

# History & Existing Condition

## Bennett's Walled Garden, Castlerea

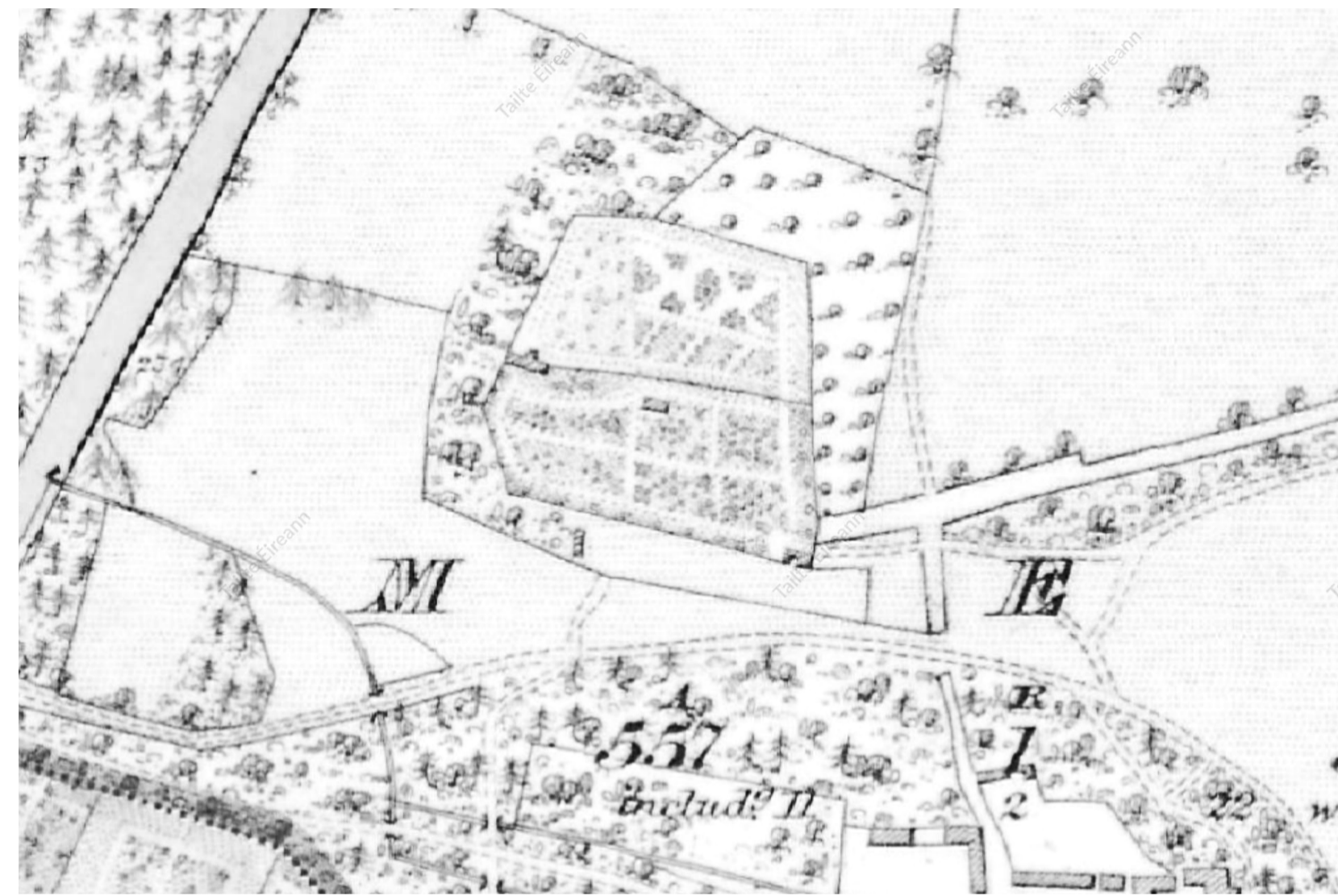
OBFA Architects have been commissioned by Roscommon County Council to undertake an evaluation of **Bennett's Walled Garden**, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon.

