# DEVELOPMENT PLAN MOTIONS & SUBMISSIONS ON RPS

# Proposals for Changes to Record of Protected Structures during process of Draft Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023

The review of the Fingal Development Plan is being carried out under a separate but concurrent process to that of the review of the Record of Protected Structures (RPS). Through the Development Plan process Councillor's motions and public submissions have been received proposing changes to the RPS. These have been taken into account and included in the review of the RPS and the recommended decision outlined below.

Structure/Site	Proposal	Recommendation
Old Milestone, R126, near The Square, Donabate	Add to RPS	Add to RPS (see report
		in Additions Section on
		A228)
Donabate Parish Hall, Donabate	Add to RPS	Add to RPS (see report
		in Additions Section on
		A041)
Rush Harbour	Add to RPS	Add to RPS (see report
		in Additions Section on
		IH0383)
Rogerstown Harbour	Add to RPS	Add to RPS (see report
		in Additions Section on
		IH0458)
Old Coal House, Rogerstown Harbour	Add to RPS	Do not add to RPS
Redbrick Beach Shelter, Balcarrick, Donabate	Add to RPS	Do not add to RPS
Balrothery Union Workhouse	Add to RPS	Do not add to RPS
Balrothery Union Workhouse Burial Ground	Add to RPS	Do not add to RPS
Glenmaroon House, Knockmaroon Hill, D15	Separate entries	Amendment to RPS (see
	for individual	report in Amendments
	buildings in RPS	Section on RPS No. 756)

Individual assessment reports on those sites not being recommended for addition to RPS follow overleaf.

Old Coal House, Rogerstown Pier, Rush, Co. Dublin



#### **Description**

Along the eastern side of Rogerstown pier are the ruins of stone outbuildings. The external random rubble masonry walls still stand but the structures are not roofed and have been in a derelict condition for years. The walls but have been patched with cement and cement block in places and openings infilled.



# <u>Appraisal</u>

The designation of Protected Structure places a duty on owners to ensure that the structure is not endangered. To add something to the RPS that is already in a compromised or ruinous condition needs to be carefully considered and be based on the significant of the surviving element, what benefit the designation would achieve, and what obligations would arise for the owner to re-instate or stabilise the structure. The ruinous outbuildings are not deemed to be of sufficient special interest under any of the required criteria – architectural, archaeological, historical, social, cultural, technical, scientific, social. It is therefore not deemed appropriate to add these to the Record of Protected Structures.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Old Coal Shed, Rogerstown Pier, Rush, Co. Dublin is <u>not added</u> to the Record of Protected Structures.

# Redbrick Beach Shelter, Balcarrick, Donabate, Co. Dublin



# **Description**

Mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, rectangular, redbrick shelter with flat concrete roof located along coastal path between Balcarrick, Donabate and Portrane. The shelter has a solid redbrick rear (north) wall and open front facing southwards with a central brick pier supporting the roof. At either end of the shelter are two small enclosed redbrick bays that are open on the northern side and have high-level, square openings to the side and front.



# <u>Appraisal</u>

The shelter is not of sufficient special interest under any of the required criteria – architectural, archaeological, historical, social, cultural, technical, scientific, social. It is therefore not deemed appropriate to add it to the Record of Protected Structures.

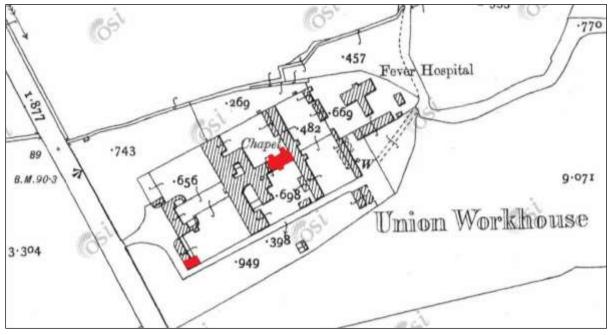
**RECOMMENDATION:** That Redbrick Beach Shelter, Balcarrick, Donabate, Co. Dublin is <u>not added</u> to the Record of Protected Structures.



Remnants of Balrothery Union Workhouse, Drogheda Road (R132), Oberstown, Co. Dublin

#### **Description**

The Balrothery Union Workhouse was designed by George Wilkinson, architect to the Poor Law Commissioners in Ireland from 1839 to 1855 and therefore architect of all 130 Irish workhouses. The Balrothery Union Workhouse opened in 1841 and closed in 1925. The original complex was extensive but almost all of it has been demolished with only two small buildings surviving and these are in a ruinous condition. One of the buildings was the south corner of the entrance block, the other the remnants of the chapel (see areas marked in red on extract from early 20<sup>th</sup> century map below). Only the shell of the external masonry walls remains as the roofs have almost completely collapsed and there are no doors or windows or internal features surviving.



# <u>Appraisal</u>

The designation of Protected Structure places a duty on owners to ensure that the structure is not endangered. To add something to the RPS that is already in a compromised or ruinous

condition needs to be carefully considered and be based on the significant of the surviving element, what benefit the designation would achieve, and what obligations would arise for the owner to re-instate or stabilise the structure. The principal administration and accommodation blocks of the Balrothery Union Workhouse no longer exist, the elements of that do survive are limited in extent, are in very poor condition, and do not have any features of special architectural interest. It is therefore not deemed appropriate to add these to the Record of Protected Structures.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Remnants of Balrothery Union Workhouse, Drogheda Road (R132), Oberstown, Co. Dublin is <u>not added</u> to the Record of Protected Structures.



Burial ground of Balrothery Union Workhouse, Drogheda Road (R132), Oberstown, Co. Dublin

#### **Description**

The burial ground associated with the former Balrothery Union Workhouse is located within a field to the NW and on the opposite side of R132 Road to the workhouse site. The burial ground is within an enclosed area within the field that is surrounded by a hedge and so is separated and protected from damage due to ploughing or other farm activities. Individual graves are not marked but a stone Celtic cross was erected in 1918 by the Guardians of the Balrothery Union to remember all those interred within the grounds. A railing has relatively recently been installed around the cross.



#### <u>Appraisal</u>

There is a difficulty in designating a burial ground with no substantial physical historic fabric as a Protected Structure as within the Planning Acts a structure is defined as any building, structure,

excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in or under any land. Bodies themselves would not fit into this definition so the only element within the Balrothery Union Workhouse burial ground that would qualify is the stone cross. The cross is not an unusual or rare form of commemorative memorial, there are a number of similar monuments/memorials around the county and it is often used in cemeteries as a gravestone to delineate individual grave plots. The burial site has been marked on the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 maps, Sheet No. 14 (Green Infrastructure 1), as a historic graveyard and this is a more appropriate method to identify and highlight the site than to designate it a Protected Structure.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Burial ground for Balrothery Union Workhouse, Drogheda Road (R132), Oberstown. Co. Dublin is <u>not added</u> to the Record of Protected Structures.