

Boyle Community Library

Proposed Development

Part 8 Documentation

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Introduction

BACKGROUND

Roscommon County Council is seeking to develop a new Community Library facility, linking in with existing public realm enhancements in the centre of the town of Boyle. The modern Community Library facility will be fully accessible, flexible and suitable for the provision of innovative library services into the future. This purpose built community facility will form part of a programme of developments to regenerate the centre of the town. It will be located in the Cultural Quarter of Boyle as outlined in Boyle 2040. The proposed site for the new development, currently in a state of dereliction, is located to the rear of the former Royal Hotel which is undergoing regeneration works, where facilities such as an Enterprise Hub, Gallery Space and Information Point will be delivered.

DESIGN STATEMENT

The new Community Library will face out onto a proposed river walk and it will form a prominent part of the public realm enhancements in the centre of town. The proposed Community Library will be built alongside a civic square, with public seating, events space and views of the river.

The 5000sqft library will be fully accessible, flexible and suitable for the provision of innovative library services, including open library technology, into the future. The new library will be a free, community service available 365 days per year.

The library will extend across two floors and will replace the current library in the basement of King House.

Clad in timber with large glazed windows along the ground floor, the form of the building is reminiscent of the original, and soon to be re-instated, double A pitch roof of the Royal Hotel.

The ground floor has an open plan. Its main spaces are orientated to the river and new public square with services areas at the rear of the building.

On the first floor, the spaces are top lit and have framed views over the river.

The proposal also includes a sensory room and sensory garden.

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