### This work includes:

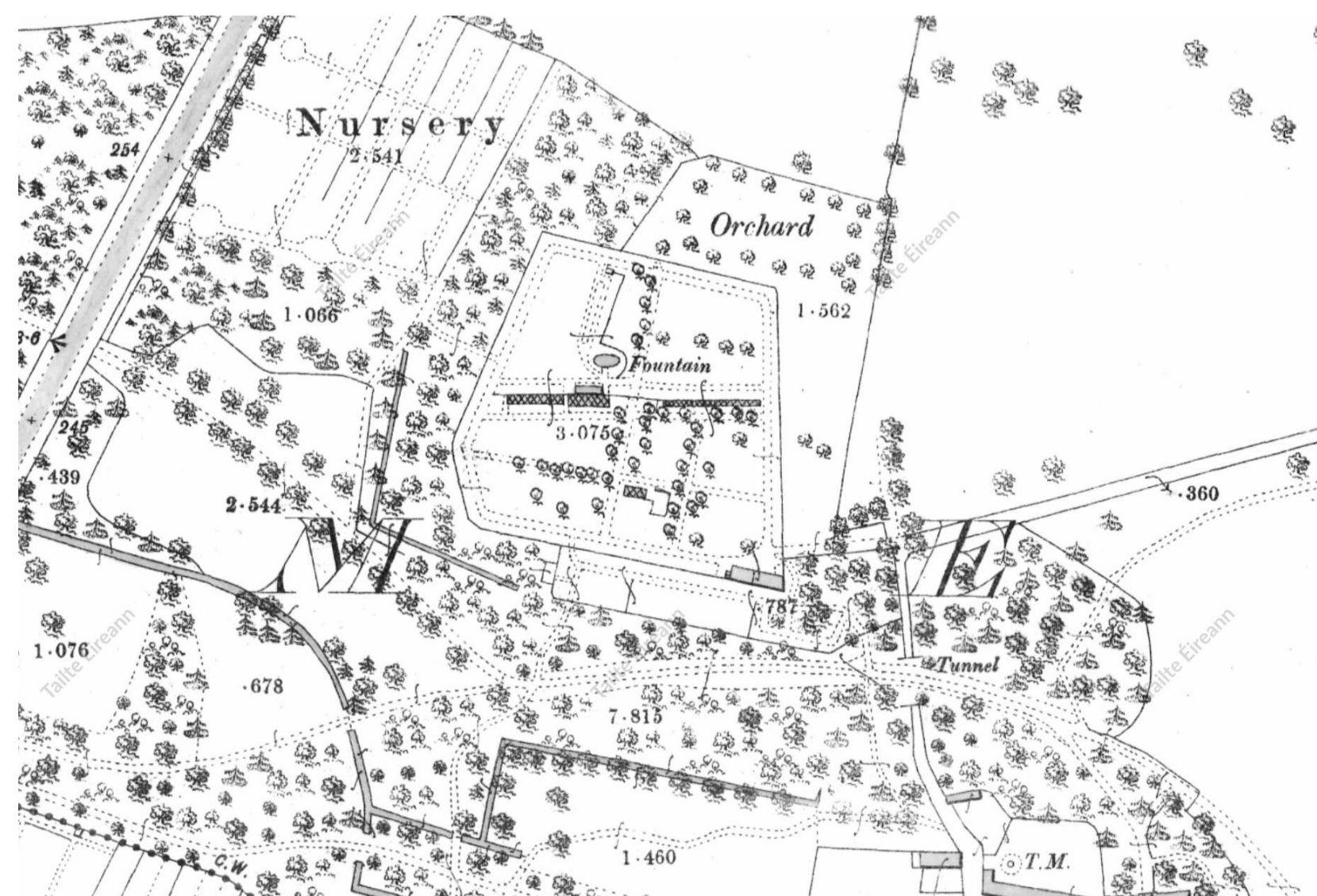
- Structural assessment of the garden walls
- Design of suitable paths and walkways (including linking to existing paths)
- Identification of possible commissioning including seating and gates
- Ecological and Heritage Impact Assessment
- Engaging with the local community
- Final reports and costings
- Prepare any reports that may be required for Planning Permissions

The work above will be delivered by the end of **July 2025**. OBFA will include recommendations for future works that Roscommon County Council may undertake in the years ahead.

