

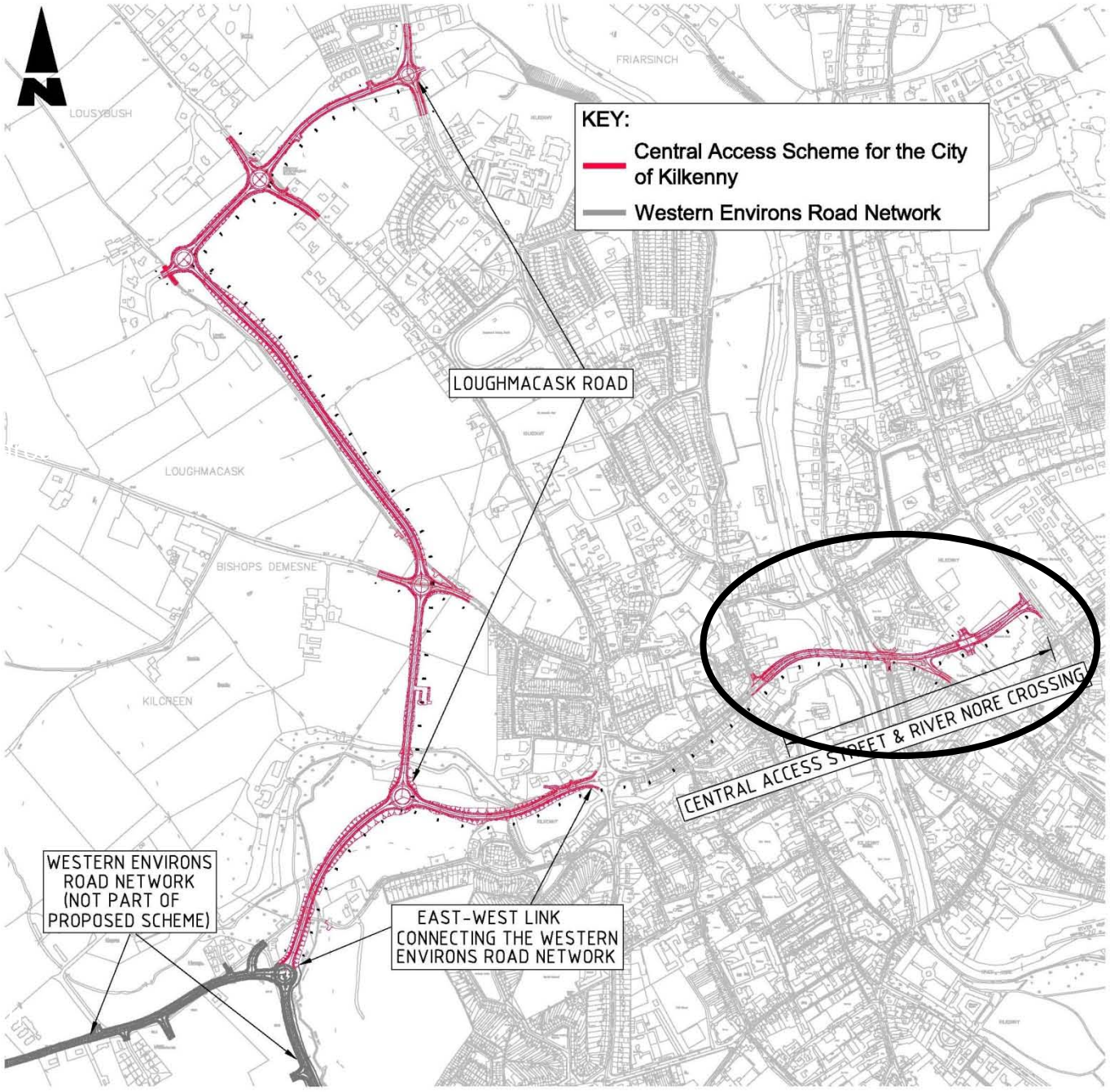
**Presentation to  
Kilkenny Rotary Club  
Kilkenny Central Access Scheme.**

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# KCAS..Background

- Objective in successive City Development Plans
- Submitted to An Bord Pleanala in 2008.
- Approval in principle in 2009 (omitting phases 2 and 3 at Kennyswell and Loughmacask)
- Revised application submitted in 2011 and approved in December 2011... for bridge and length of road through K Mart only.



