Report No. 164/2018 Report of the Chief Executive



- (a) Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) & Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) (Part 8)
- (b) Local Government Act 2001 ( as amended )

In compliance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 and pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given of Dublin City Council's intention to carry out the following works:

**Proposal:** Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given of an upgrade to the building in compliance with current building regulations in terms of universal access, fire escape and accessible WC provision. The work will include internal refurbishment providing improved spaces for reading, studying, exhibitions, library/ community events and sanitary accommodation to meet the requirements of high quality contemporary library service provision.

Location: Coolock Library, Barryscourt Road, Dublin 17, D17 C950

### Zoning:

Z4 – To provide for and improve mixed-services facilities

### Site Description:

The subject property is a single storey public library operated by Dublin City Council. The building is attached to the buildings of Coláiste Dhulaigh to the west and north. The library has a grassed and planted area to its east separating the building from Barryscourt Road to the east. The main access to the library is on its south elevation with a pedestrian pathway running from Barryscourt Road into the site. There is also a limited number of parking spaces to the south of the building including one disabled space. This narrow access road is also shared with Colaiste Dhulaigh Post Primary School to the west.

#### Proposal:

Upgrade to the building in compliance with current building regulations in terms of universal access, fire escape and accessible WC provision. The work will include internal refurbishment providing improved spaces for reading, studying, exhibitions, library/ community events and sanitary accommodation to meet the requirements of high quality contemporary library service provision. Provision has been made in the CRES capital programme 2018-2020 funded through the Departmental Reserve and Development Levies.

#### Site Planning History:

There is no recent planning history for this site

The North Central Area Committee were informed of the initiation of the Part 8 planning process for the proposed development at its meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The

Planner's Report was presented to the North Central Area Committee on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

### **Observations:**

None received within the statutory period

### **Reports from other departments:**

- Drainage Division report received 22-Feb-2018: recommend conditions

#### Planning Assessment:

The proposed development is Local Authority works as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) - Part 8

The development consists of an upgrade to the building in compliance with current building regulations in terms of universal access, fire escape and accessible WC provision. The work will include internal refurbishment providing improved spaces for reading, studying, exhibitions, library/ community events and sanitary accommodation to meet the requirements of high quality contemporary library service provision.

The works would upgrade the library space to provide several different areas for meetings, talks, study and general library services. Externally new windows would be provided within the existing ope positions which would upgrade the appearance of the building.

A new totem sign would be erected at the main entrance to the library identifying the building from Barryscourt Road with a second lower totem at the junction between the access road and Barryscourt Road. The totem sign would have a digital element to its lower half; however, no information has been provided on the intended use of the digital display. Appendix 19 of the Development Plan deals with the city's Outdoor Advertising Strategy with relevance in this instance under 19.3 Illuminated Signs and 19.6 Advertising Development Management Standards. In this instance the digital portion of the sign is below the eaves height of the library building, set in from the street and would not unduly impact on either visual amenities or pedestrian safety. It should be recommended to the applying department that the digital sign must only be used for library and City Council information purposes. The smaller totem at the street edge is a static sign and presents no apparent issues in terms of visual amenity or pedestrian safety.

New planting along the access path would improve the pedestrian approach and the works overall improve the recreational and education value of the building without impacting on existing amenities in the general area.

Drainage Division have no objection to the proposed works and request a set of conditions is attached.

### **Appropriate Assessment:**

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development and the proximity to the nearest European site, no Appropriate Assessment issues arise and it is not considered that the proposed development would be likely to have a significant effect, individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, on a European site.

The proposed Local Authority Works to be carried out under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) would be consistent with the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 and with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The Planning Authority has no objection to the proposed development.

#### Conclusion:

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development, the existing land use of the site and the zoning provisions of the current Dublin City Development Plan it is considered that the proposed development accords with both the Dublin City Development

Plan and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. There is therefore no objection to the proposal.:

It is recommended that the digital portion of the totem sign adjacent to the pedestrian entrance to the library should be used solely to display library and Dublin City Council information only and should not display any commercial advertising

#### Recommendation

Accordingly, it is recommended that a decision be made by Elected Members of the Council to proceed with the proposed development subject to the following recommendations:

1. Drainage Division requirements are noted:

a) The development shall comply with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works Version 6.0 (available from www.dublincity.ie Forms and Downloads).

b) Dublin City Council's drainage records are indicative and must be verified on site.

c) The developer shall ensure that an appropriate flood risk impact assessment, in accordance with the OPW Guidelines, is carried out for the proposed development.

d) A surface water management plan including the construction of green infrastructure should be submitted to Dublin City Council Drainage Division for review prior to commencement of construction. The minimum 2 stage treatment approach is required.

e) The development is to be drained on a completely separate system with separate connections to the public foul and surface water systems.

f) All private drain fittings such as, downpipes, gullies, manholes, Armstrong Junctions, etc. are to be located within the final site boundary. Private drains should not pass through property they do not serve.

