

Address Millennium Forum

Name Millennium Forum

Map Reference N1

Plot Number 95-103

Listed Building no Reference n/a Grade n/a

Conservation Area yes

Reference historic city

Building at Risk no Reference n/a

Date of Construction 2000

Original Use arts centre/retail

Present Use arts centre/retail

Description

Millennium Forum. Retail on the left and entrance on the right of the photograph, entrance approached from a number of steps at Newmarket Street. Designed by HMD Architects Ltd, and built by J C Kennedy & Co. the total project cost was £13.8million with funding from the Arts Council Lottery Fund of £2.5million, Derry City Council and Millennium Commission. The building received a number of architectural awards, including a Civic Trust Award and the RICS Award for Excellence in the Built Environment in Northern Ireland both in 2003.

'The Millennium Forum was designed for a mix of community and professional performances. A large stone-clad building, with stylish internal spaces which use a variety of high quality, well finished natural materials, on a plan echoing the historic street plan of the old city, it is well sited within the city's East Wall – a highly sensitive historic site. The dominating feature is an elliptical 'lozenge'-shaped copper dome... The site slopes steeply downwards in the direction of the Foyle, allowing for lower entrance access from the walls, this entrance now marked by a sculpture ('Untitled') by Anthony Gormley relocated from another site on the walls. The facilities include a 1,012-seat trapezoidal oak-filled theatre auditorium, indoor shops, restaurant, conference rooms, a bar and a coffee shop.'

Building for the Arts, Arts Council

'The internal spaces of the building combine natural materials in a stylish, spacious situation... its location is similarly impressive, standing on a steep site beside the old City walls.'

Civic Trust Awards, 2003

History

A new street, Newmarket Street, created; at the site of the city's meat market building which had existed from circa 1775 until circa 1855. The Millennium Forum has frontage along the street, with retail units and entrance.

Meat Market

'Shambles. Rosemary Lane/East Wall, 1775. In 1775 the 'new shambles is to be let; 18c meat market, active until c1855.'

The Streets of Derry (1625-2001), J G Bryson, 2001

Owners/Tenants

2 Newmarket Street

1918	H B Miller
1941	vacant
1949	W Shannon & Co.
1953	W Shannon & Co.
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1973 gap site2012 Millennium Forum

1918-1953 Derry Almanac; and others

3 Newmarket Street

1918	W Shannon & Co.
1927	W Shannon & Co.
1941	W Shannon & Co.
1949	W Shannon & Co.
1953	W Shannon & Co.
1973	gap site
2012	Halifax Bank

1918-1953 Derry Almanac; and others

4 Newmarket Street

1918	John O'Henry
1927	vacant
1941	vacant
1949	W Shannon & Co.
1953	W Shannon & Co.
1973	gap Site
2012	Halifax Bank

1918-1953 Derry Almanac; and others

5 Newmarket Street

1918	T E Conaghan, office
1927	T E Conaghan, office
1941	Charles M'Cormick
1949	Charles M'Cormick
1953	Charles M'Cormick
1973	gap Site
2012	Ulster Bank

1918-1953 Derry Almanac; and others

6 Newmarket Street

1918	F A Murray; P Meehan
1927	Patrick Kearney; J O'Doherty
1941	Patrick Kearney; J O'Doherty
1949	Patrick Kearney; J O'Doherty; Anthony O'Doherty; Mary O'Doherty
1953	John Steritt; J O'Doherty; Anthony O'Doherty; Mary O'Doherty

1973 gap site 2000 Ulster Bank

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7 Newmarket Street

1905	Empire Frame Works, E Gordon
1909	Empire Frame Works, E Gordon
1918	Empire Frame Works, E Gordon
1927	Empire Frame Works, E Gordon
1941	Empire Frame Works, E Gordon
1949	Empire Frame Works, Nathanial Gordon
1953	Empire Frame Works, Nathanial Gordon
1973	gap site
2000	Burger King

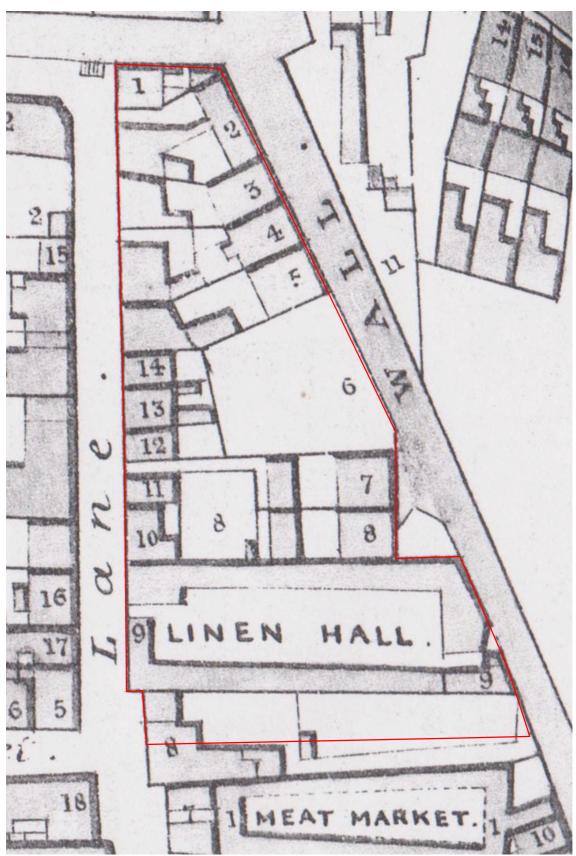
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8 Newmarket Street

