

RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES, TRIM TOWN PLAN 2008 – 2014

Proposed Amendment 15th Sept 2011, Adopted 13th Dec. 2011



ID No.	TT036-043		
Name:	Sheep Gate and Town Wall in Porch Field		
Townland:	Blackfriary, Townparks North		
Building Type:	Town Wall		
OS Map No.:	Mh 036	Co-ordinates:	X - 280,408.04 Y - 256,914.65
Interest:	Architectural	Rating:	National
Description: Medieval town wall and gate			
- National Monument			

The eastern side of Trim town wall commences at Navan Gate Street, at the site of Navan Gate, of which no evidence remains.

It extends southwards between an end-terrace house at 1 High Street to the west and a detached villa to the east, on Navan Gate Street. Although there is a rubble stone wall on this line, it does not appear to be associated with the original town wall.

The squat and heavily overgrown upstanding remains of the wall appear at this point as the line dog-legs to the south-west for a straight stretch to meet the south-east end of the rear boundary of properties fronting onto High Street. From here, it extends southwards, forming the east boundary of the grounds of the yellow steeple of St. Mary's Abbey, with extensive pasture land to either side. An opening has been formed in the centre of this stretch, linking the two. The landscape in this area is almost exactly as it was during Medieval times.

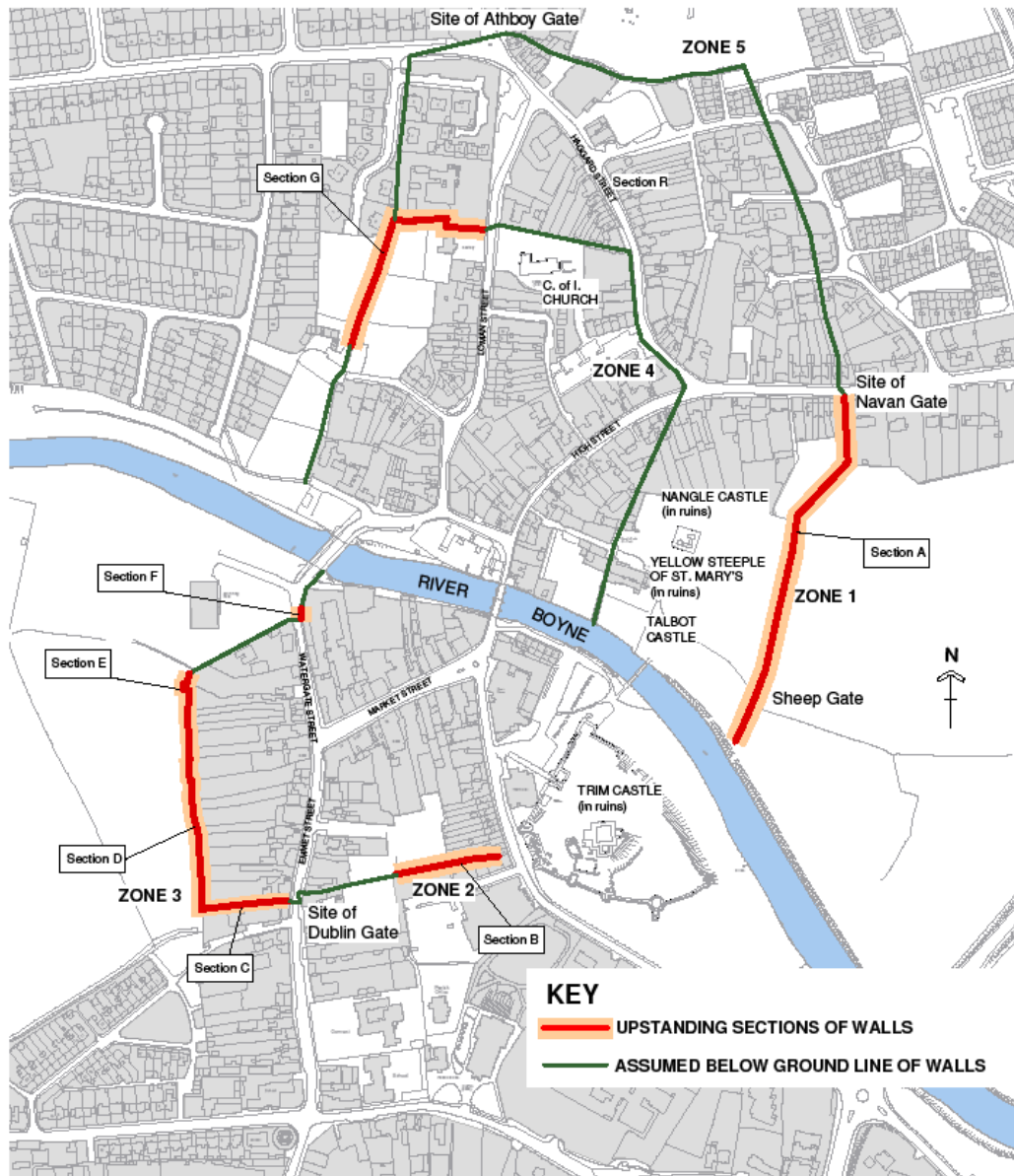
A set of square cement-rendered gate piers, carrying a five-bar agricultural gate, is located immediately to the north of Sheep Gate.

The wall then reaches Sheep Gate, probably a postern serving the Augustinian monastery. Although heavily restored, it is of considerable importance as it is the only surviving town wall gate. It is rectangular on plan with a central archway. The upper reaches have completely disappeared, and it is unclear why the

gate is extra-mural with vulnerable loops and a built-up segmental-headed arch on its south side, both apparently outside the wall.

To the south, the wall appears just above ground level, extending southwards and disappearing beyond a public path which intersects it, before reaching the north bank of the river.

Although the Sheep Gate is currently listed on the RPS as ID no. TT036-043, it was decided to amend the record in the interest of clarity, to include the length of wall on either side.



LINE of TRIM TOWN WALL

TRIM RPS: TT036-063, Castle Street / Emmet Street, Town Wall (zone 2 and 3)

Addition: TT036-086, Town Wall at St Loman Street (Section G)

Amendment: TTT036-043 – Sheeppate and Town Wall in Porch Field (Zone 1)