### Site Photos



Táilte Éireann 6" Historic Map (c. 1829 - 1834)



Táilte Éireann 25" Historic Map (c. 1863 - 1924)

### 3D Scans of Walled Garden - Existing Condition



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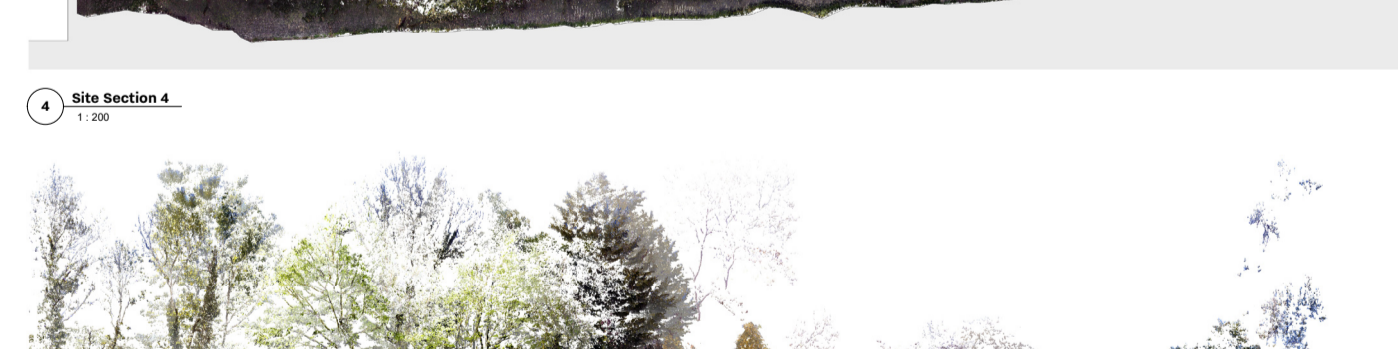
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Site Section 4  
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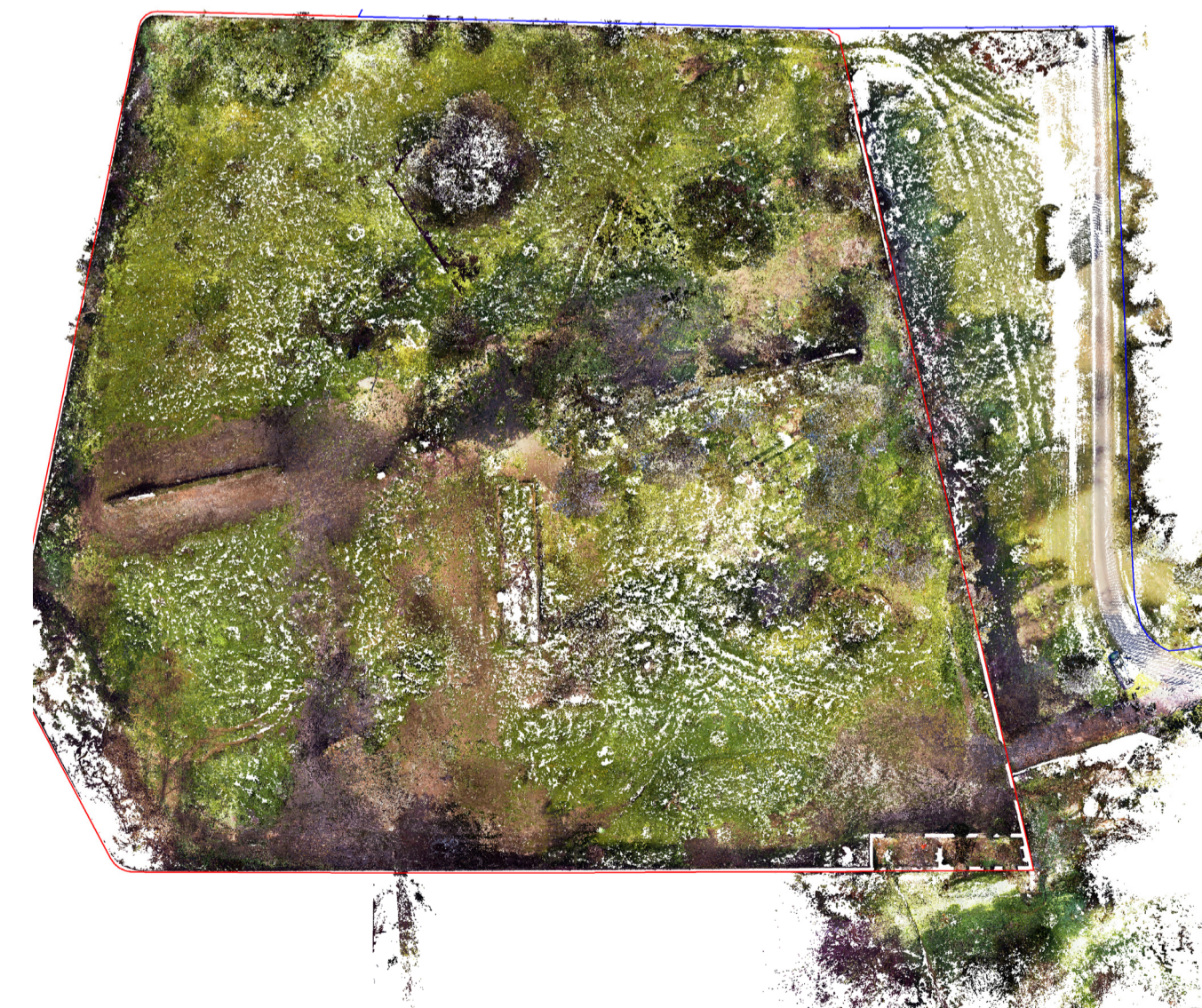