**KEY:**  
— Central Access Scheme for the City of Kilkenny  
— Western Environs Road Network

LOUGHMACASK ROAD

CENTRAL ACCESS STREET & RIVER NORE CROSSING

WESTERN ENVIRONS ROAD NETWORK (NOT PART OF PROPOSED SCHEME)

EAST-WEST LINK CONNECTING THE WESTERN ENVIRONS ROAD NETWORK

LOUSYBUSH

FRIARSINCH

LOUGHMACASK

BISHOPS DEMESNE

KILGREEN



# KCAS Rationale

- A Plan led scheme aimed at enabling the sustainable development of the city centre (28 acres of brown field site)
- Partial solution to traffic issues in the city
  - *Other solutions are included under so called Smarter Travel (Mobility Management Plan 2009) and the provision of the Northern Ring Road Extension*
- A much safer alternative to the 18<sup>th</sup> century Green's Bridge
- Improved access to Diageo Site
- It is not provided to attract additional traffic or HGVs to the city centre, rather to ease pressure on existing city bridges and to make travel more convenient and safer for all road users. An additional and much warranted exit from the city at peak periods.

# Rear of Kilkenny Inn Hotel with dereliction in the foreground



# Derelict former cattle mart site (Kmart)







# Description

- It's 700 metres long , 450 metres of which through derelict sites.
- 118 meter long bridge over 5 spans across Nore
- Two 3.5m traffic lanes two 1.5m cycle lanes and two 2m wide footpaths with viewing platform over peace park
- New watermains , gas, electricity mains and telecomms
- Pedestrian Crossings , street and bridge lighting (LED), 30km/hr zone.

