The present use of the entire property is as a depot, appliance sales and customer bill-pay facility.

The site boundary is enclosed by a natural stone wall. The building entrance is set back from the edge of the boundary revealing a landscaped and paved area. Customer parking is provided adjacent to the entrance to the showroom.

The overall building design is an assemblage of different shapes and elements of detailing and materials that all form an elegant modern architectural composition.

The building comprises a showroom, store, office, canteen and toilets, and has a gross floor area of 335m². The form of the building is broken into three blocks featuring pitched and

mono-pitched roof forms connected by lower level flat roofed elements.

Generally the buildings structure consists of concrete blockwork walls supporting steel mono-pitched trusses. The roof is clad with concrete tiles. Glazed roof panels are incorporated over the canteen and drying room.

There is a roughcast concrete finish to blockwork walls with oak framed windows to openings. The building sits on a smooth black painted plaster plinth.

The elevation to the street is composed of three bays, with a limestone clad façade to the bay containing the toilets and canteen. The showroom is entered from the south under a covered walkway and employs a mono-pitched roof form incorporating a full height glazed corner element set in black stained oak timber frames. The roof plane features a distinctive overhang, supported on a steel column and truss system, the internal volume of the building expanding to double height as the mono-pitch rises towards the north. A storeroom at the rear occupies the largest volume and it is accessed from the yard via double doors.

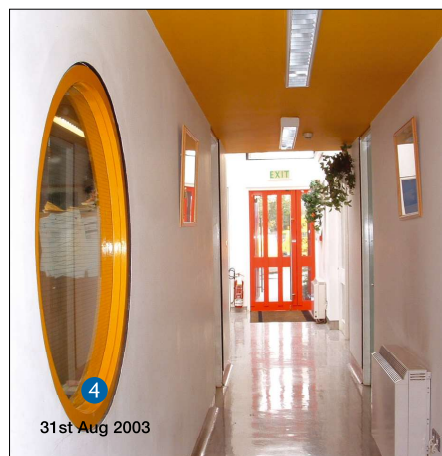
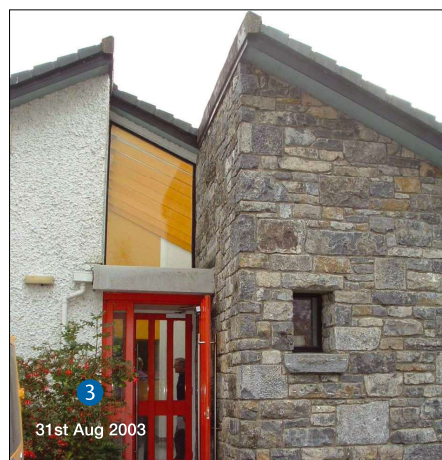
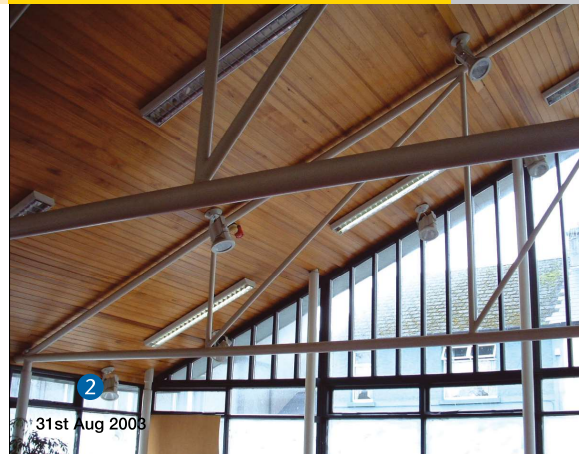
The site has a total area of 0.2ha (0.08 acres).

Special Interest - Historical

On this site there was originally an old stone school building called St. Brendan's founded in 1905, and part of the stone was used in the main façade of this building. Across the street there is a millenium time capsule buried under the pavement, installed in the year 2000 by the Bowes Academic Fellowship and Fraternity of Literary Esoterics.

Special Features - Architectural

The design of the building is very distinctive in terms of its details, roof line and materials.



