

# Building Societies;

The idea that the reuse of built material can be involved in the production of concrete is key to this project.

We should consider that this mass of built material is left from buildings that are knocked down. These often have the same properties that they had during construction.

These could be involved in the structural identity of a new building or if the material is un-suitable it can be used as the main aggregate for a new concrete frame system.

This idea would make for the reuse and re-integration of fabric that would otherwise be used in a land fill.

*The use of existing concrete elements in a city to create a patchwork of historic fabric within an extended structure //*



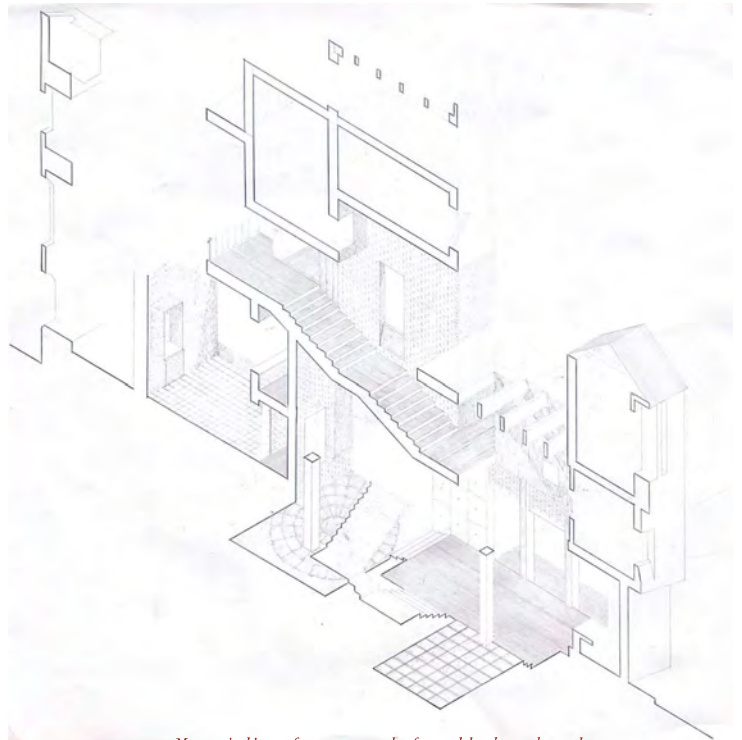
Site Plan Monuments - Kings Island; Limerick



*Fannings Castle, Limerick - A vessel for addition*



*Curragower House Demolished; Material for re-integration*



*Materiality of rooms made from blockwork and poured concrete from demolished Limerick City*

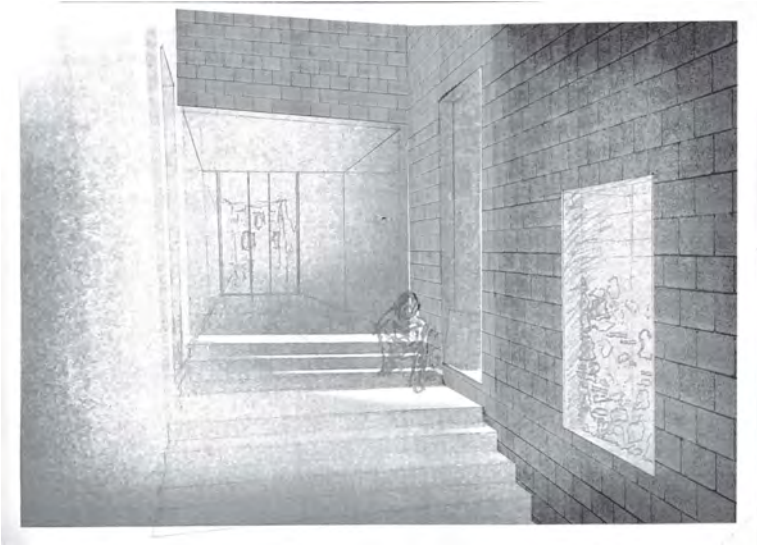


*re-Building a monument to what has past in the heart of medieval Limerick*

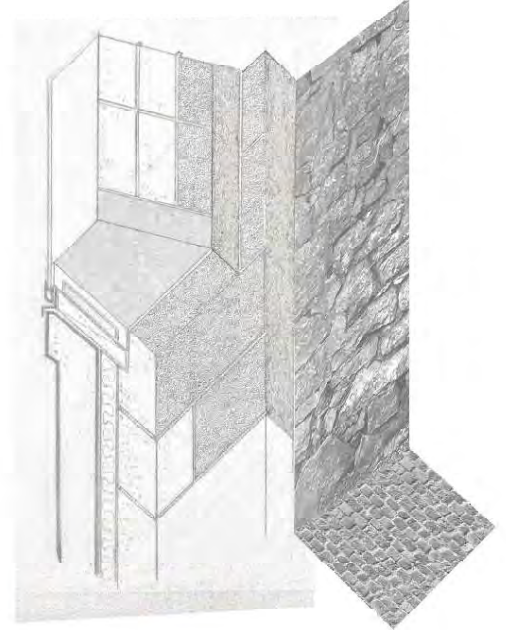
The challenge to this idea is creating a system of recycling at the end of the life cycle of a building.

Similar to how we survey historic buildings to build upon we must survey buildings that are to be demolished so we can retain their character.

Concrete has the potential to *retain* the past while *constructing* the future.



Collage showing the use of panels containing recycled material surrounded by recycled aggregate cement blocks.



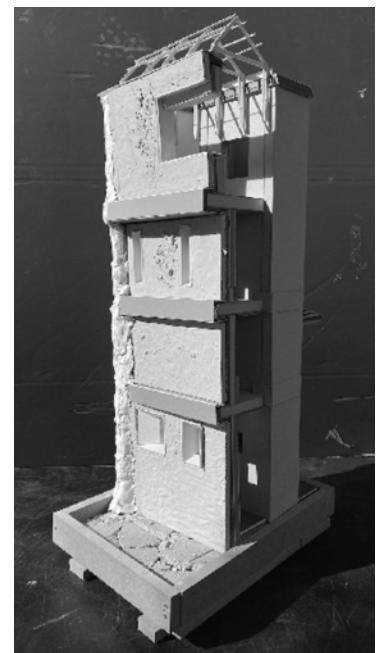
Balancing materiality from Ashtar course Limestone castle to concrete frame with recycled cement block infill.



Plan of recycled building.



Elevation of patchwork elevation.



Model showing concrete framing datum and concrete curtain facade.