

Boyle Destination Town
Public Art Commission 2022
Boyle Sculpture Trail
Artist Brief

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Roscommon County Council invites submissions from artists for one sculptural artwork as part of a Sculpture Trail. This Programme of Public Art Commissions is funded under **Fáilte Ireland's *Developed and Emerging Destination Towns Capital Investment Programme***. The scheme will provide a platform for artists to respond creatively to public space, to the history, story and community of Boyle, in particular the Cultural Quarter of Boyle, the location of King House and the Pleasure Grounds. The commissions are also intended to provide opportunities for dialogue and participation with the local community. Representatives of various groups in the town will be involved in selecting the artworks.

Artists will be required to provide a detailed project proposal to include proposed site location, concept visuals, methodology, technical information, time frame and budget breakdown.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

4pm, Tuesday 31st May 2022

LOCATION: BOYLE PLEASURE GROUNDS, KING HOUSE LANE & RIVER WALK
(from the gates of King House along the lane, across the pedestrian bridge and in the Pleasure Grounds)

The value of each commission is between €7,500 to €10,000. Up to six sculptures will be commissioned with a total budget of €47,500. One commission per artist.

This amount is fully inclusive of all costs including fees to the artist, any necessary research, production/realisation, installations, groundworks, insurance, documentation, maintenance file and VAT.

Artists with experience of creating external sculptures are invited to submit proposals for works which are:

- Professional and contemporary works in sculpture.
- Made in a manner and from materials suitable for permanent exhibition outdoors.
- Works will require low maintenance.
- Each sculpture should respond to one of six locations and themes as follows:
 1. Culture – to be located at the newly developed tiered area in the Pleasure Grounds, along the river, so as to respond to the Steinway Grand Piano in the Main Salon in King House – the window of which overlooks the Pleasure Grounds;
 2. The Children's Playground located in the Pleasure Grounds;
 3. The Sports Pitch located in the Pleasure Grounds;
 4. Boyle River – to be located close to the Pedestrian Bridge.
 5. Boyle History & Heritage – at 2 locations – one along King House Lane, one in the Pleasure Grounds.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Artists should provide the following information as part of their submission for **one sculpture**:

1. CV: please submit an up-to-date curriculum vitae and contact information.
2. Documentation of work: please submit up to 5 examples of relevant, previous work, including written descriptions, photographs, and where relevant links to videos.
3. Applications will be assessed using the following criteria which should be used as headings in your submission:
 - Previous experience of managing/working on outdoor sculptural projects (20/100);
 - Quality of concept, artistic merit and relevance to one of the theme outlined and the history and cultural context of Boyle. Include proposed location of artwork together with visuals of potential outcomes for the artwork in situ – digital images or scaled drawings. (30/100);
 - Budget detail - value for money with due consideration to methodology, installation details, long term value and impact (30/100);
 - Timescale for realisation and projected completion date, inclusive of any research period and proposed approach to consultation and collaboration with key stakeholders including the commissioner and the local community. The installation must be completed by November 2022. (20/100).

An artist panel may also be formed for other public art commissions by Roscommon County Council during 2022-2023.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ARTIST FOR EACH COMMISSION

All artists must comply with the necessary Health and Safety Legislation in the design, manufacture, supply, delivery and installation of the work paying particular attention to the challenges created by a public outdoor setting. It is the responsibility of the artist to deliver the work on time and on budget.

One artist will be commissioned who may sub contract other creatives. The installation must be completed by November 2022.

BUDGET €7,500 to €10,000

Budgets are fully inclusive of all costs including fees to the artist, any necessary research, production/realisation, installations, groundworks, insurance, documentation, maintenance file and VAT.

INSURANCE

Artists will be required to have Public Liability insurance cover for work they have to undertake on site and Employers Liability insurance cover for any person that they undertake to bring on site as part of the design or implementation phase of the project.

TAX CLEARANCE

The successful artist must provide the Council with a tax clearance certificate.

DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION

Submissions must be emailed to artsofficer@roscommoncoco.ie

Deadline: 4pm, Tuesday 31st May 2022

Queries can be emailed to the same address.



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ABOUT KING HOUSE & BOYLE PLEASURE GROUNDS

King House built in 1730 by the King family (who owned Rockingham House & Estate, now Lough Key Forest & Activity Park), is a restored Georgian Mansion. It is a unique visitor centre, operated by Roscommon County Council, which tells the story of this important house as a home to the King family and later a barracks to the Connaught Rangers. The House also displays important cultural collections, Irish history exhibitions and plays host to music, theatre and cultural events including Boyle Arts Festival.