# Archaeology and Building History at Vicar Street

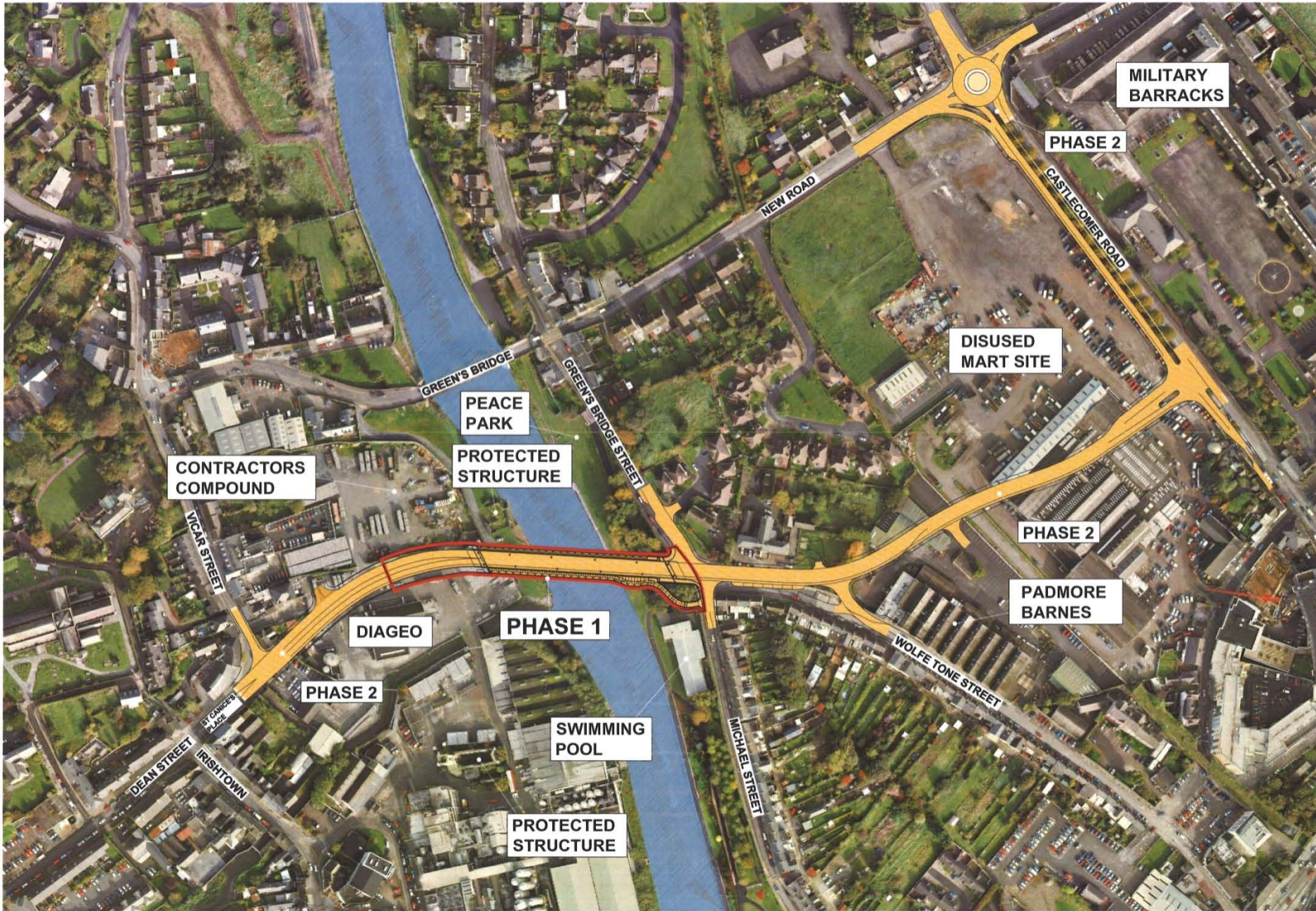
- All investigations carried out under licence from Department of Arts Gaeltacht and Heritage (National Monuments Service)
- Two buildings to be taken down
- Gable of 22 Vicar Street to be retained (Renaissance??)
- Further excavations to be undertaken prior to decision by Minister.

# Construction

- Tendered in winter of 2013.
- Construction start up in summer 2014
- Bridge works to take 18 to 20 months
- Approach road construction will commence in 2015
- Archaeological investigation will continue at Vicar Street while bridge works take place.
- Open to traffic in 2016
- Traffic management considerations for Vicar Street, Greens Bridge and other areas.

# Some common questions

- What will be the impact on Dean Street?
- What will happen to Green's Bridge once the new bridge is constructed?
- What level of public consultation has taken place?
- The KCAS will sever the Irishtown district from Hightown?
- Would it make more sense to complete the Kilkenny Ring Road to the West of Kilkenny?
- Are the houses at Vicar Street a National Monument?



