

27th of February 2017

To the Chairperson and Members of the Central Area Committee

Recommendation:

Addition of: Tyrone House & associated gate lodge, former Model School & Scoil Chaoimhín, Department of Education, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

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The current entry should be amended to read as follows:

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PHOTO OF STRUCTURES

Tyrone House



Gate Lodge



Former Model School



Scoil Chaoimhín



Introduction

It is proposed to initiate procedures under Section 54 and Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to add Tyrone House & associated gate lodge, former Model School & Scoil Chaoimhín, Department of Education, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 to the Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS).

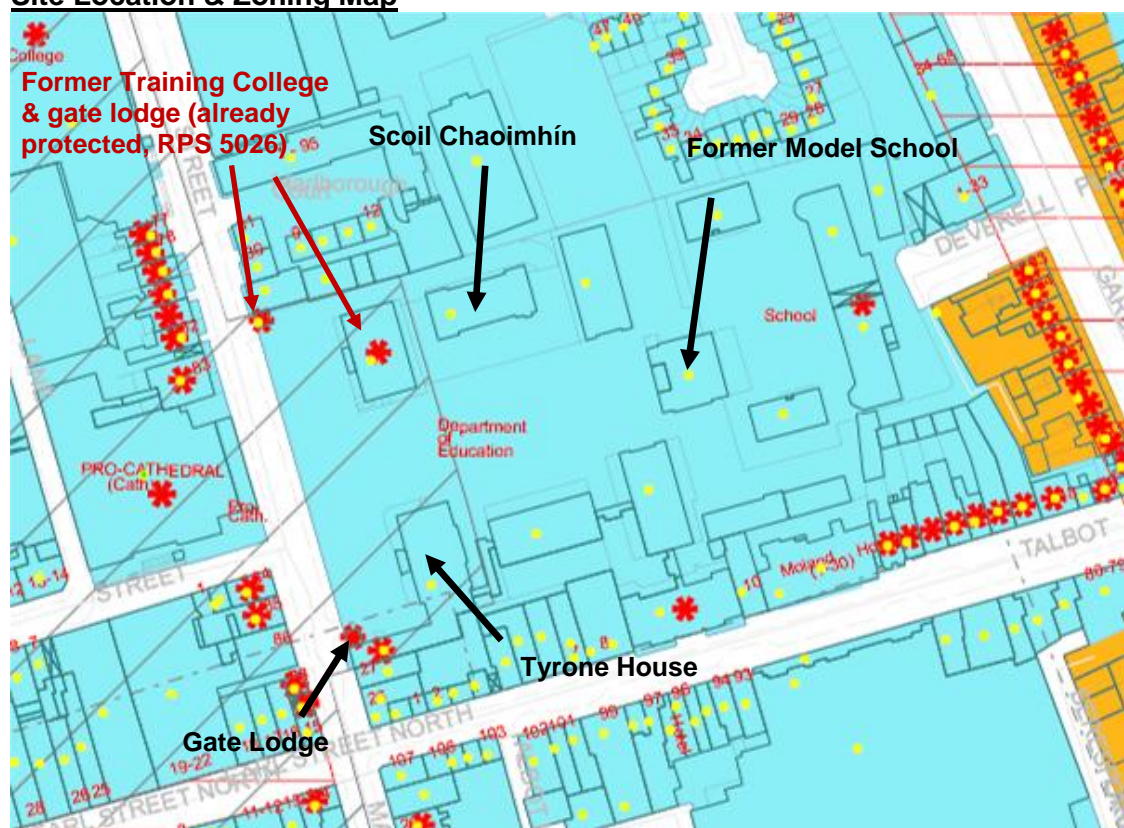
Request for Addition

- Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (National Inventory of Architectural Heritage).
- Conservation Section Dublin City Council

Summary of Applicants Reasons for Seeking Addition

- Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht: List of recommendations for inclusion on the RPS of structures deemed as being of 'Regional' significance or higher identified during Phase 1 & 2 of the Dublin Survey carried out by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. The gate lodge has been assigned a Regional rating; Tyrone House assigned a National rating; The former Model School has been assigned a Regional rating and Scoil Chaoimhín has been assigned a Regional rating.
- Conservation Section, Dublin City Council: During the review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011-2017, it came to light that Tyrone House and its associated gate lodge was not included on the RPS. Only the former Teacher Training college and its associated gate lodge was protected.

