

COMPETITION BRIEF

We are seeking concept designs for the adaptation and reuse of two historic buildings in the grounds of Lissan House, Cookstown. Participants can select one, or both buildings for their scheme.

In coming up with your design, you should consider:

- Cultural Significance of the building & its context
- Proposed purpose/ function
- Sustainability, both environmental and economic
- Access for end users

Further information on the buildings and their history can be found at the [Department for Communities Building Database](#) under HB09/03/008 B; and the main house under HB09/03/008 A.

Ulster Architectural Heritage also has a series of free [Hands on Heritage guides](#) related to the conservation and reuse of heritage buildings which you may find useful.



Site location map (not to scale)

SUBMISSIONS SHOULD:

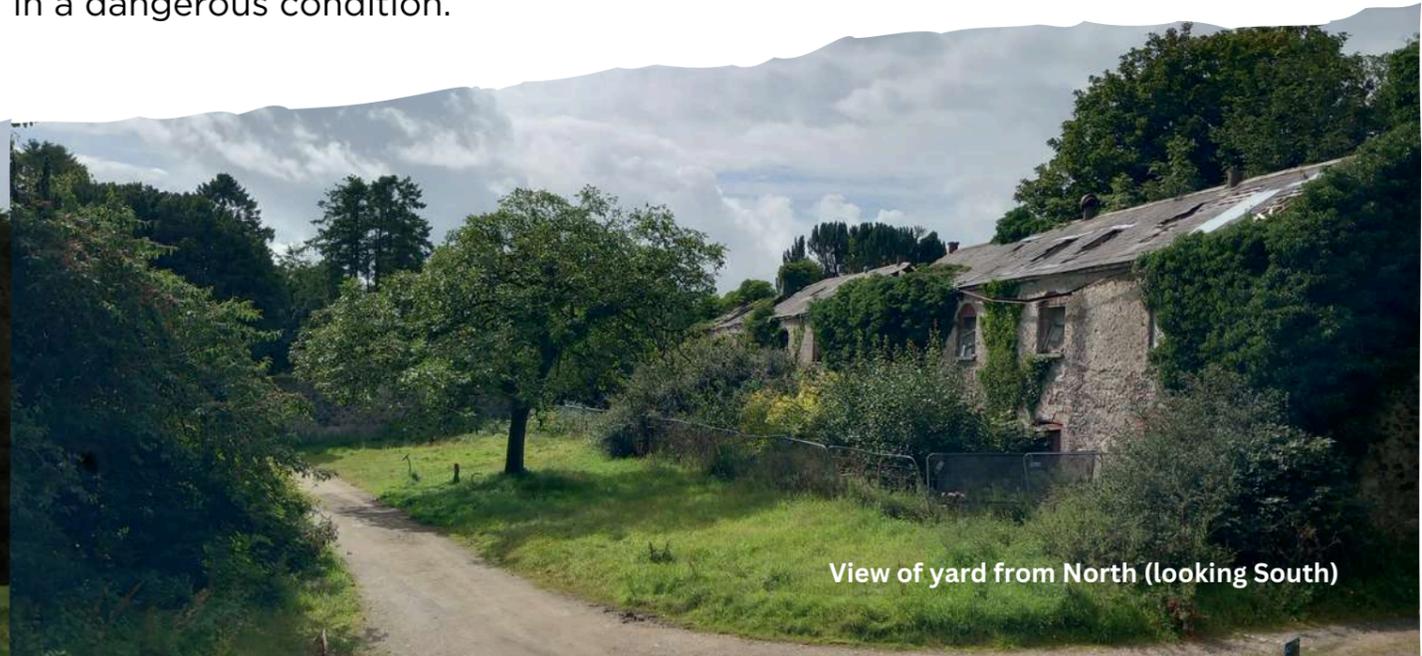
- Be a maximum of 2 x A3 pages
- Include your name, and a title that sums up your project idea
- Include images and/or drawings illustrating your concept design
- Include a paragraph of no more than 500 words outlining your concept, and an overview of your inspiration and decision making to meet your design intention
- **Be sent via email in PDF format by 8pm 02/02/25 to heritage@citbni.org.uk**

VISITING LISSAN FOR YOUR SUBMISSION

The grounds of Lissan House are open to the public. Information has been given in this brief to ensure a visit is not required, however participants may choose to visit to inform their design. In this case, opening times should be respected and no attempt should be made to enter the buildings, which are in a dangerous condition.