2. The external digital signage shall be used for City Council information purposes only, unless otherwise agreed with the Planning Department.

This report is submitted to the City Council pursuant to Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) subject to the provisions of Section 139 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

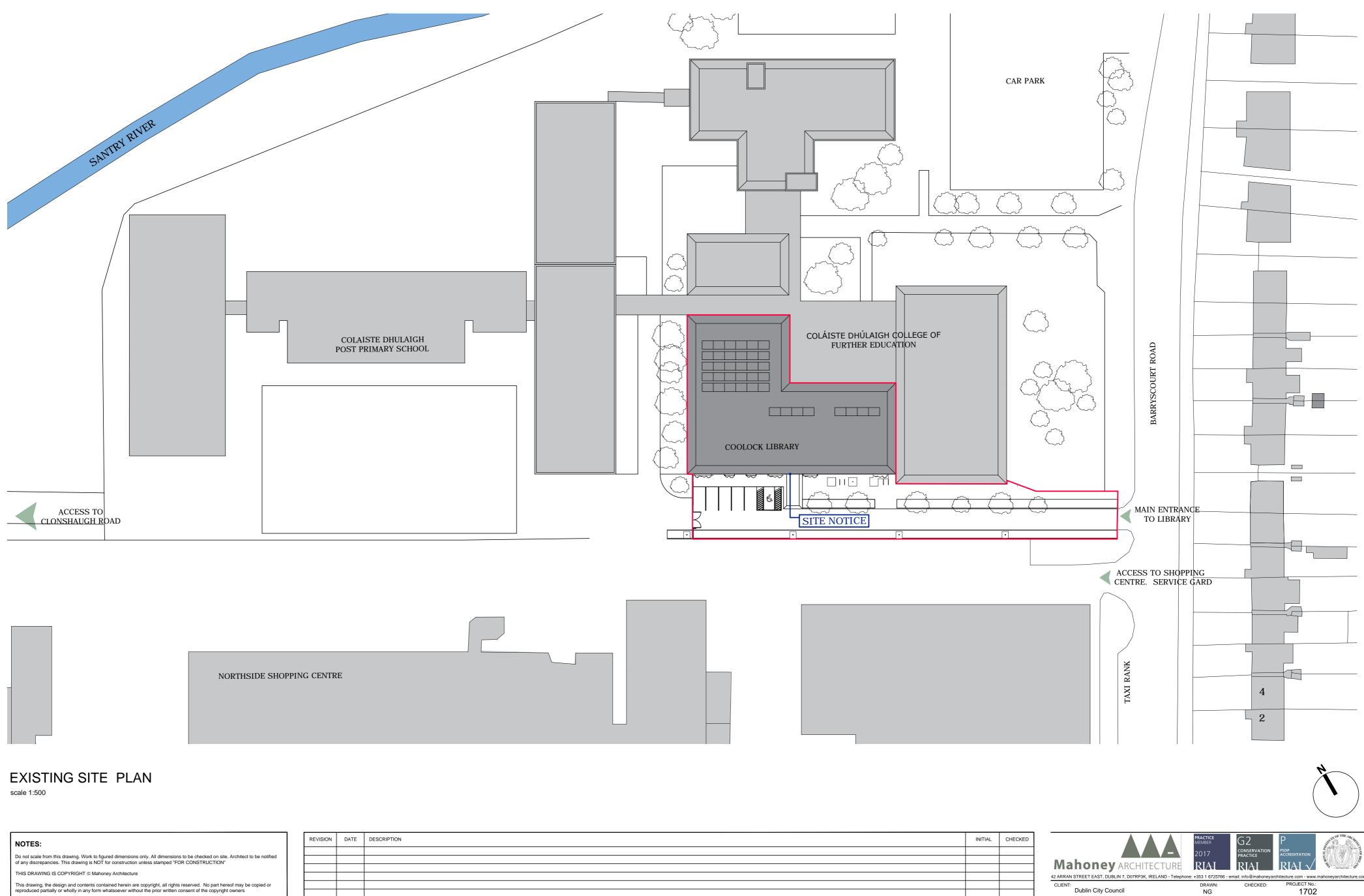
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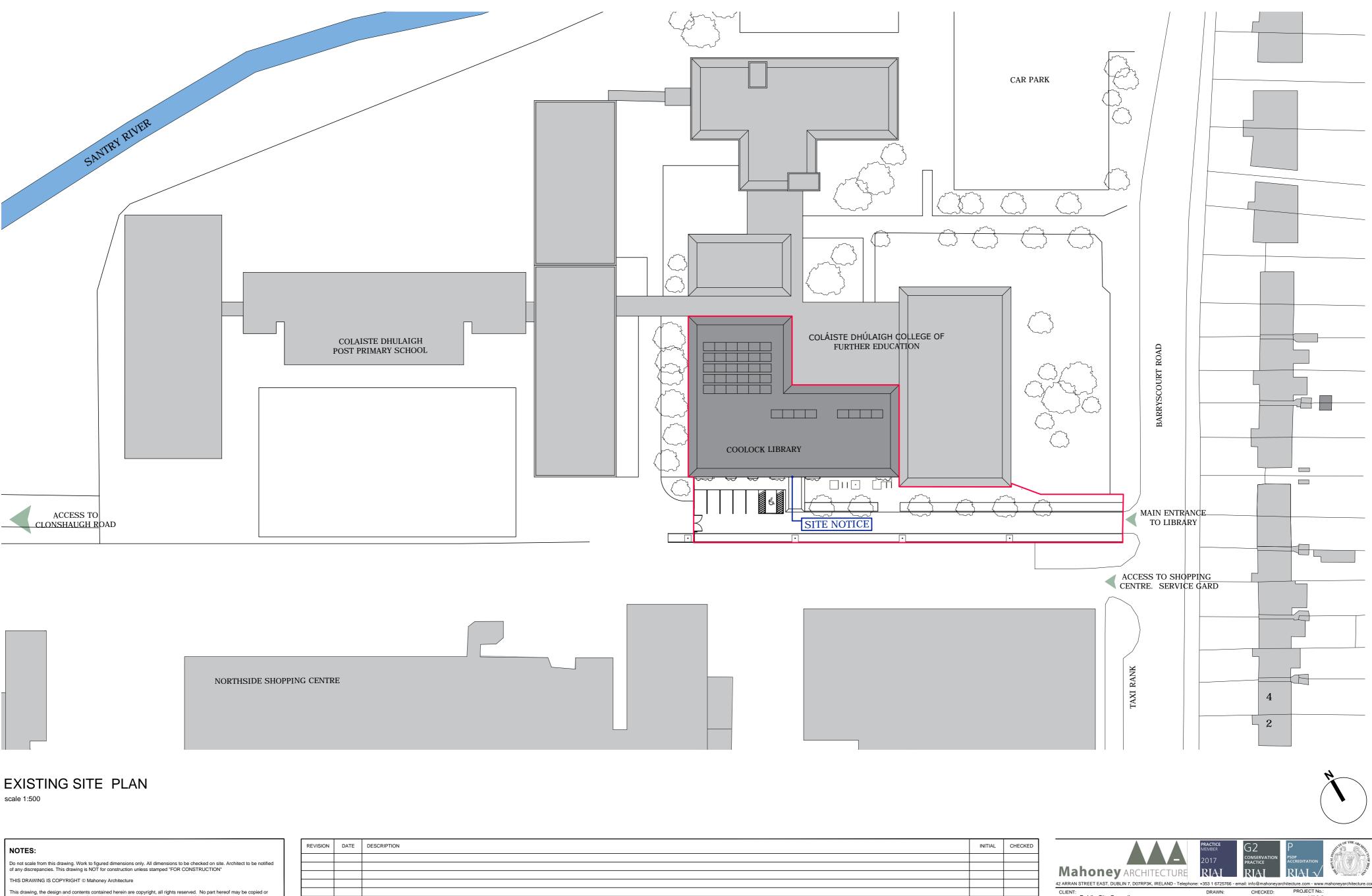
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### Owen P. Keegan