Site Location & Zoning Map



The area is zoned Z5: *To provide and facilitate the development of the central area, and to identify, reinforce and strengthen and protect its civic design character and dignity.*

Summary Description and Historical Background (taken from NIAH inventory)

Tyrone House:

NIAH Ref No: 50020221

Description: Attached five-bay three-storey house over exposed basement, built 1740, with central entrance portico and recessed single-bay three-storey granite fronted addition to south side elevation, added c.1900. Built to designs of Richard Castle for Marcus Beresford, Viscount Tyrone, remodelled by Jacob Owen c.1835. Now in use as Department of Education offices. Skirt hipped slate roof with several profiled granite chimneystacks having clay pots. Roof set behind granite parapet wall and moulded granite cornice. Cast-iron hopper and downpipes breaking through parapet wall to north elevation. Coursed granite ashlar walls to front and rear with deep moulded granite cornice to attic storey (spanning all elevations), moulded granite plinth course over coursed and squared calp limestone basement walls. Ruled-and lined rendered side elevation walls with granite quoins returning to side elevations as rusticated quoins. Square-headed window openings with limestone sills and replacement timber sliding sash windows. Granite architrave surrounds to front elevation only. Wyatt window opening to central first floor bay with granite Doric mullions, granite panels to either side with Greek key carving and simple cornice over. Prostyle tetrastyle granite portico (added c.1835) with plain square piers, paired to either end, supporting granite lintel and drip cornice surmounted by parapet blocks to either end with Greek key motifs. Round-headed door opening within portico flanked by painted Doric pilasters and moulded archivolt housing webbed fanlight and timber door with twelve raised-and-fielded panels. Door opens into recent frameless glazed porch with pair of square-headed window openings to either side of entrance. Portico set on platform with replacement stone paving bridging basement area. Central three-bay breakfront to rear elevation with voussoired granite square-headed window openings having timber sliding sash windows and Portland stone sills. Venetian window opening to either side of breakfront at first floor level. North side elevation has single window opening to each floor with block-and-start limestone surrounds. Single square-headed door opening with Greek-revival rendered surround, replacement timber panelled door and six-pane overhead, opening onto granite platform bridging basement. Platforms and gravel basement area enclosed by decorative cast-iron railings on sandstone coping with decorative cast-iron brackets to west, north and east. South side elevation abutted by later three-storey wing with further flat-roofed extension added to rear, built c.1990 and now interconnected to No.28 Marlborough Street (Reg. No.50010219). Interior retains much original fabric and includes a double-height stair hall lit by Venetian windows with an open-well open-string polished mahogany stair having Doric balusters, decoratively carved treads and terminating in an elaborate curtail. Decorative plaster walls and ceilings by Lafranchini Brothers. Located on the east side of Marlborough Street within the grounds of the Department of Education with a matching building to the north (Reg. No. 50010222). The two buildings form a symmetrical composition with a central forecourt all enclosed to the street by decorative cast-iron railings on granite plinth wall with granite piers and cast-iron gates.

Appraisal: Tyrone House was built for Marcus Beresford, Viscount Tyrone c.1740 and has been described as Richard Castle's first freestanding stone-fronted house in Dublin. Located on Marlborough Street, the house features on Rocque's 1756 map of Dublin, adjacent to the Marlborough Bowling Green. The much-lauded interior stucco work is commonly attributed to the Lafranchini Brothers. The building was sold to the New Education Society in 1835, with alterations by Jacob Owen soon to follow. Tyrone House's stripped down exterior conceals lavish textured interior details and is a beautifully maintained and elegant example of early Georgian architecture. The

stair hall is a particular highlight, with rich stucco work, and an elegant Venetian window and mahogany stair. Owens' additions to the west façade, though criticized by purists, are elegantly executed and sympathetic to the original composition. Designed as a freestanding building, Tyrone House now anchors the nineteenth-century set-piece comprising later additions to the site, among them Jacob Owens' replica of Tyrone House to the north of the original, also addressing Marlborough Street.

