

**Site:**

Site of former Bank of Ireland, Lismore, Co. Waterford

**Project:**

Development of short term accommodation at rear of site of former Bank of Ireland comprising 5 No. Glamping pods, connection of each pod to mains services, on site lighting, landscaping, bicycle parking and associated site works.

**Project Description**

The project proposes to develop short term tourist accommodation, at the rear of the site of former Bank of Ireland, located at the junction of West Street and New Street, Lismore, Co. Waterford. This is a protected structure RPS No. WA750793. The site is located within the Lismore Conservation Area (ACA), and partially within the Zone of Archaeological Potential (ZAP). This site and building have been vacant for a number of years. The intention is to provide accommodation and bring vibrancy to this site.

The proposal is to install 5 No. Glamping Pods each with their own parking space, each connected to mains wastewater, mains water and electricity services. Access is via the existing gated entrance on New Street, which will potentially have a barrier at this point to control access. On site will be a roadway, footpaths to each pod, bicycle parking, lighting, landscaping with central green area and some storage in existing outbuildings. It is proposed that this development will not impact on the fabric of the main structures or the boundary wall, with landscaping measures taken to reduce the visual impact of the pods. This will be Phase I of the overall development with the future development of the former bank building, small stone structure and coach house for Phase II. These pods will be ancillary to the overall development of the main building, while providing much needed accommodation in Lismore town.

The drawings give an outline of typical pod types. It is proposed that there will be five glamping pods in total. The Site Layout Drawing, Drawing No 2410.04 A, shows three of Type A Glamping Pods that would accommodate up to four people and two of Type B Glamping Pods accommodating up to 2 people. Permanent bicycle parking is to be provided on site. Circulation within the site, as shown on the Site Layout, is a one-way system about the Green Area turning left as you enter the site. Landscaping on site will be a mixture of hard and soft measures to soften the development and add a measure of privacy for the occupants. The materials chosen and the planting selected as compatible with the natural environment of this site and enhance the overall experience for those using this site.