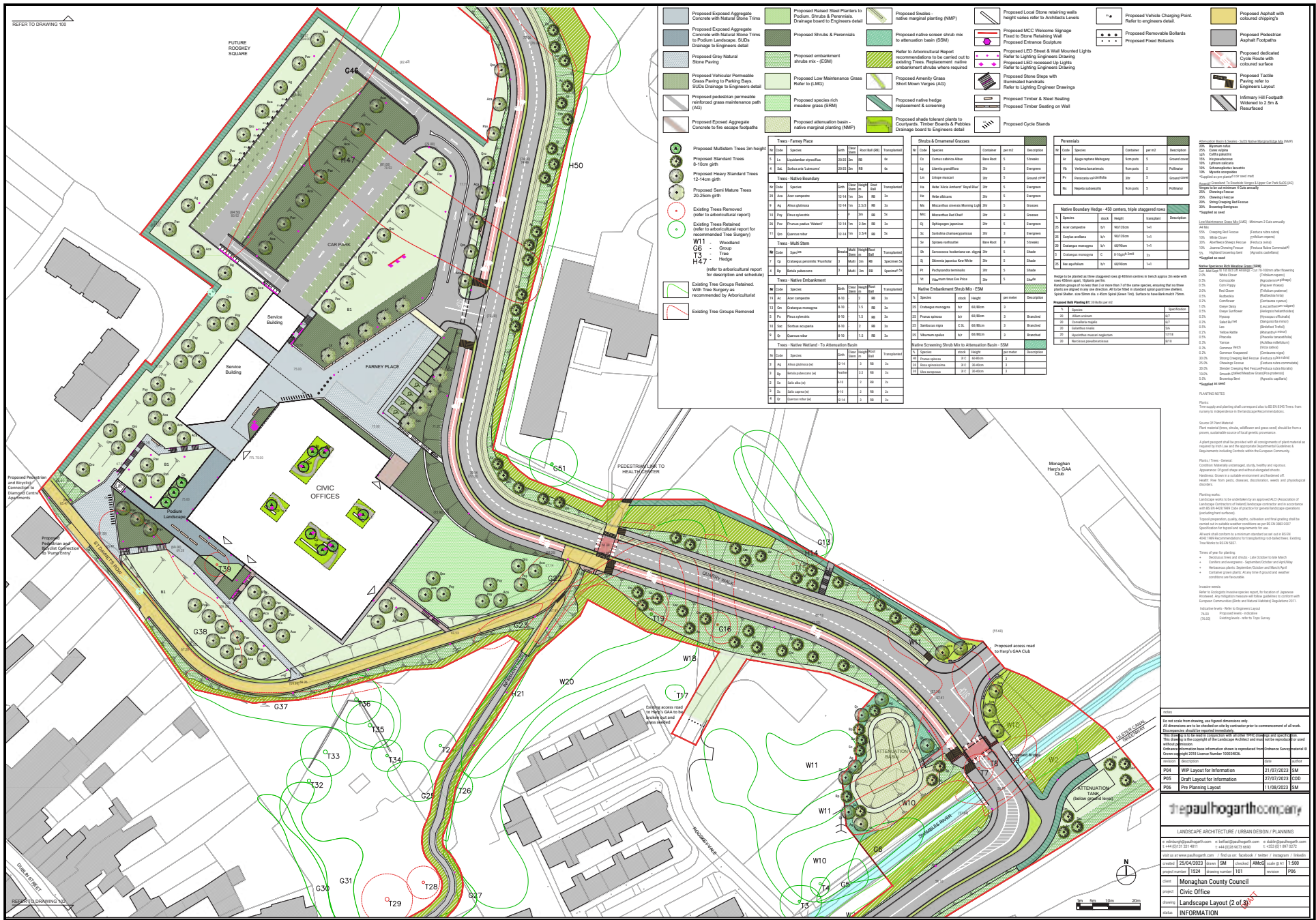# LANDSCAPE STRATEGY

LANDSCAPE DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES

The landscape proposals are designed to aligned with the principles outlined in the Roosky Masterplan and future development of Dublin Street North Regeneration Plan, in that they will provide seamless links to future and existing developments by using a high-quality external environment that is defined by legible stimulating spaces, utilising a range of hard and soft materials, reflective of the immediate environment, its heritage and the architectural proposals.

By developing an environment that is meaningful, accessible to all and adaptable for the community to benefit from Events is central to ensure the continuing enrichment of the Civic Space, associated directly with the Civic Offices.

The aim is an external environment that is:

- Practical and distinctive
- Sensitive to the sites location, gradients, views and heritage
- Considerate of high quality soft and hard materials which are appropriate to long term maintenance and sustainabilitY
- Rich in terms of its biodiversity
- Adaptable to activation and flexibility
- Low in terms of embodied carbon

CONNECTIVITY AND WIDER LANDSCAPE OPORTUNITIES

The site is located to the North of Dublin Street, Monaghan Town at the mid-point of the rising ground, on a South facing slope, with views of the Town's rooftops and glimpses of agricultural countryside beyond. The location is currently improved grassland with tractor access via St Davnet's Row. A narrow footpath, Infirmary Hill, connects the site from Old Cross Square to St Davnet's Hospital to the North. St Davnet's Row is currently closed from the apartments to the West of the site. To the South of St Davnet's Row the site abuts the backs of Dublin Street properties, with groups of storage buildings and yards arranged along narrow passageways.

Key features of the existing site demonstrate the role landscape can provide in wider connectivity and flexibility of use. These opportunities have influenced the layout of the scheme and dynamic earth modelling has been implemented to improve accessibility and encourage users to approach the building on foot or cycle. Given the challenging topography, resting points with seating and cycle stands have been located along the main approach at Quarry Walk and wheelchair and buggy access have been provided to public approaches to the building ensuring level access. Farney Place provides direct accessible parking alongside opportunities to stage events within a generous shared space directly associated with the Civic Offices.

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Through sensitive and considered treatments, a series of interlinked public spaces will contribute positively to Monaghan's strong sense of place. The overarching strategic concepts for the site that have influenced the design of the external environment include:

The transition in character from the north to the south across the site being markedly distinct. To the south of the site St Davnet's Row indicates the divide between the urban back-lands of Dublin Street and the agricultural / rural character of the site to the north.

The site is flanked on the west by residential apartments and to the east by a stand of mixed deciduous and evergreen woodland, providing screening to the adjacent residential development at Roosky Vale and Monaghan Harps GAA Club.

The Ulster Canal Greenway sits to the southeast of the site providing a safely lit dedicated pedestrian / cycleway adjacent to the site. The landscape spaces have been categorised by the following character areas:

- Links & Connectivity
- St Davnets Row - Gateway Space
- Farney Place
- Podium Landscape
- Civic Formal Soft Landscape
- Native Species Rich Landscape
- SUDs - Swales & Attenuation

The character of these areas will be managed sensitively along with the transitions in character, ensuring the hard and soft landscape are reflective of the hierarchy of their locations, while being cognisant of future developments ensuring landscape resilience is built in to adapt to climate change.