Gate Lodge:

NIAH Ref No: 50020220

Description: Attached square-plan single-bay single-storey gate lodge, built c.1838. Flat roof behind granite parapet wall, replacement rainwater goods to rear (east) elevation. Granite walls having plinth course and projecting square-plan granite quoins to front elevation, with moulded cornice throughout. Pair of Doric columns to front of square-headed glazed panel to north elevation. Ruled-and-lined rendered wall to rear. Square-headed door opening to front with granite surround, single-leaf cast-iron gate, with glazed panel behind. Granite step to entrance. Square-headed door opening to rear having granite lintel and replacement uPVC door. Adjoining gateway to north comprising square-plan granite piers with moulded granite cornices and capping, flanking double-leaf cast-iron gate.

Appraisal: This gate lodge forms part of a pair that flank the railings in front of the Department of Education buildings, and was probably designed by Jacob Owen in the 1830s. Although it has been recently refurbished, it retains much of its original form, and the simplicity and regularity of its design is articulated by the subtle grandeur of granite detailing to the Doric columns and quoins flanking the façade. The railings were made by Richard Turner.

Former Model School

NIAH Ref No: 50020224

Description: Freestanding three-bay single-storey over half-basement former Model School, built 1838, having projecting end bays flanking central portico with square-plan monolithic Tuscan columns and engaged pilasters to front (west) elevation, octagonal clock stage over central bay to front, and single-storey return at basement level to rear (east) elevation. Flat roof to projecting end bays and return, hipped slate roof to main building, hidden behind rendered parapet wall with moulded cornice. Cast-iron rainwater downpipes to rear (west) and side (north) elevations. Copper dome over clock stage, having dentillated cornice and smooth render eaves course. Ruled-and-lined rendered walls with moulded cornice to base of parapet, to moulded platband forming continuous sill course over channelled render half-basement. Moulded render surround to clock to front of clock stage. Blind arcade within shallow projecting bay to parapet below clock stage. Square-headed window openings having patent rendered reveals and timber sliding sash windows throughout, twelve-over-twelve pane to ground floor, eight-over-four pane to basement level to front, three-over-three pane to basement level to north and south elevations, and two-over-two pane to north and south elevations of return. Moulded masonry cornices on scrolled consoles to ground floor windows, granite sills to basement level windows. Square-headed door opening to front having moulded masonry architrave surround, double-leaf timber panelled door and timber panels over, with moulded masonry cornice overhead. Square-headed door openings to internal elevations of projecting end-bays having timber panelled doors. Basement to north elevation enclosed by wrought-iron railings and matching gate, on masonry plinth wall. Steel steps to basement.

Appraisal: This former Infant Model School was designed by Jacob Owen, like many of the buildings that today constitute the Department of Education complex. Following its construction, it catered for 300 students annually. Now in use as a conference

centre, it retains much of its original form and fabric. The façade is articulated by projecting end bays flanking a central portico, providing a pleasing sense of symmetry which is further enhanced by the central positioning of the clock stage. Render detailing including cornices, consoles and a consistent fenestration pattern, with timber sash windows throughout, adds to the regularity of the building. The building is centrally located to the rear of the complex, contextualised by its neighbouring related buildings and providing an aesthetically pleasing backdrop.