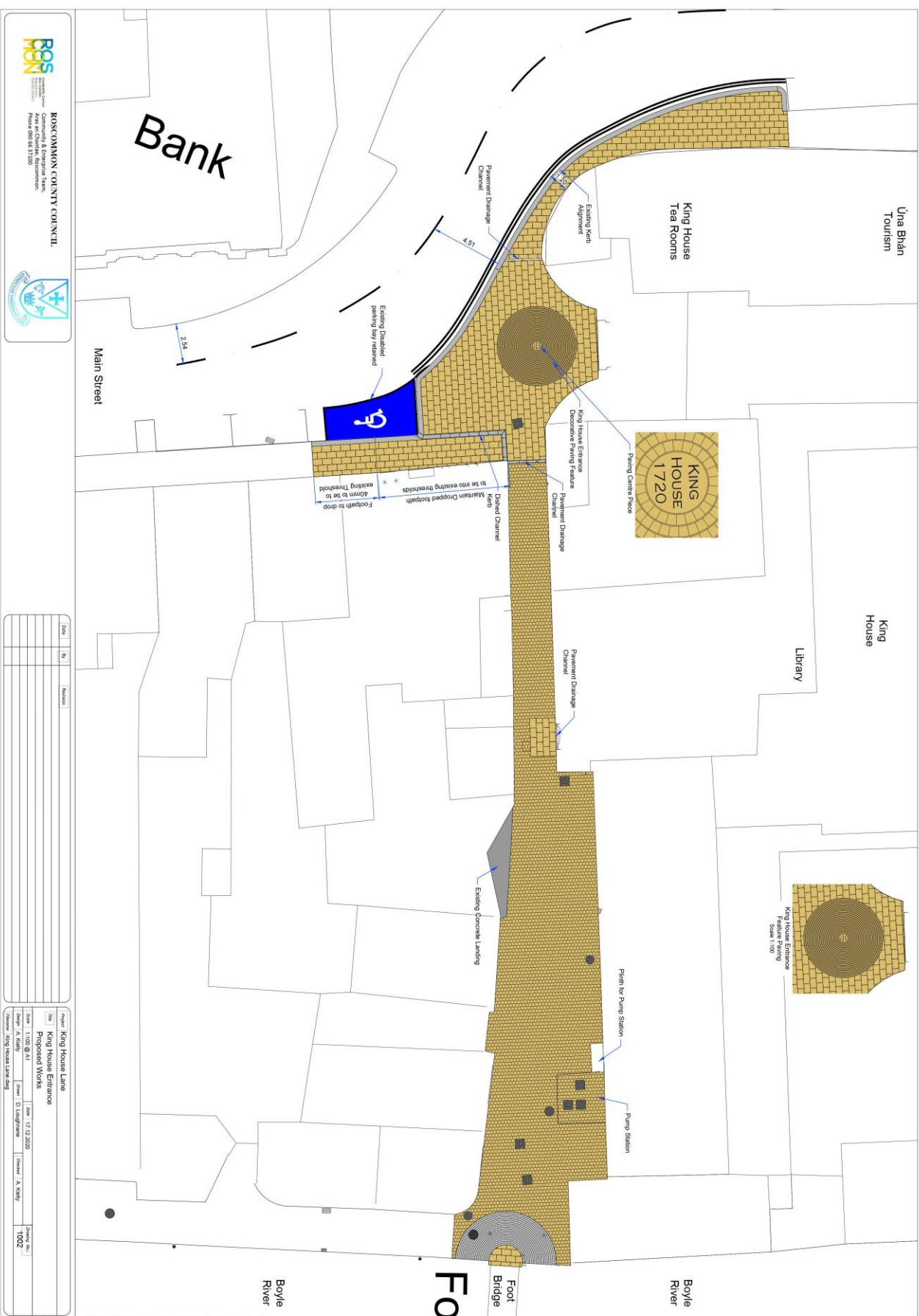
<https://www.visitkinghouse.ie/>

Overlooked by the historic King House **Boyle Pleasure Grounds** are located in the heart of the town along the River Boyle. The Pleasure Grounds, on the banks of the Boyle River, were originally laid out by the King Family for their own private recreation in the late 18th Century. Many of the original features including an island, cut limestone bridge, canal, limestone plinth for sculpture and woodland still remain. It is now a place where you can sit and rest, watch a game of soccer on the all-weather pitch, let the children play in the enclosed safe playground, walk along by or fish in the Boyle River.

Next to the existing children's playground is the pedestal of a monument. This was the base of the statue in honour of King William, erected by Sir Edward King in 1763 on the bridge beside the Royal Hotel. When the original bridge was replaced in 1846 the statue was moved to the Pleasure Grounds. During the 'Troubles' in the early 1920's, the statue was beheaded. Eventually the rest of the statue was removed, leaving only the pedestal.

The enhancement works to Boyle Pleasure Grounds in 2021/2022 includes widening and resurfacing of existing footpaths, construction of paved areas, provision of increased landscaping as well as upgrade of existing landscaped features, enhancement of existing foot bridges and railings, construction of terraced seating, the provision of street furniture and the creation of a Sculpture Trail.

The project was developed by Roscommon County Council Regeneration Team and Tourism Officer in consultation with Boyle Town Team, as a separate element under **Fáilte Ireland's Developed and Emerging Destination Towns Capital Investment Programme**. The project was designed by Landmark Designs Ltd.





Existing Features	Planting	Soft Landscape Treatments	Hard Landscape Treatments
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