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ESB RETAIL SHOP & DEPOT

Green Lane



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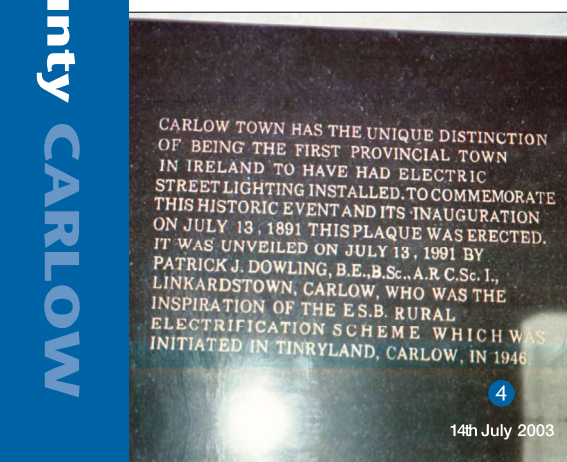
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Summary

There are two properties on the site and they include an ESB shop and depot building with the area supervisor's depot store and a lean-to shed. It is located on a large site opposite residential housing to the northeast of Carlow town centre. The building faces southeast. The rear of the site is bounded by a train line.

The property was constructed in 1983.

Description & Materials

The present use of the entire property is an ESB shop and depot.

It is a detached, single storey building with a pitched roof structure and located to the front of a large site fronting onto Green Lane. It is comprised of shop and showroom, stores, offices, locker rooms and staff facilities. At the front of the building there are two entrance gates and a low level brick wall bordering a planted area.

Built on a rectangular plan the building is of red cavity brick in stretcher bond, and blockwork construction supporting a pitched roof of precast concrete trusses and steel purlins with blue/black thrutone slates. The front elevation consists of stretcher course red brick outer leaf, floor to ceiling glazing to shop front set in aluminium frames, and clerestory glazing to the remainder of the front rooms. The rear elevation comprises

fair-faced blockwork surrounding aluminium framed windows and has a steel roller shutter door to the store. The gross floor area of the shop and depot is 512.91m².

The total area of the site is 0.9388 hectares (2.32acres). The building is set back from the yard and encloses a rear service yard. The yard contains a petrol pump and platform, lean-to shed, cable storage area, pole storage area, a tele-communications mast and a loading ramp. There is an enclosed storage compound to the side of the building.

The single storey lean-to shed consists of a single leaf fair-faced concrete block wall supporting steel trusses with metal decking, a cast in-situ concrete floor and has a gross floor area of 57.51m².

Special Interest - Historical

P. J. Dowling had a major role in the management of ESB's Rural Electrification Scheme and had the distinction of being voted 'Carlow Person of the Century' in December 1999. He was given the honour of unveiling the plaque (see photo no.4) on 13th July 1991 to commemorate the fact that Carlow was the first provincial town to have had electric street lighting installed. This is commemorated on the plaque.



1. View of Front Elevation. 2. View of Rear Elevation. 3. View of Rear Service Yard. 4. Commemorative Plaque.



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ESB RETAIL SHOP & DEPOT

Shroughawn, Tullow

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Summary

The property is a modern detached single storey depot building consisting of offices, stores, a showroom and staff rooms. The remainder of the buildings on the site include a store and toilets sited against the rear boundary.

The depot is a former vocational school located on the eastern edge of the town facing south next to other school buildings and opposite a parochial house and residential properties. The site is on a raised incline from the road and the depot is therefore located at a higher level overlooking the road on the edge of Tullow town. The neighbouring property is used as a day-care centre.

The depot was built in 1955 and ESB opened the shop and depot in 1987.

Description & Materials

Formerly a vocational school, the property was converted and renovated for use as an area depot. The L-shaped building is located against the left boundary with a depot yard located to the rear of the site. The elevational treatment consists of alternating rough cast plaster finish on smooth plaster plinth surrounding aluminium framed windows. The showroom is lit by floor to ceiling windows. Windows on other

elevations have been blocked up or reduced in size with only the precast concrete window cills still visible on the walls. The original timber floors in the main supervisor’s office are still intact and in good condition. The mono-pitched concrete roof and splayed front wall to the shop give the building a distinctive architectural quality.

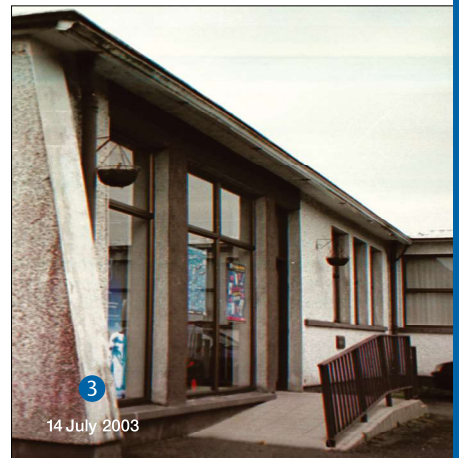
Structurally the building consists of a cast in-situ concrete floor with concrete blockwork supporting a mono-pitched roof consisting of a concrete slab with asphalt covering to the front. The rear wing supports a concrete flat roof with asphalt roof finish. The gross floor area of the depot is 239.2m². The gross floor area of the store to the rear is 70.8m².

A capped concrete block wall encloses the rear of the site. A curved sloped driveway accesses the customer carpark and beyond this lies the enclosed yard. Pedestrian access is gained via steps from the footpath. The front boundary is defined by the low level block wall with railings enclosing a landscaped area planted with mature shrubbery next to the footpath. A mast and hoist are located at the rear of the site.

The total area of the site is 0.27ha (0.67 acres).



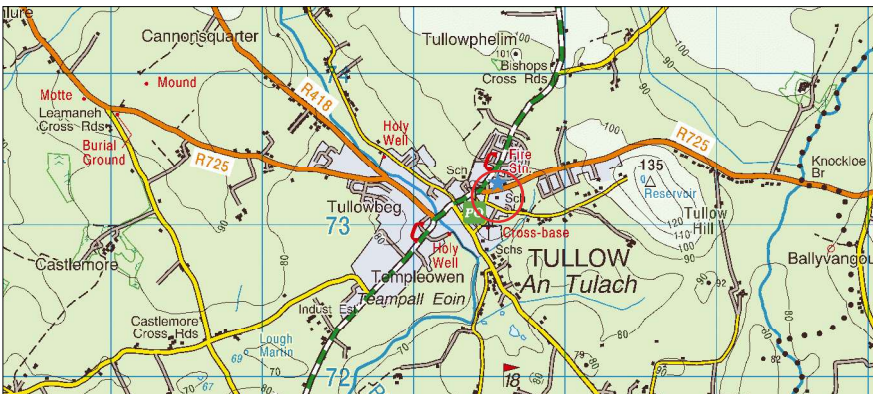
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1. View of Front Elevation. 2. View of Access and Front Elevation. 3. Side View of Main Ramped Access. 4. Side Elevation with Parking.