Scoil Chaoimhín

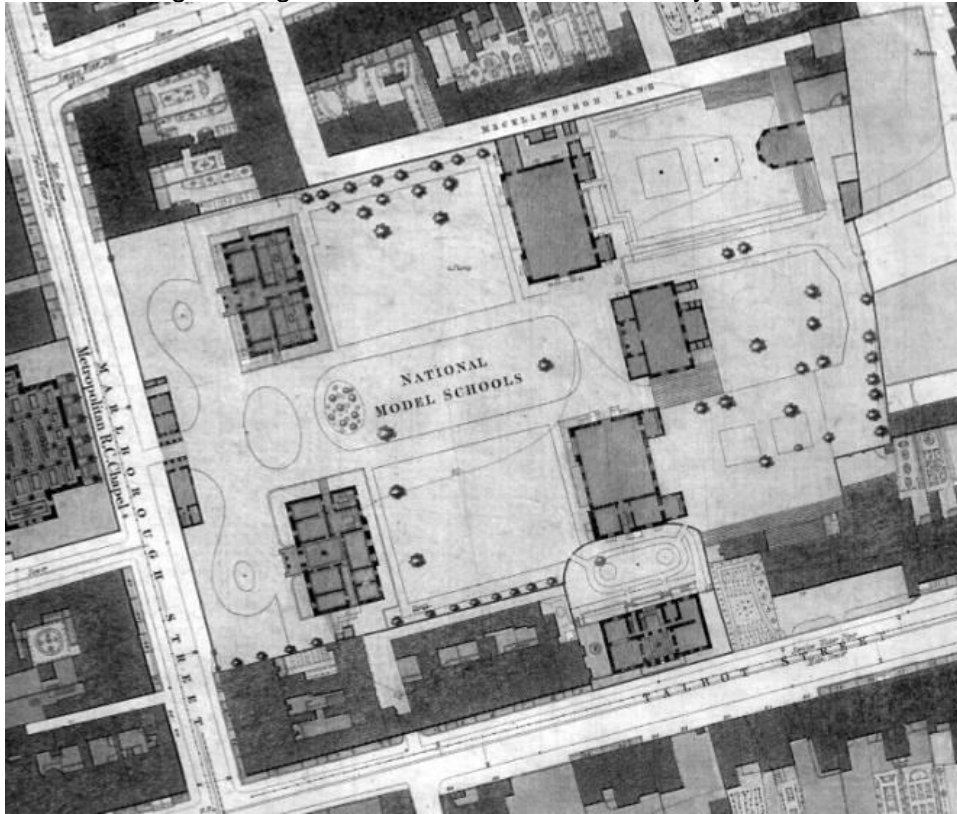
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Description: rendered chimneystacks and cast-iron rainwater goods, hidden behind rendered parapet wall with moulded masonry coping. Rendered walls having moulded and deep dentillated masonry cornice to base of parapet walls, moulded masonry string courses above second floor and first floor, rendered platband with some red brick visible over ground floor and with masonry plinth course. Square-headed window openings throughout, having granite sills and timber sliding sash windows, single-pane and ten-over-one pane. Venetian doorcase to front comprising paired roundplan Doric granite columns on shared square-plan granite plinth bases, supporting entablatures and moulded dentillated lintel cornice over roundheaded architrave surround and door opening. Double-leaf timber panelled door and plain glazed fanlight. Door opens onto four granite steps. Squareplan single-storey porch to south elevation with square-headed door opening having double-leaf timber panelled door and rectangular overlight. Squareheaded door opening to rear (east) elevation with double-leaf timber panelled door and boarded overlight. Wrought-iron railings on masonry plinth wall enclosing curtilage of building. Double-leaf wrought-iron gateways to north and south elevations. Nosed granite staircase to interior having cast-iron balusters and timber handrails. Timber architraves and joinery, sliding timber panelled shutters to classroom windows. Timber panelling and cornices to interior ceilings having dropped beams. Detached four-bay three-storey school over raised basement, built 1902, having seven-bay return with projecting end-bays to north and south and shallow projecting two-bay breakfront to front (west) elevation. Skirt-hipped slate roof having

