Monaghan County Council Civic Offices DRAFT

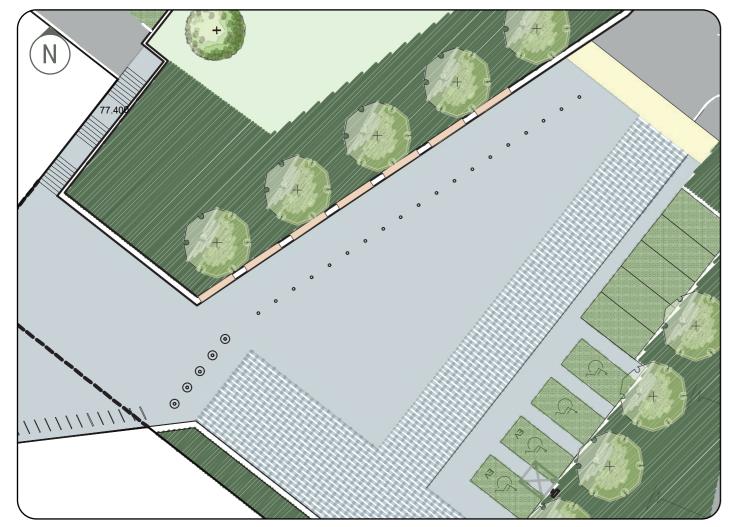


Fig9. Plan Showing Farney Place



Indicative Image: Integrated Wall Seating



Indicative Image: Flexible Space

3.4 Farney Place

This civic plaza arrival space is located directly off Quarry Walk at the North elevation of the building. A consistent and high quality palette of hard materials and street furniture will define the civic character. The space is designed to be flexible to allow for community events while enabling emergency and service vehicle access. Disabled parking is provided to allow direct accessibility to the building entrance.

<u>Street furniture</u> - A formal stone wall with integrated seating adjacent to a tree lined avenue provide defined edges to the space. The design, form and location of street furniture such as seating, signage and bollards are integral to the quality and experience of the public realm. Careful sighting and provision will minimise street clutter and obstructions to pedestrian movement. Bollards have been placed to provide a generous pedestrian approach from Quarry Walk and also act to deter informal parking. Lockable removable bollards are located to enable service vehicles to access utilities.

<u>Surface materials</u> – The predominant bound surface is a high quality exposed aggregate concrete with robust quality natural stone trims, edges and paving. The parking bays enable accessibility with bound surface adjacent to permeable finishes. The surface finishes direct visitors towards the primary entrance by change of material and colour to assist the partially sighted. The existing wall within the site will guide the hard materials palate to favour local stone and aggregates.

<u>Lighting</u> - Street lighting and accent lighting to the building and landscape will further identify the characteristics of the space. It is important that lighting should first ensure a safe environment but also with the potential to enhance and enliven spaces, highlight buildings, contribute to a distinct sense of place and enhance the night time environment. The Lighting has been designed to minimise light pollution and impacts on wildlife such as bats and insect populations.

<u>Building curtilage</u> - Raised planters will provide a buffer to the building threshold enabling additional privacy to those working within. Sustainable Urban Drainage will be integrated into the design to attenuate water and decrease the burden of flow on the drainage infrastructure.



Indicative Image: Exposed concrete



Indicative Image: Limestone paving



Indicative Image: Limestone edges