1. View of Approach from Street. 2. Feature Ceiling to Showroom. 3. Side Entrance. 4. View of Entrance Hall and Corridor.

ESB DEPOT

Screebe, Connemara



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Summary

A detached modern single storey flat roofed three-bay depot building on a small rectangular plan and separate flat roofed garage used as a networks and reporting centre situated in Screebe, Connemara, Co. Galway.

The property is situated in a rural setting opposite a petrol station with the rear of the site overlooking a lake. The site is enclosed by both traditional limestone dry stone walling and concrete post and chain link fencing. A transformer yard to the rear of the site is further enclosed by galvanised steel fencing.

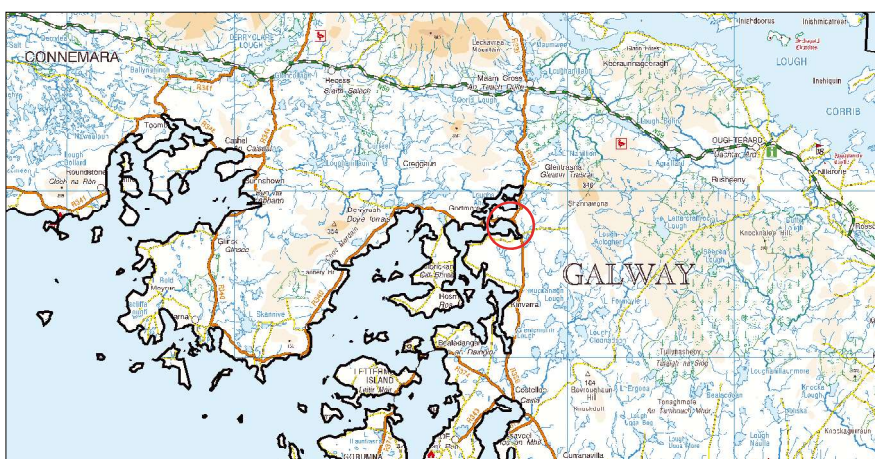
Description & Materials

Structurally the depot building comprises blockwork construction supporting cast in-situ reinforced concrete beams and a reinforced concrete flat roof. Externally the block work is rendered with a pebbledash finish to three sides and a smooth plaster finish to the main entrance side. Doors are of hardwood, and windows and doors area framed in aluminium. Clerestory lighting applied to each of the bays coupled with lower window opes

provide for a bright well-lit space. Internally the blockwork is fair-faced and painted white.

The garage building is a flat roofed and has a limestone masonry outer leaf, hardwood garage doors and timber framed doors. A radio mast is attached to the depot building. In addition there is a further small single storey flat roofed building servicing the transformer yard.

The surface of the yard is covered with loose gravel surrounded by grass verges. Much of the rear of the site is planted with trees and shrubs. Overhead wires cross the site on timber poles. The transformer yard enclosed by galvanised steel poles and chain link fencing.



1. View of Depot Building. 2. View of Compound. 3. View of Boundary Treatment. 4. External Yard and Stores Building.



ESB Retail Shop, Street View and Front Elevation, Circular Road, Tuam.

ESB DEPOT

Ballygaddy Road, Tuam



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Summary

The depot comprises a detached, singlestorey, flat roofed building, rectangular in plan, situated on a depot site off the Ballygaddy Road behind two residential properties. The property was acquired by ESB in 1969. The property was constructed in 1979.

The property is located in a residential area backing onto fields. The site is accessed off the Ballygaddy Road through metal security gates. The building faces northeast onto a car park and sits in front of a rough grassed area. The rear of the site is surfaced with gravel and surrounded by a rough grassed margin. The curtilage of the site includes an outdoor substation, a telecommunications pole, underground HT cable, underground diesel and petrol tanks and pumps. The site is enclosed by a post and wire fence and brick wall.

Description & Materials

The building comprises offices, canteen, toilets, an operations room and a store located off a central corridor on a rectangular plan. The gross floor area of the building is 295m².

The height from the floor slab to the structural ceiling is 3.0m. The floor consists of a cast in-situ concrete slab.