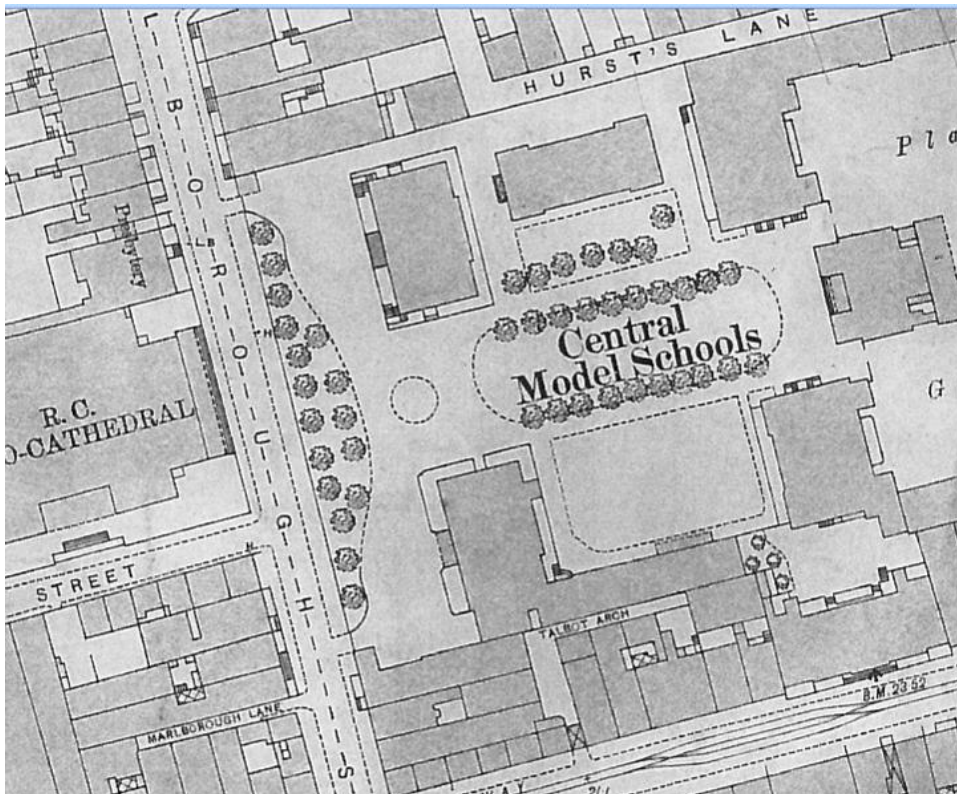
Appraisal: *This well-composed school building is located behind the replica of Tyrone House and was designed as a lecture theatre and laboratory block and now stands within the the grounds of the Department of Education and was associated with the Teacher Training College to the west. A strong sense of symmetry is created through the building plan, with projecting end-bays to the north and south and a central projecting breakfront to the front. The fenestration pattern, and hipped roof with evenly-spaced chimneystacks, providing a strong aesthetic appeal. Timber sash windows are retained throughout, and the subtle grandeur of the granite doorcase to the front provides a contrast to the render finish of the building. The retention of interior staircase and plaster detailing adds further interest to a site which forms a pleasing focal point to the immediate surroundings.*

Historic Maps

Extract from 1847 OS map of Dublin City showing Tyrone House and former Model School. The gate lodge and Scoil Chaoimhin are not yet constructed.



Extract from 1909 OS map of Dublin City showing Tyrone House & gate lodge, former Model School and Scoil Chaoimhin.



Assessment of Special Interest under the Planning & Development Act 2000 (identified by the NIAH)

- **Tyrone House:** The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage has assigned this building the following categories of special interest: Architectural, Artistic, Cultural, Historical & Social.
- **Gate Lodge:** The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage has assigned this building the following categories of special interest: Architectural & Artistic.
- **Former Model School:** The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage has assigned this building the following categories of special interest: Architectural, Artistic & Social.
- **Scoil Chaoimhín:** The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage has assigned this building the following categories of special interest: Architectural, Artistic & Social.