MILITARY BARRACKS

PHASE 2

CASTLECOMER ROAD

DISUSED MART SITE

PHASE 2

PADMORE BARNES

WOLFE TONE STREET

PEACE PARK

PROTECTED STRUCTURE

GREEN'S BRIDGE

GREEN'S BRIDGE STREET

NEW ROAD

MICHAEL STREET

CONTRACTORS COMPOUND

DIAGEO

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

SWIMMING POOL

PROTECTED STRUCTURE

VICAR STREET

ST. GEORGE'S PLACE

DEAN STREET

IRISHTOWN



# View from St John's Bridge

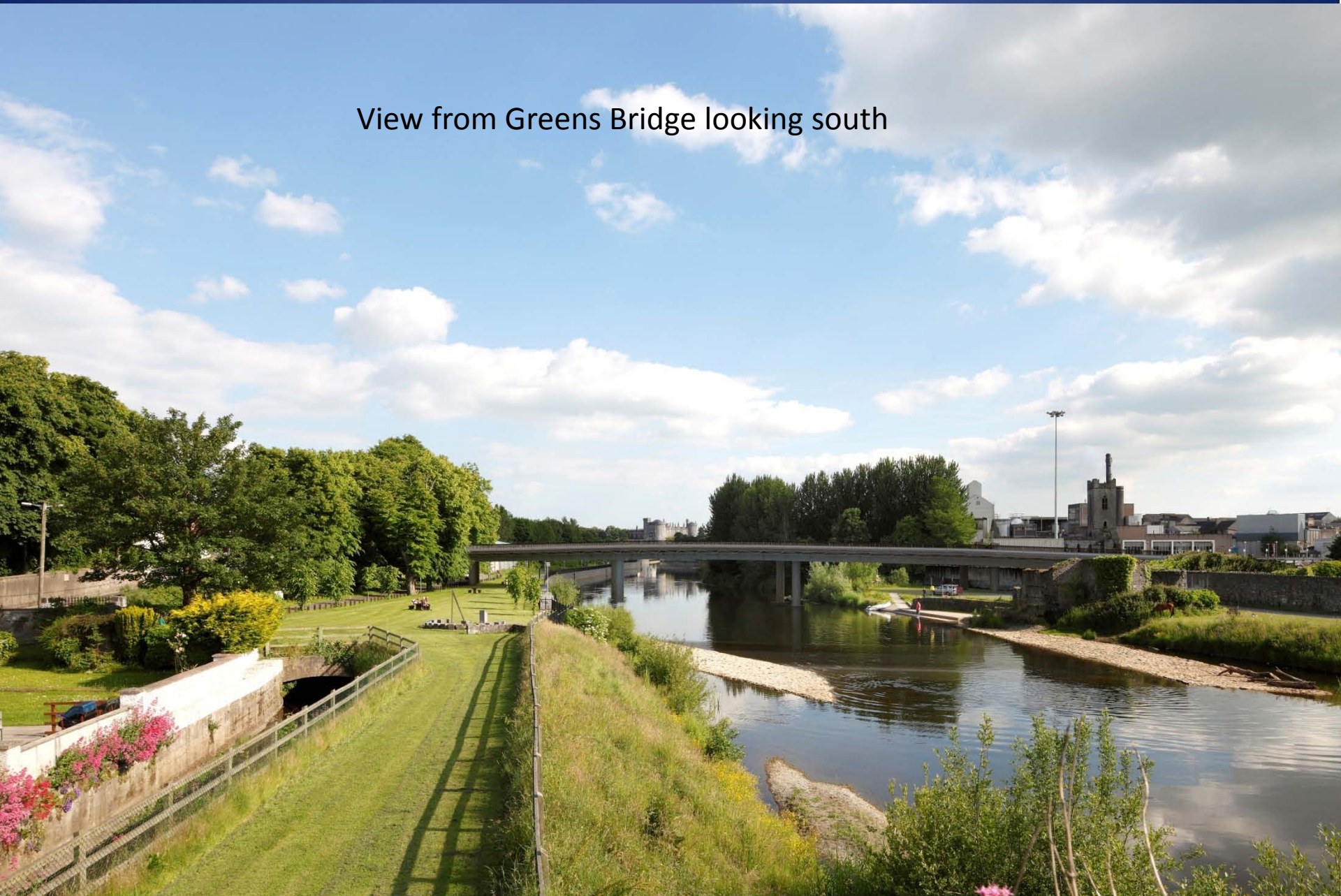


