

# Progress on sale of former Mayo county library property outlined

## Site deemed unsuitable for housing development

ELECTED members of Mayo County Council will be asked at their meeting on October 10 to grant approval for the sale of the former County Library property at Mountain View in Castlebar.

The site was placed on the property market a number of months ago.

It is now being sold to Mr. Ward McEllin, Meenavale, Mountain View, Castlebar, for a sum of €260,000, subject to contract.

The land was originally purchased by the council for £250 around 1939 for the purposes of building the library. Vendor details were not recorded at the time.

A report by Elaine Moyles, senior executive officer of the council's property, internal audit and organisational change department, said the property was fully vacated in 2007 and

was subsequently used as a file store.

"There are a number of development constraints with the site due to an ESB substation located on it, requiring access way, and a significant difference in the level to the rear of the site with the adjoining property.

"Given the size of the property at 0.115ha and its condition, it is considered unsuitable for any further corporate office accommodation needs.

"Provision of housing was considered at the location, subject to planning. A small number of housing units could be provided on the site.

"However, the development constraints due to the difference in the levels of the site to adjoining properties and the location of the ESB substation makes it less attractive and it could be complicated and expensive to develop.

"Mayo County Council is currently progressing a number of social housing options in Castlebar, including on the nearby Ellison Street.

"If the council developed the site for social housing, the value

of the site would not be recouped from the department."

Ms. Moyles added that at a meeting of Castlebar Municipal District on March 30, 2015, it was agreed that the building would be demolished and converted into a car park.

While this is an option for the site, the decision to advertise the property for sale on the open market provided further insight to the council on the appetite for such properties and

the value of money which could be generated for such a sale.

"The provisional sale figure reached with the purchaser, subject to Section 183 approval, is €260,000, which exceeds the guide price," she added.



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Mayo County Council



Planning and Development Act 2000  
Planning and Development Regulations 2001

## N60 Breaffy Active Travel & Safety Measures Scheme, Castlebar, Co. Mayo

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Mayo County Council proposes to carry out a development, particulars of which are set out in the Schedule hereunder.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for viewing on the online consultation portal <https://consult.mayo.ie/> and also for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during normal opening hours from **Wednesday 28th September 2022** until **Wednesday 9th November 2022** at the following locations:

- The Planning Office, Áras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo F23 WF90
- The National Roads Office, Glenpark House, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo F23 XF40

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made online at <https://consult.mayo.ie/> or in writing to the Senior Planner, Planning Section Áras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo not later than **5:00pm on Wednesday 23rd November 2022**.

A public information session will be held in Breaffy House Hotel from 2:00pm to 6:00pm on **Tuesday 18th of October 2022**.

### SCHEDULE

LOCATION	NATURE & EXTENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
The Townlands of: DRUMCONLAN, KNOCKRAWER, KILKENNY, DOOGARY, DRUMALEHEEN, CARROWNURLAUR, KNOCKNAGEEHY, DEMESNE, BREAGHWY, ROEMORE, LISGOWEL, CARRICK HILL, CORRATANVALLY & DRUMDOOGH, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	Segregated footpaths and one way cycle facilities on both sides of the N60 within the 60km/h zone, shared pedestrian/cycle facilities corridor on one side of the N60 in the 80 km/h and 100km/h zones, provision of a periodic 60km/h zone at Breaffy primary school, removal of the hard shoulder at Breaffy village, provision of new jug handle crossing, 3 new cycle and pedestrian crossings, 2 new bus bays at Breaffy village and upgrade of Kilkenny Cross Roundabout to accommodate active travel provisions, total scheme length 4.2km

Dated 27th September 2022

Paul Dolan, Head of Roads,  
Mayo County Council, Castlebar, Co. Mayo F23 WF90

## Steps of historic building damaged in traffic incident

THE steps of the historic Burleigh House in Castlebar have been damaged during a traffic incident at Ellison Street in the town centre.

A motorist lost control of their vehicle after passing through traffic lights at the location and crashed into the steps.

A pillar and railings were damaged as well as a number of steps.

The area is cordoned off until repairs are carried out.

Fortunately, there were no pedestrians walking past the spot when the incident occurred.

The emergency services, including An Garda Síochána, attended the scene.

The driver of the car es-



aped without injury. There was nobody else in the vehicle at the time.

Gardaí in the town are continuing their investigations into the cause of the accident.

Burleigh House dates back to around 1800 and was one of the largest buildings in the town at that time.