

# ***County Wicklow***

## ***Record of Protected Structures***

***Proposed addition to the County Wicklow Record of Protected Structures***

***April 2014***

## **Purpose of this document**

---

As part of the preparation process for Variation no. 5.2 'The Dunlavin Town Plan' an assessment of architectural heritage in the area was undertaken, which included an evaluation of:

- buildings associated with the now disused Great Southern & Western Railway

The outcome of this assessment was the determination that these buildings should be added to the RPS.

The purpose of this document is to show these proposed additions and set out the reasons for the proposed addition.

For information on the implications of a structure being included in the Record of Protected Structures, such as what can or can't be done without planning permission, please see:

- Planning Guide PL12 – Guide to Architectural Heritage, published by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, available at under publications at [www.environ.ie](http://www.environ.ie)
- Protected Structures guide at [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie) under heritage>architecture.

## **Background**

---

In accordance with Section 51 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the purpose of protecting structures, or parts of structures, which form part of the architectural heritage and which are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest, every development plan shall include a record of protected structures, and shall include in that record every structure which is, in the opinion of the planning authority, of such interest within its functional area.

As set out in Section 54 of the Act, a Planning Authority may add to or delete from its record of protected structures a structure, a specified part of a structure or a specified feature of the attendant grounds of a structure, where:

- (a) the Planning Authority considers that -
  - (i) in the case of an addition, the addition is necessary or desirable in order to protect a structure, or part of a structure, of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest, or
  - (ii) in the case of a deletion, the protection of the structure or part is no longer warranted,
- and
- (b) the addition or deletion is made when making a development plan under Part II or in accordance with Section 55 (see below)

In accordance with *Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines*, (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government), the removal of a structure from the RPS may also come about where it has been decided that a more appropriate method of protecting a particular structure would be by including it within an ACA.

## **Consultation process**

---

In accordance with Section 55 of the Act, where a Planning Authority which proposes to make additions to or deletions from the RPS at any time other than when reviewing the County Development Plan, as is the case here, shall follow a specified consultation process before making the final decision to whether or not to make the proposed change.

This consultation process must include:

1. Notification of the owner or occupier of the proposed protected structure, of the proposed addition or deletion, including the particulars,
2. Notification of the Minister and other prescribed bodies,
3. Publication of a notice of the proposed addition or deletion in at least one newspaper circulating in its functional area.

All of these steps have been followed.

This consultation process the proposed Draft Dunlavin Town Plan allowing for a 6 week period during which time any persons or body, **including the owner or occupier of the structure concerned**, may make a written submission or observation with respect to the proposed addition or deletion, which will be taken into consideration before the making of the addition or deletion concerned. This 4 week period commences Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and continues until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2014.

The particulars of the proposed additions and deletion will be available to view from Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and continues until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 inclusive at the following locations:

- The Council's website: [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie)
- Wicklow County Council Offices, Station Road, Wicklow Town
- Dunlavin Library

Following this consultation period, the Manager shall prepare a report to the elected members of the Council concerning any submissions or observations made from the property owners / occupiers, from the public and from the Minister or any other prescribed body. The members will then decide whether to make or not make the proposed addition. Within 2 weeks of making this decision, the property owner / occupier shall be advised of the decision.

---

**Recommended additions**

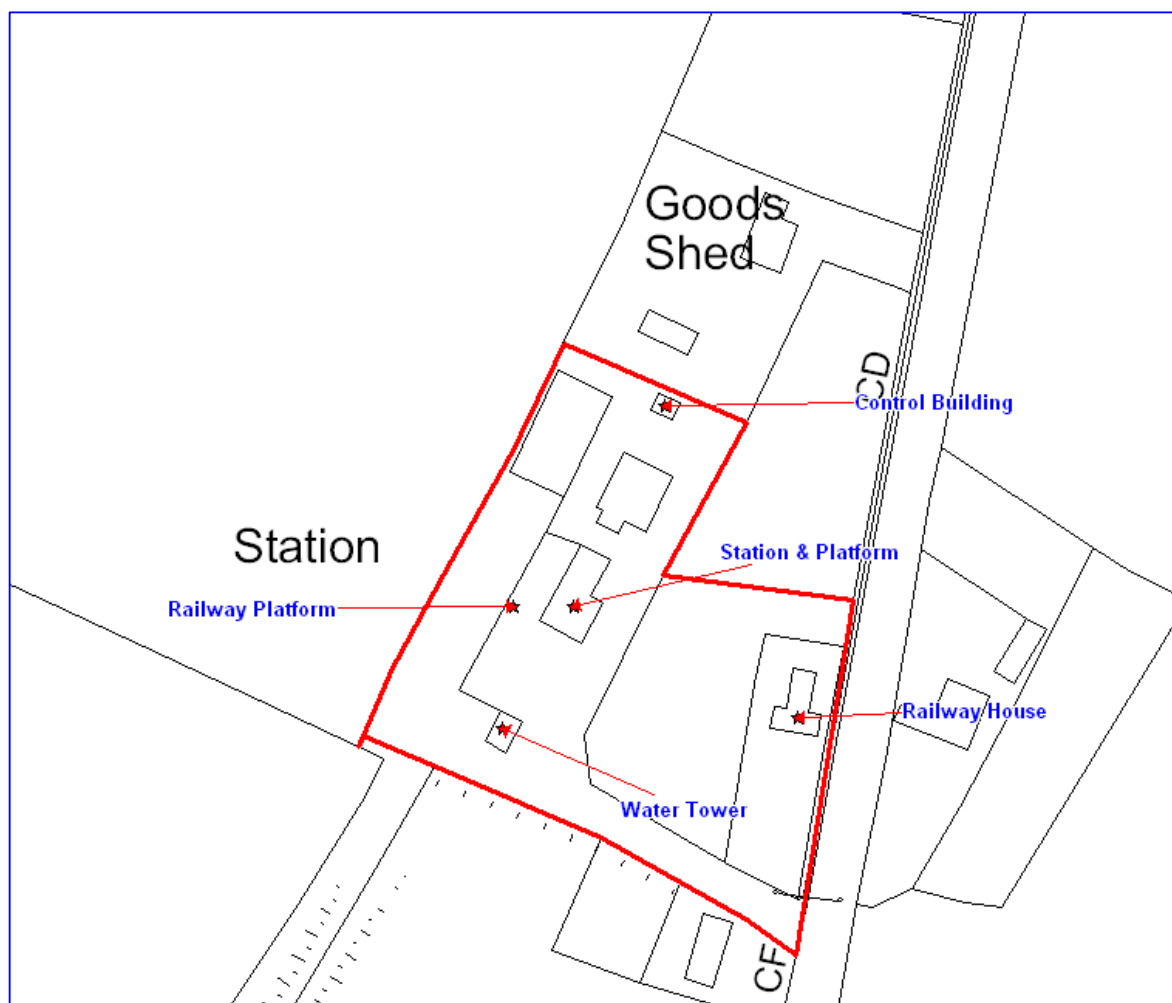
---

**1. Dunlavin Railway Station Buildings**

**Description**

A collection of buildings associated with the now disused Great Southern & Western Railway line from Sallins to Tullow. The buildings are largely late 19<sup>th</sup> century, with the exception of the station building which was rebuilt in 1922. The buildings consist of; a single storey concrete railway station building, a railway platform, a stone built water tower, and a signal cabin.

The buildings retain many of their original features and are of architectural interest. They are good representative samples of a former railway heritage and are thus of historical significance.



**1) Railway House**



**2) Water Tower**



**3) Railway Platform and Station Building**



**4) Railway Control Building**

