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ESB DEPOT & SHOP

Summerhill, Carrick-on-Shannon



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Architectural Heritage Evaluation:

Record Only	✓
Local	
District	
Regional	
National	
International	

Categories of Special Interest:

Archaeological (AG)	
Architectural (A)	
Artistic (AR)	
Cultural (C)	
Historical (H)	✓
Scientific (SC)	
Social (SO)	
Technical (T)	



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Summary

The property consists of a single storey contemporary shop and a depot building near the main street in Carrick-on-Shannon with a service yard and storage building to the rear. The rear of the site adjoins property owned by the Marist Convent. The present use of the entire property is as a depot and shop. The site was purchased in 1952 and both the administration and storage buildings were constructed in 1979.

Description & Materials

Administration Building

This building comprises a showroom, offices, communications room, a locker room, toilets, tea room and drying room all located off a central L-shaped corridor. The building is of cavity wall masonry construction supporting pitched timber trusses. Externally there is blockwork finished with a rough dash render with a smooth render band to the plinth. The roof finish is blue/black material fibre slates which are carried across the roof gable at each end. The windows are framed in aluminium. Internally a vinyl floor covering is applied throughout. The gross floor area of the depot is 248.4m².

Store Building

The store building comprises a detached, five-bay, double height concrete portal framed structure built in 1979 and has a gross floor area of 188.6m². The building is accessed through a sliding steel shutter door. The external finish consists of lower level nap plastered blockwork with grey profiled Kingspan sheeting to the roof and higher level cladding.

The total area of the site is 0.4ha (0.977acres) and the site includes a pylon, petrol pumps, a temporary portacabin and light poles. There is a telecommunications mast located next to the store building which was constructed in 1996.

Special Interest - Historical

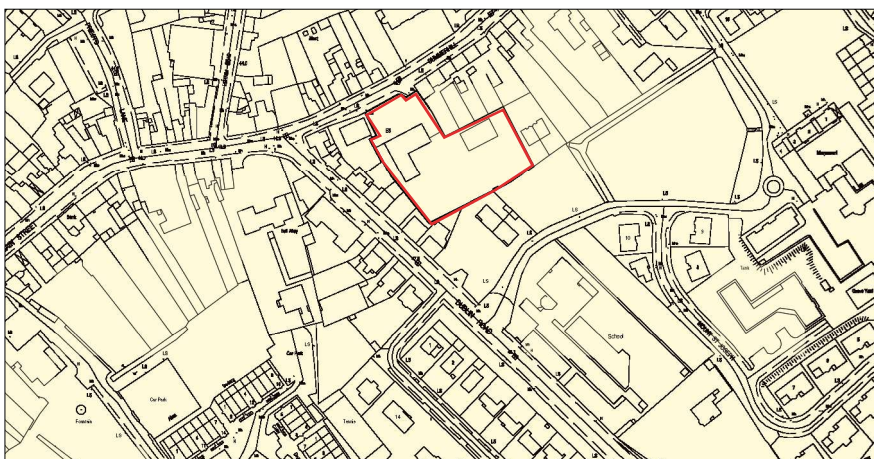
The depot building was built on the site of a former school and there is a plaque mounted on one of the boundary walls dedicated to the memory of M.J. MacManus, writer, speaker and patriot who was born on Gallows Hill on 10th February 1887 and attended the former school.



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1. View of Front Elevation. 2. Rear View. 3. View of Shop Entrance. 4. View of Shop Interior.



Client	Canal Construction Ltd
Project location	Ireland: Shannon–Erne Inland Waterway
Project commencement	1990
Project completion	1994
Project finance	Irish Government UK Government EC, International Fund for Ireland

The reconstruction of the Ballinamore/Ballyconnell Canal was a major cross-border initiative to restore and extend the link between the Shannon and Erne River Systems. The project involved the creation of a channel 64km in length to accommodate a high density of leisure cruisers, and the provision of public moorings and amenity areas. The structural elements included the total restoration of eight locks and the construction of eight new locks and weirs, nine new pumping stations, eight new bridges plus

extensive repairs and underpinning of twenty-six existing bridges. A computer-controlled lock-operating system and water circulation system was also developed. Environmental treatment to enhance the character of the canal, originally constructed in 1860, include stone facing to the structures, preservation of wildlife habitats and natural features along the course of the canal. The project is exceptional for a fast-track major public works project in that it was completed on time and within budget.

- Services provided**
- Concept to close out project management
 - Feasibility studies, cost plan and funding proposals
 - Environmental impact studies
 - Design of hydraulic, civil and structural elements
 - Consultations with statutory bodies, government agencies and over 400 landowners
 - Cost control and scheduling
 - As-built drawings, O&M manuals