Lissan House



View of yard from North (looking South)

BUILDING A: THE GREAT BARN



Front Elevation



Rear Elevation

The great barn is sited adjacent to the yard wall, with the rear facing into the walled garden (as can be seen in the 1833 map & image below) and is now in ruinous condition. This is a small section of a much longer 2-storey building which runs the length of the yard. No interiors survive within this building. There is a gentle slope from the barn down to the path which runs through the yard and a further gentle slope down to the Turf House. The building measures c.10m x 6.5m, excluding the front lean-to which projects an additional c.3m.



Entrance to yard



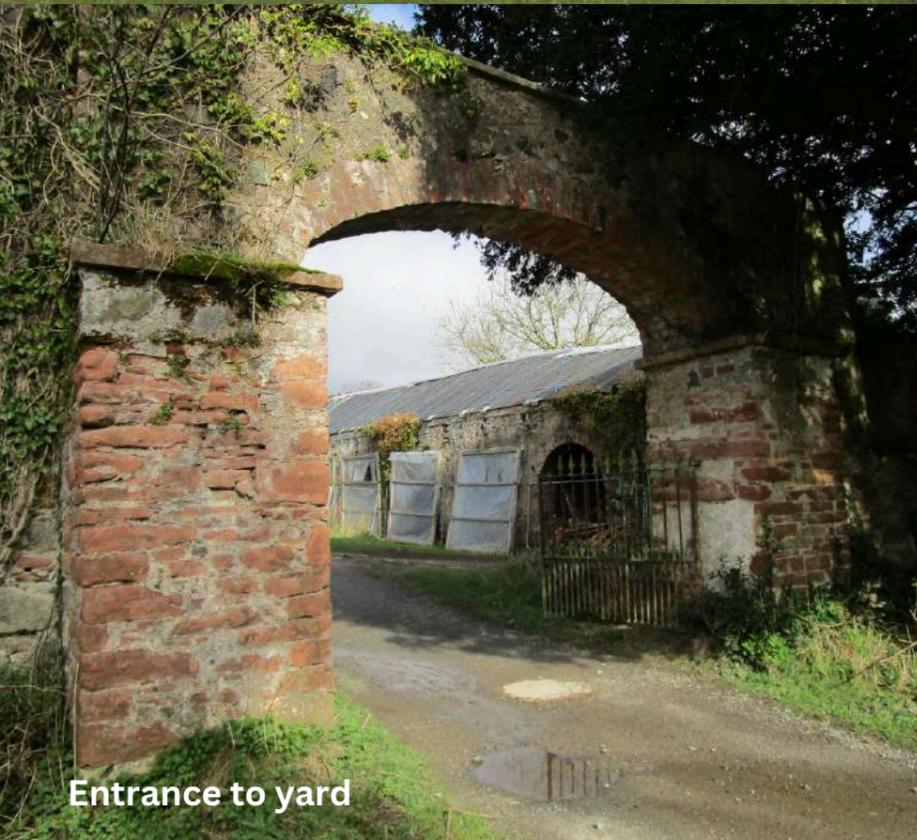
OS Map c.1833

BUILDING B: THE TURF HOUSE



Front Elevation

The Turf House is in ruinous condition. The front elevation features a series of arches (obscured by the plastic sheeting above). These arches are mirrored to the rear, although have been partially blocked up in the past. Internally a mezzanine floor has been added recently, to what was originally an open space, to reduce the risk of falling debris from the roof. The rear is currently obscured by vegetation, and is sited at the top of a slope leading down to the main house. This area had been cultivated as a garden, but is now overgrown. The building measures c. 37m x 8.5m. The distance between the turf house and barn (across the yard) is c.28m.



Entrance to yard



Interior of Turf House