Chief Executive

30<sup>th</sup> May 2018





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Coolock Library

Existing Site Plan

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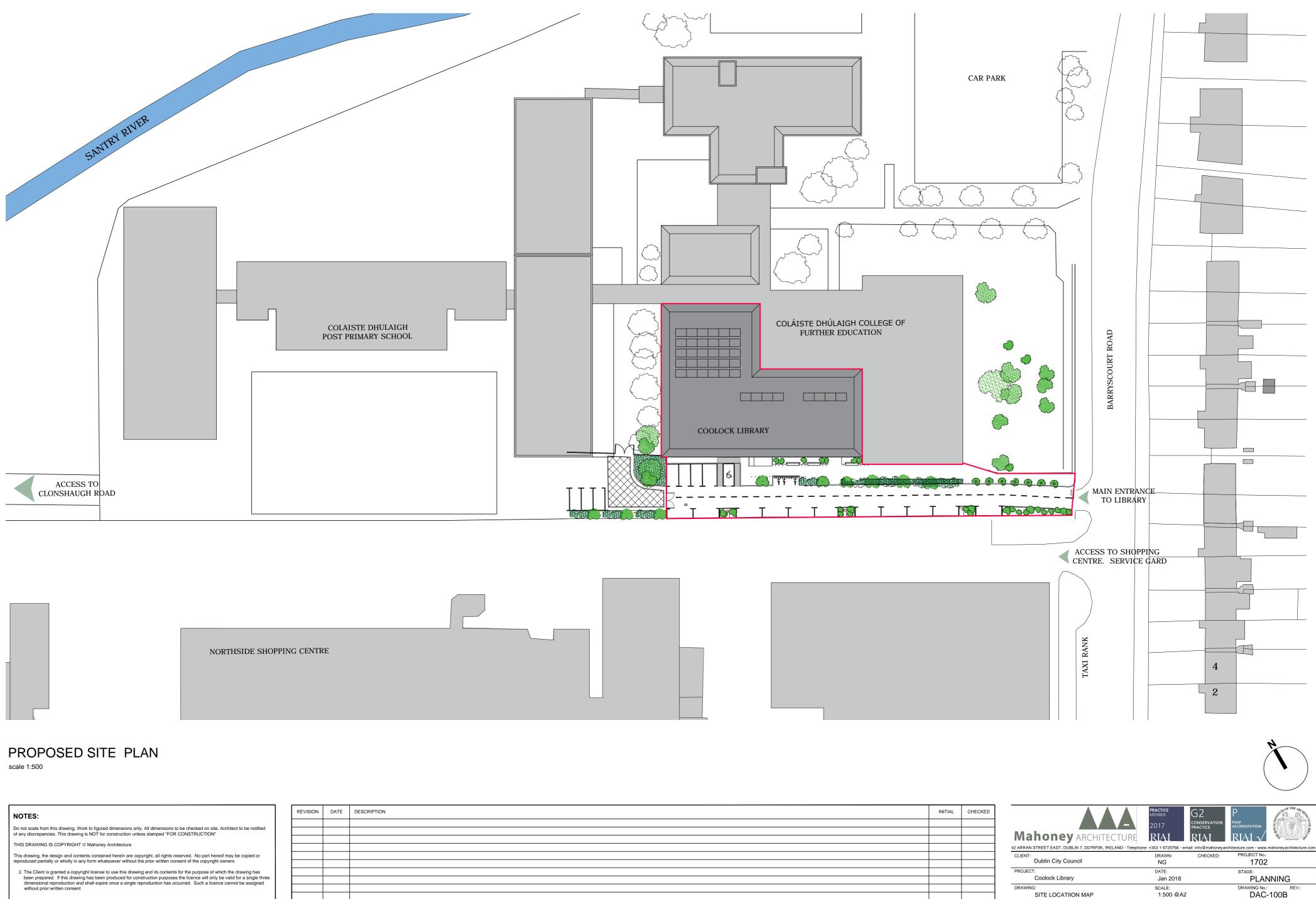
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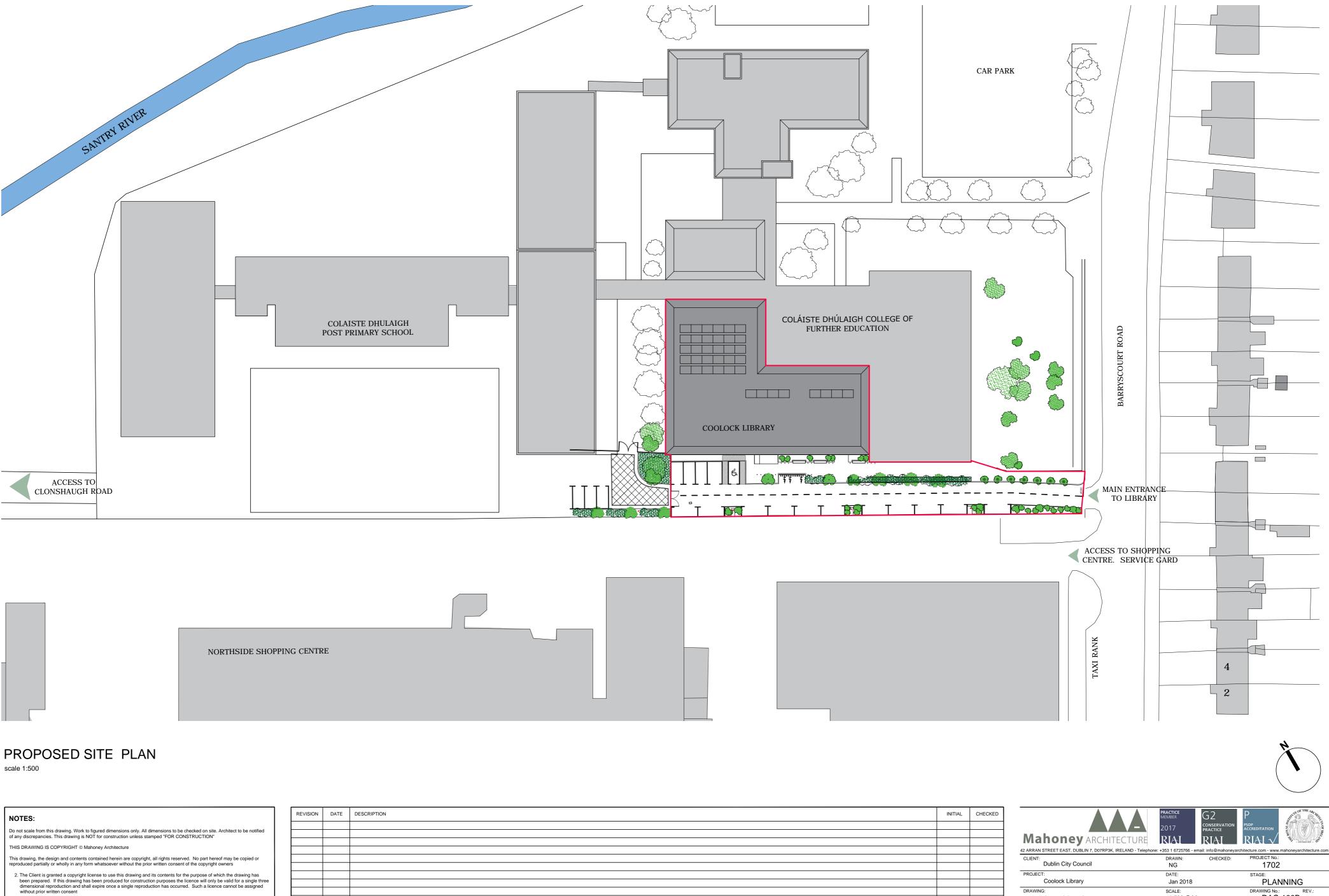