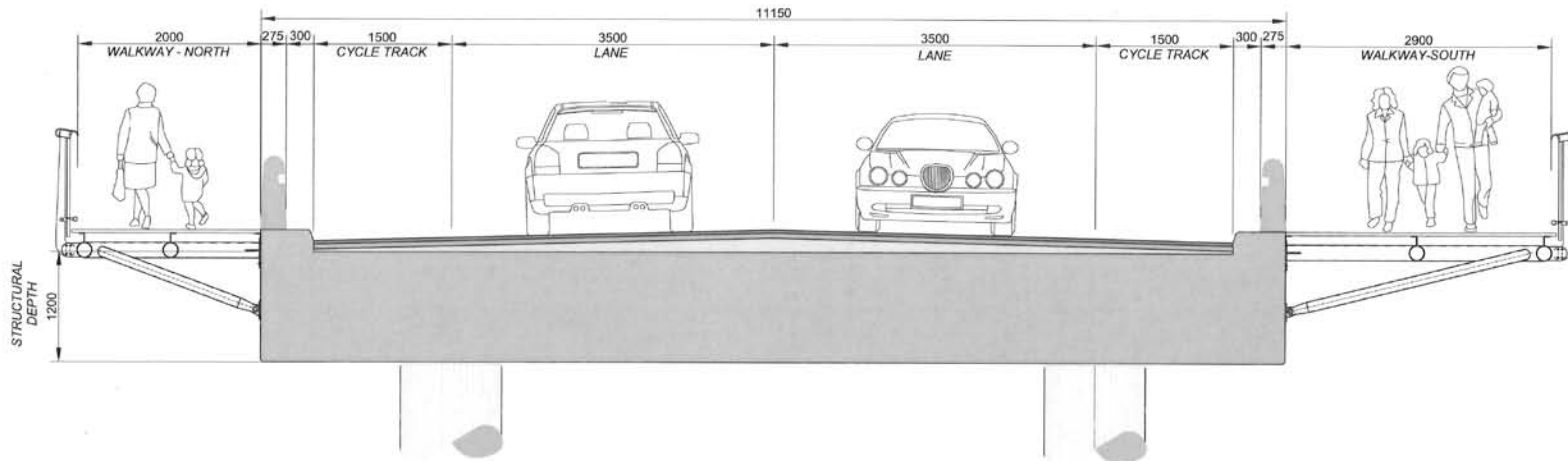




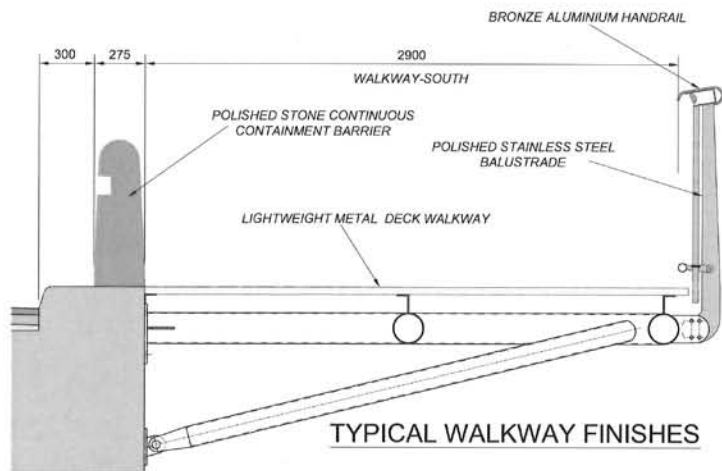


View from Greens Bridge looking south





TYPICAL SECTION THROUGH BRIDGE



TYPICAL WALKWAY FINISHES



Viewing deck with 18<sup>th</sup> century Greens Bridge in background





**STAINLESS STEEL BALUSTRADE WITH A BRONZE ALUMINIUM  
HANDRAIL**

- Considerations for the restoration of Green's Bridge

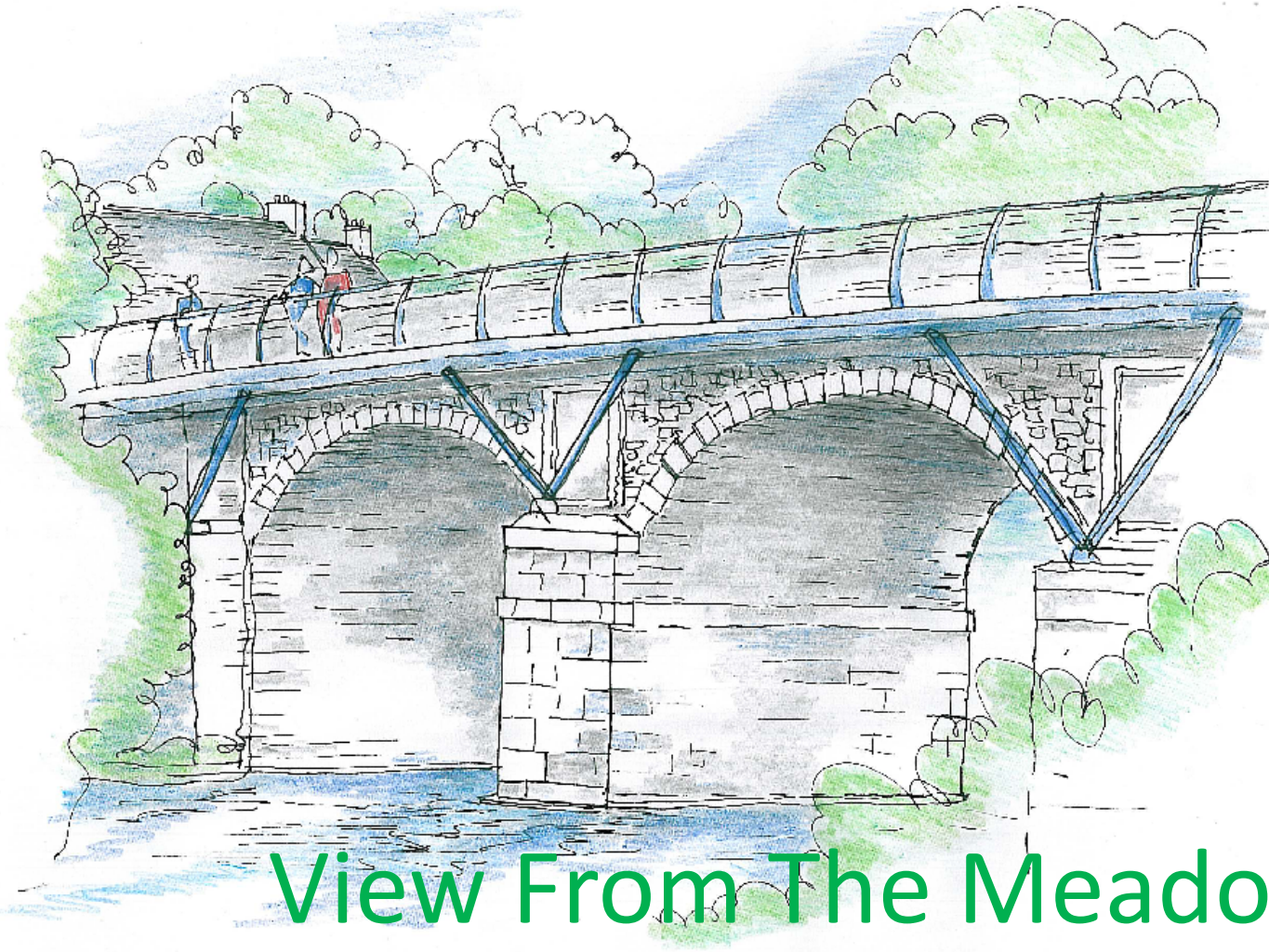


View towards Troysgate





**View Towards New Road**



View From The Meadows



# Change is inevitable

- Kilkenny City Centre is now facing a period of change following the closure of brewing operations and the physical transformation of the 14 acre Diageo site.
- For the first time in 300 years people in Kilkenny will have access to the St Francis Abbey quarter.

# Abbey Quarter

## 5.3 Masterplan Proposal

### 5.3.2 Overall Masterplan