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### Site Sections



Front Entrance Gate - 3D View



Site Plan



Front Entrance Gate - Inside Elevation



# Town Connectivity

## Bennett's Walled Garden, Castlerea

The position of **Bennett's Walled Garden** in the centre of Castlerea makes it a prime destination for tourists and locals alike. The combination of being within a large, mature parkland area only a few minutes walk from the town centre, on the train line from Westport to Dublin, and on the Suck Valley Way positions the garden as a valuable attraction, particularly for visitors on foot promoting active leisure.

### To celebrate this connectivity we suggest:

- Improving way finding from the train station through the town centre
- Activating the arched laneways that lead from the Main Street
- Establishing new pathways connecting to the entrances of the walled garden
- Creating low impact signage to identify routes that lead to the garden

### Site Approach Photos



### Map Legend

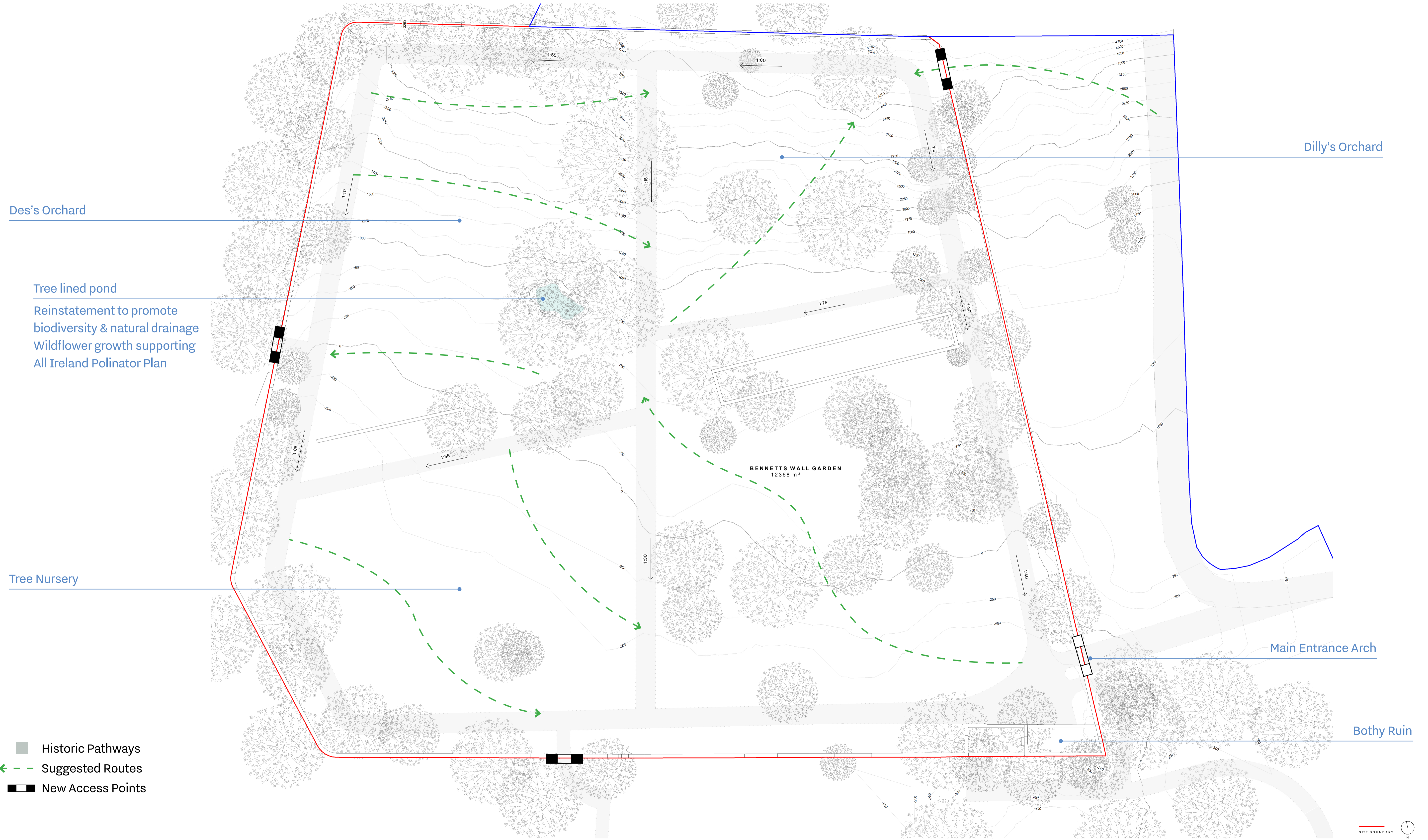
- Site Boundary
- Ownership Boundary
- Existing Walking Routes
- Proposed Connections
- Suck Valley Way





# Walled Garden Plan - Suggested Pathways

Bennett's Walled Garden, Castlerea



Des's Orchard

Dilly's Orchard

Tree lined pond  
Reinstatement to promote biodiversity & natural drainage  
Wildflower growth supporting All Ireland Pollinator Plan

Tree Nursery

Main Entrance Arch

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- Historic Pathways
- Suggested Routes
- New Access Points