Structurally the building is of cavity wall construction with brick wall panel outer leaf supporting precast concrete multi-beams. The concrete ring-beam incorporates a gutter box so that the concrete fascia forms a thick band around the top of the brickwork. The windows are framed in brown aluminium with a solid infill panel at lower level. Doors are of hardwood and there is a metal roller shutter door to the store. The store is roof lit. A suspended ceiling is applied throughout except in the store.

The total area of the site is 0.79ha (1.95 acres).



1. View of Depot Building and External Yard. 2. View of Entrance Gates. 3. View of Depot Building. 4. Detail of Depot Building Elevation.



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ESB RETAIL SHOP

Circular Road, Tuam

Date Of Survey: 6th August 2003



Summary

The property is located on a site at Circular Road in the centre of Tuam, Co. Galway.

The site is enclosed by concrete block and stone walls approximately 2.5m high. The yard to the rear of the site accommodates staff car parking and a 15m high communications mast, and is accessed through security gates at the side of the building.

The property was built in 1956.

Description & Materials

The building forms an attractive architectural composition. It is in a traditional form with proportions, scale and fenestration following the typical Irish provincial town vernacular. The detached two-storey four-bay building with a four-storey and single storey return, L-shaped in plan, is located at the end of a side street next to the post office.

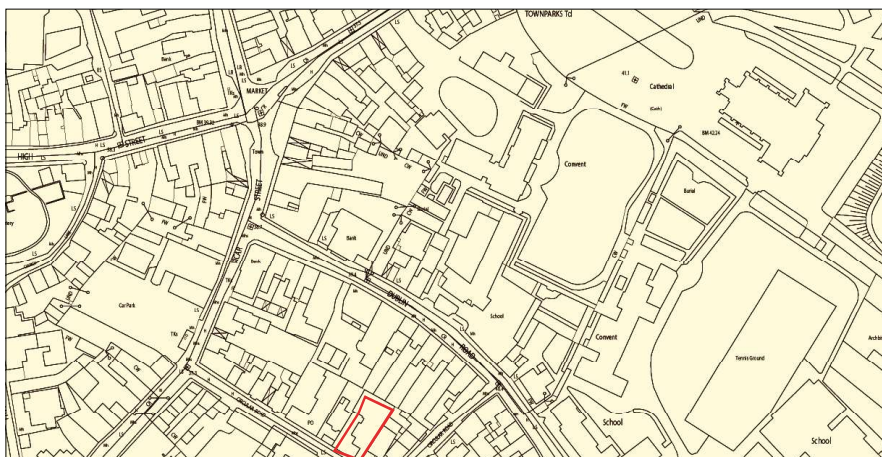
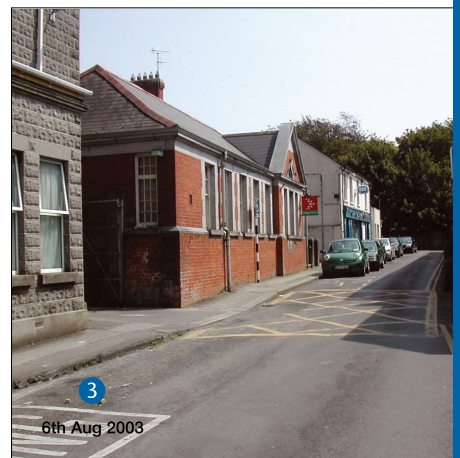
Pitched roofs are applied throughout finished in fibre cement black slates. External walls are finished in painted smooth render. The shopfront at pavement level fronts directly to the public footpath and consists of a contemporary timber structure to a traditional

design with mouldings and fluted vertical panels. Replacement single glazed aluminium windows and doors appear throughout. A steel-framed glazed roof loggia is incorporated in the rear single storey return. The accommodation consists of the shop area and support facilities with ancillary offices and stores.

Structurally the building consists of a cast in-situ concrete floor slab, solid masonry construction supporting a timber first floor and pitched timber trusses to the roof. Access to the first floor is by means of an external stairs and additional storage areas are provided at this level.

The present use of the property is as an ESB payments office and appliance showroom, and it has a gross floor area of 219m².

The total area is 0.05ha (0.12 acres).



1. Street View and Front Elevation. 2. Shopfront. 3. Context. 4. Rear View.