



Information Note

Project Title	National Centre for Research and Remembrance, Sean MacDermott Street, D1
Project Number	
To	Dublin City Council
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From	Ciaran O'Connor, Principal/ State Architect
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Subject	Transfer of Land from DCC to OPW

This information note is to accompany a Dublin City Council Section 183 report regarding the proposed disposal of DCC lands at Sean MacDermott Street and Railway Street, Dublin 1 to the Office of Public Works.

On the 29th March 2002, the Government approved high-level proposals for a National Centre for Research and Remembrance on the site of the former Magdalene Laundry on Sean MacDermott Street. It will stand as a National Memorial to honour all those who were resident in Mother and Baby Homes, Industrial Schools, Reformatories, Magdalen Laundries and related institutions.

The OPW, in association with the appropriate State institutions/ Organisations/ Departments, shall be responsible for:

1. Developing a National Centre for Research and Remembrance on this site which will stand as a National Memorial and will house an archive of records related to institutional trauma in the 20th century.
2. Developing part of the site for social housing and local community facilities either directly or in association with An Approved Housing Body, the details of which will be agreed with Dublin City Council.
3. Developing part of the site as an educational and early learning facility either directly or in association with an Educational Authority.

Timelines

The outline project duration is 5 years to the substantial completion of the works.

Masterplanning

The OPW will be responsible for the Masterplan of the site, in conjunction and collaboration with the relevant state organisations.

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Future Ownership of the Site

The site will be under the ownership of the state/ the Office of Public Works.

The property will be managed by the Office of Public Works.

The proposed facilities developed will be managed by the individual organisations, including the National Archives of Ireland, the National Museum of Ireland, the Department of Further & Higher Education, and local associations/ Approved Housing Bodies as appointed.

Funding

Funding of the Project will be provided by the Government through Government Departments, Government Agencies and the Office of Public Works.

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