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Update Report on the City Library Parnell Square: November 2022

Work has commenced on Phase 1 of the new Dublin City Library Project. Phase 1 of the Parnell Square Project will deliver a new City Library at Parnell Square North and essential works to the protected Georgian houses on Parnell Square North No 23 to 28, while Georgian house No 27 will be completely refurbished. Also included in this phase are works to the Hugh Lane Gallery.

The project will deliver more than 6,000 square metres of modern, bright open spaces for reading and lending, as well as a variety of spaces for studying, working, meeting, creating and performing. Facilities will include a welcoming library for children and young adults, a makerspace, meeting rooms and study spaces, as well as a multi-purpose conference centre, a café and exhibition areas.

Demolition of the existing Amharclann building is currently underway and site investigation to inform the design of the new library's foundations will follow immediately after the demolition. Instrumentation including vibration, dust and noise monitors have been installed close to the site in order to protect the Hugh Lane Gallery, the Georgian buildings and other nearby structures.

Phase 1 of the project is scheduled for completion by 2027.

Parnell Square Project Phase 1 is supported by Project Ireland 2040.

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