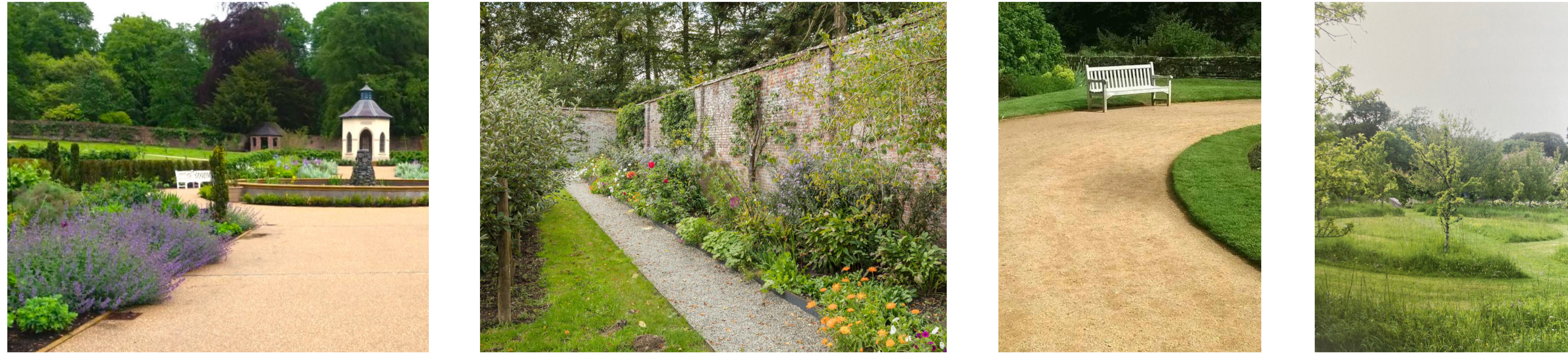




# Future Vision & Reference Images

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Accessible Walkways



Manicured Gardens / Wild Growth



Edible Gardens / Community Allotments



Seating / Benches



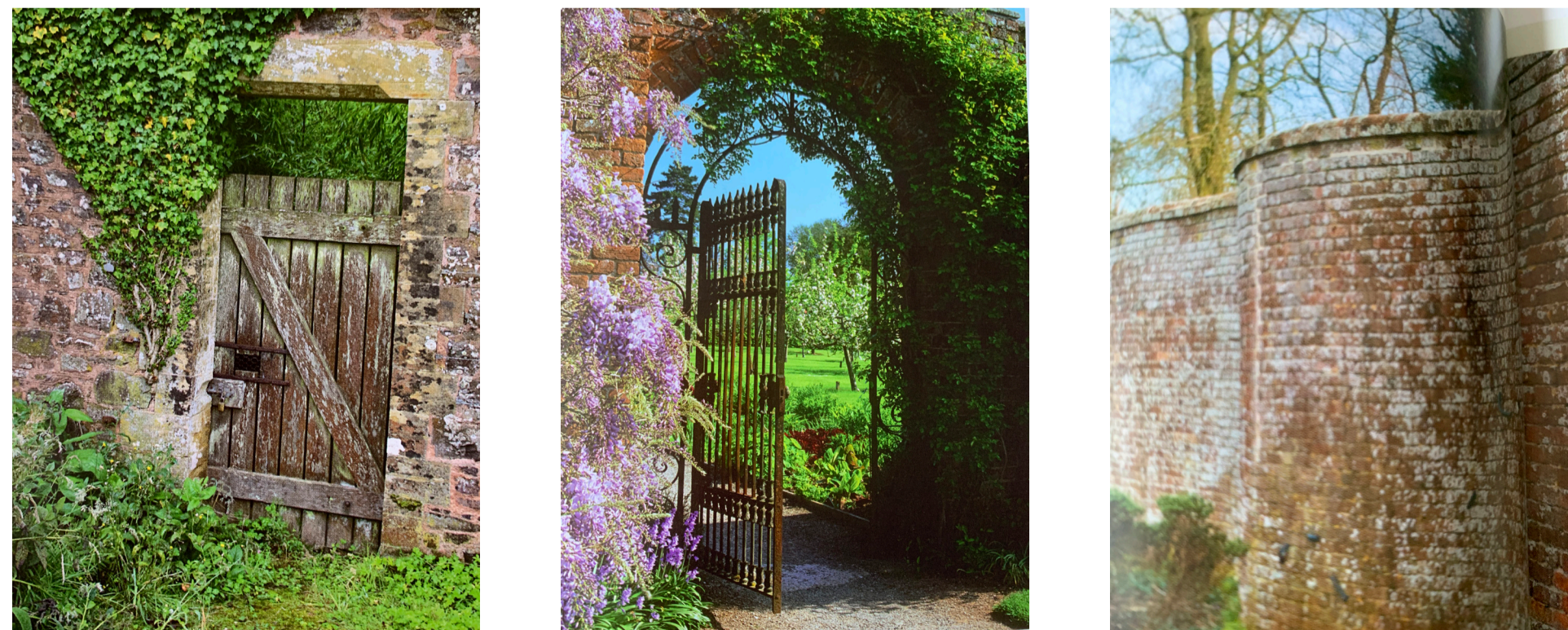
Glasshouse Restoration



Visitor Café



Wall / Gate Restoration



## Similar Community Projects

**Ireland:**  
 Westcourt Garden, Kilkenny  
 Santry Community Garden, Dublin  
 Ards Friary Walled Garden, Donegal

**UK:**  
 Wollaton Park, Nottingham  
 Missenden Walled Garden, Great Missenden  
 Walled Garden Worden Park, Leyland

Signage