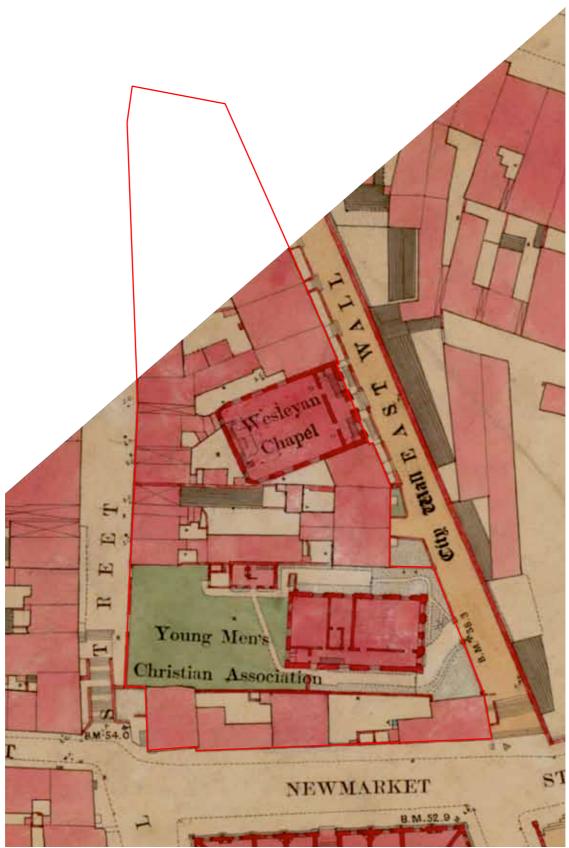
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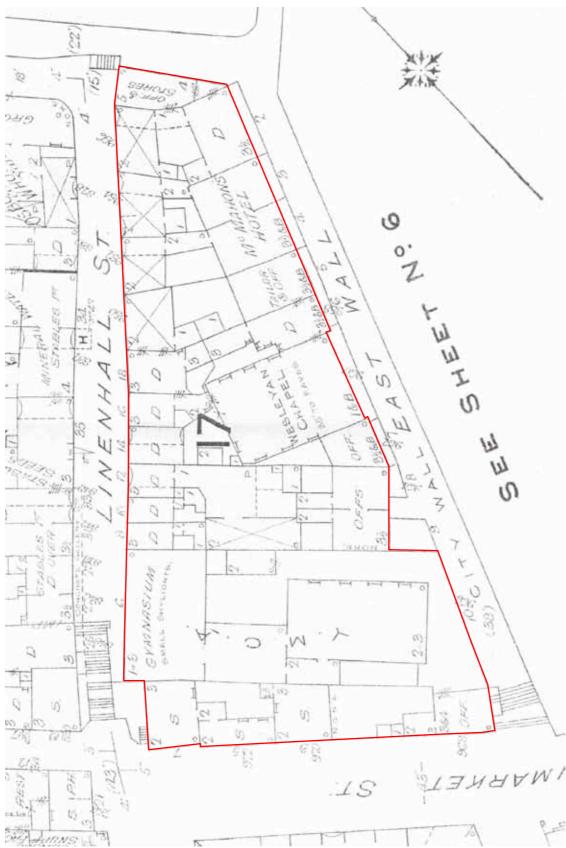
Archive Maps



Site of the Millennium Forum. Valuation Map, 1834



Site of the Millennium Forum. Ordnance Survey, 1873



Site of the Millennium Forum. Valuation Map, 1899

Archive Images



Newmarket Street elevation of 11 East Wall, viewed from Market Street, circa 1930

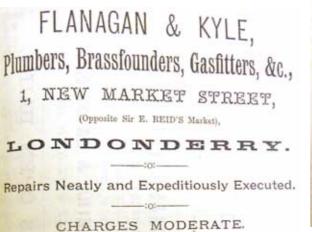


7 Newmarket Street viewed from Linenhall Street, circa 1930



Millennium Forum site, Newmarket Street, circa 1973

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