**An Taisce & Kilkenny County Council announce points of agreement and points of disagreement**

In continuation of the professional dialogue that took place in Kilkenny last week, An Taisce - The National Trust for Ireland, and Kilkenny County Council agreed today agreed the following points at a meeting:

An Taisce and Kilkenny County Council will work together on Green Schools Travel.

An Taisce and Kilkenny Co Co will work together on carbon footprinting on the Diageo site as well as sharing experiences on low-energy lighting.

With regard to No. 22 Vicar St, Kilkenny, the County Council will retain the Renaissance gable wall. An independent report will be undertaken to ensure no compression can take place under any future road. Furthermore, no services (e.g. piping, ducting) will in future years be placed into the undisturbed archaeological layers under the proposed road.

Excavations will continue south of the gable of No. 22 Vicar St with discussions to continue in a colloquial approach after the dig is complete.

As Kilkenny Co Co takes possession of the Diageo site, there will be more extensive excavations to interpret the Renaissance house at Vicar St and determine its full extent.

Further discussions will continue regarding archaeology and a colloquial approach will also be adopted for St Francis Abbey on the Diageo site.

Both An Taisce and Kilkenny Co Co agreed that the format of the colloquium approach is a positive public policy instrument for policy formulation, project development and project management.

Kilkenny Co Co and An Taisce will meet again when new reports are available to continue the dialogue.

Kilkenny Co Co maintains the view that the proposed bridge should be constructed. An Taisce does not agree with the proposed river crossing as it is currently planned. Both parties agreed to respect each other differences on this point.

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