

Conservation Officer,
Louth County Council,
County Hall,
Dundalk,
Co. Louth.

14th October 2020.

Draft Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

Dear Sirs,

I write on behalf of the residents of Trinity Gardens to ask that the council consider our request to have the entrance walls to Trinity Gardens, off George's Street in Drogheda added to the List of Protected Structures in the County Development Plan.

The walls which measure approximately 75 metres, run on both sides of the entrance of the estate at George's Street and their immediate curtilage formed part of the gardens of house numbers 61 and 62.

The incline from George's Street towards the first houses in the estate form a positive and distinctive addition to the streetscape in the area, providing a haven for a variety of songbirds and a healthy bat population.



Figure 1: Entrance Walls Looking East towards Georges Street.

While the walls themselves are a modest structure, built from rendered concrete blocks and having cast iron railings along the full length, they form a unique historically important entrance to one of the first housing estates constructed in Drogheda after the foundation of the State. In fact the cast iron railings are one of the few examples of this type of structure still in existence in the area.

At the time, and indeed up until the present day, the entrance to Trinity Gardens is unmatched anywhere else in the town and could be regarded as socially important as they separate the settled, low rise housing development that makes up Trinity Gardens from the 2 storey built environment in their immediate neighbourhood.

It is our opinion that the architect who originally designed the estate back in 1931 did so with the foresight and intention to ensure that the walled entrance which encompassed the elongated gardens of house numbers 61 and 62 would remain an integral part of the estate, designing it as an architectural set piece, and in doing so, separating it from the hustle and bustle of one of the country's busiest traffic routes at the time.

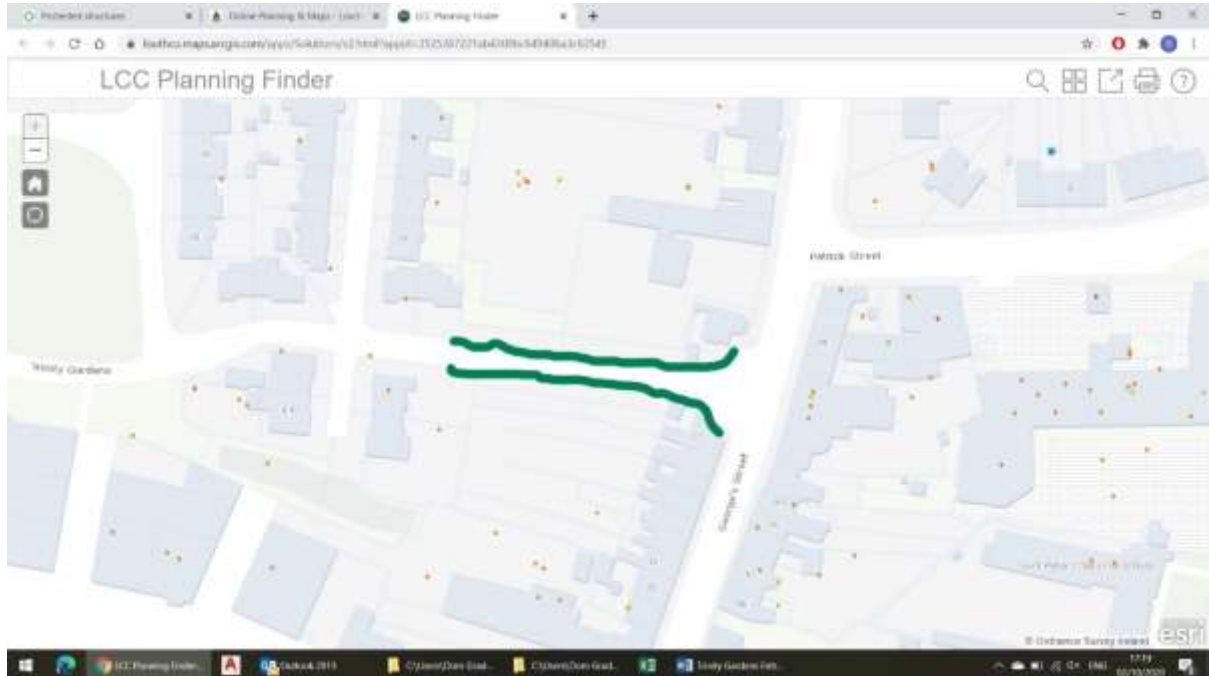


Figure 2: Location of the entrance walls.

They are very much of their time in terms of the materials used and construction method, but they were and indeed, are visionary in terms of forming a clear delineation between a housing development and its immediate town centre built hinterland.

For the above reasons we consider the walled entrance to our estate to be considered worthy of protection by Louth County Council so that they remain intact as an integral part of a historically important piece of Drogheda's built environment. Their loss at any date in the future would only serve to undermine the local character and identity of a very unique a charming part of Drogheda's built history.

We trust that you will look favourably on our request, and we look forward to your earliest response,

Yours Faithfully,

Dom Gradwell.

On behalf of Trinity Gardens Residents Association.