Significance/NIAH Rating:

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has been carried out for this area. The NIAH uses eight categories of special interest (architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, technical & social) and identifies five categories of rating in seeking to rank buildings. The NIAH rating values are International, National, Regional, Local and Record Only (I, N, R, L, O). Structures which are considered of International, National, and Regional significance are deemed worthy of inclusion on the RPS.

The NIAH has assigned Tyrone House a National rating. These are structures and sites that are considered to be of great architectural heritage significance in an Irish context.

The NIAH have assigned the gate lodge, the former Model School and Scoil Chaoimhín a Regional rating. These are structures or sites that make a significant contribution to the architectural heritage within their region or area.

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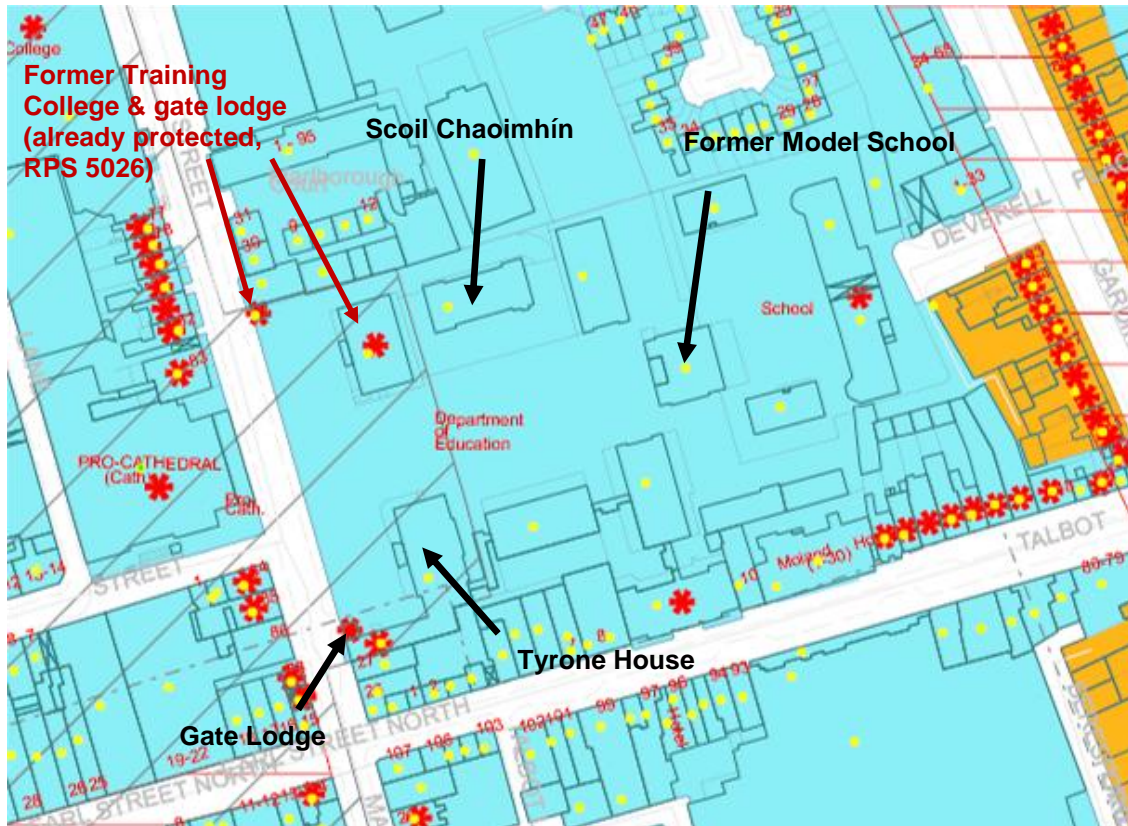
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Location of existing protected structures & proposed protected structures

The location of the proposed protected structures are shown on the map below in black.



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Photographs of Tyrone House



Front (west) elevation of Tyrone House



Front (west) & side (north) elevation



Rear (east) elevation

Photographs of Gate Lodge & Railings





Photos of Scoil Chaoimhin



Photos of Former Model School