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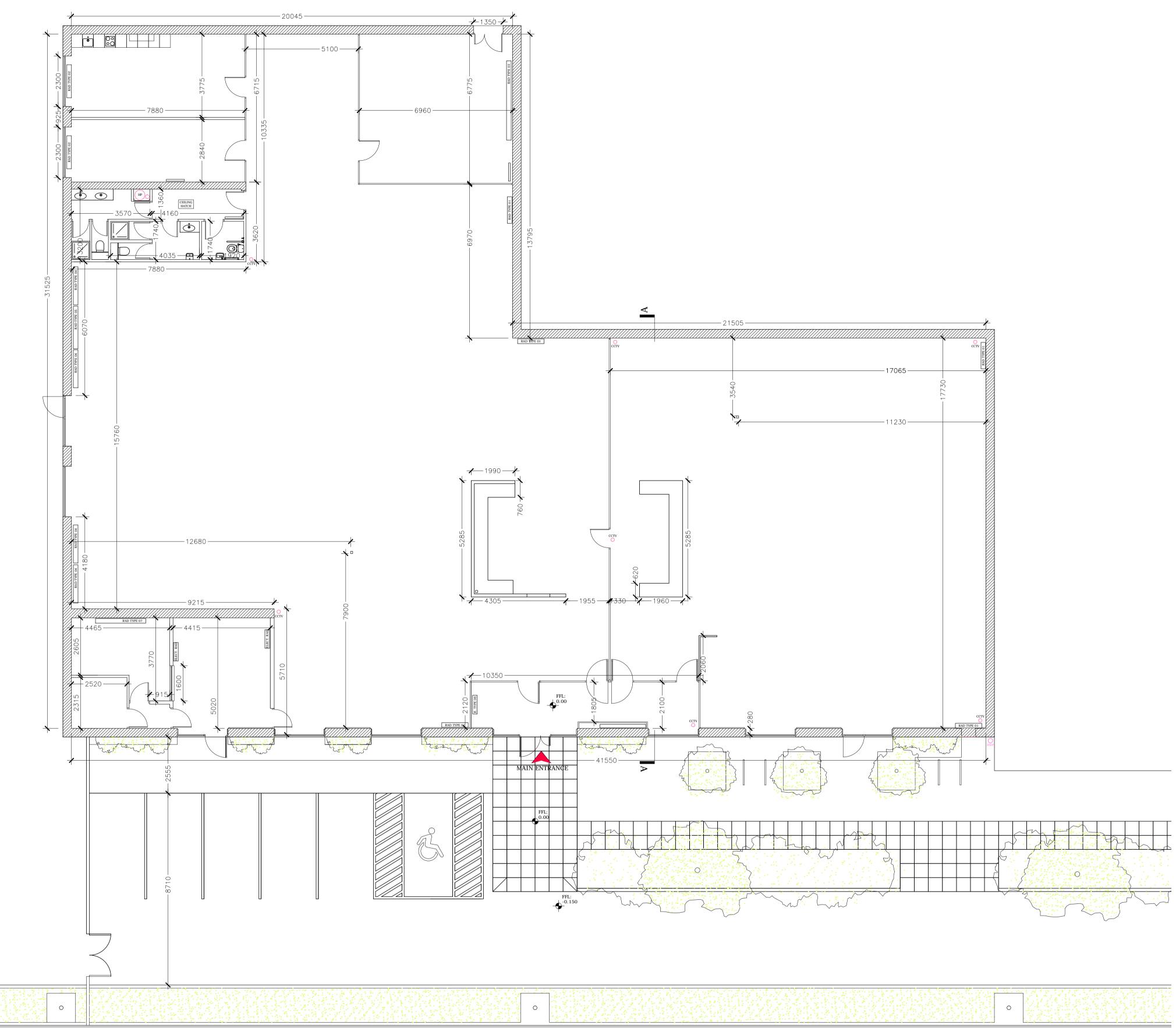
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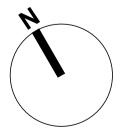
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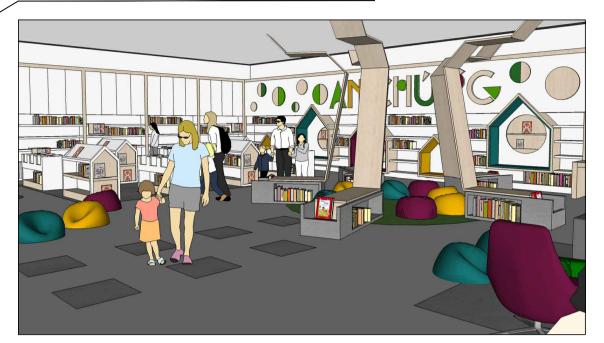
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View of Multipurpose Room from Adult's Library



View of Children's Library from Children's Library Reception Desk



View of Children's Library from Computer Area



View of Press/Local Information Area from Reception Area

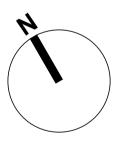


View of Adult's Library from Main Entrance

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