**Asset Ref No.**  
| LDY 014:003: Rath | Reused As Encampment During Siege Of Derry  
| LDY 014:033: Derry City Walls  
| LDY 014:035: Linear Connected Cellars  
| LDY 014:039: C17th Rampart  
| LDY 014:064: C17th Settlement Deposits |

**Heritage Type**  
Built

**Location**  
| OS 6-inch map sheet | LDY014  
| Townland | Derry  
| Parish | Templemore  
| LCA | Derry Slopes  
| ITM Coordinates |  
| NG Coordinates | C4189016970; C4362016730; C4359516696; C4363016740; C4321016450 |

**Protection Status**  
SMR; State Care; Scheduled

**Condition**  
There are remains of each of the sites preserved, with the exception of (LDY 014:039), which was excavated.

**Ownership (if known)**  

**Site Description**

**LDY 014:003:** According to a report of 1983, this site was on the summit of a hill just below the 307’ contour, & slopes gently down to E with has a good command of the Foyle valley, now overlooking Derry city. The site consisted of a circular platform c.80m in diam.& up to 2m high on the downslope, E, side & as low as 0.5m on the upper, W side. There is no trace of a ditch, but the encircling roadway would cover it if it ever existed. The site was used as an encampment during the Siege of Derry. It is now a roundabout.

**LDY 014:033:** This site comprises the original city walls of Derry, which still stand intact around the original core of the city. They include a water bastion (originally smr no. Ldy 014:064). See SM7 for further details.

**LDY 014:035:** These tunnels running under Derry form a continuous network connecting the cellars of the houses with important buildings such as the Magazine, barracks, Market house, Cathedral, bastions & ramparts of the walls. The tunnels were necessary as the city is exposed to view from the higher, surrounding hills. They were probably used to facilitate the unobserved movement of food, ammunition & troops to the bastions & ramparts & also possibly as a place of refuge & escape in the event of the city falling - 2 of the known passages go through the walls. The tunnels are probably pre-siege, built with the city, as the workmanship is too good for a hurried job. See SM7 for further details. Excavations along Newmarket St in 1999 uncovered a stretch of the cellars, in a poor state of repair. It appears they were used over a long period of time & upon their destruction, the remains were collapsed & infilled with a mass of rubbish. They were later further disturbed by modern construction [NAC, 1999].

The cellars are now buried within the foundations of the Millennium Forum theatre and are inaccessible.

**LDY 014:039:** This site was excavated in Spring 1999 on the site of the new Millennium Theatre, just inside the city walls. Excavation uncovered the C17th Rampart - pers. comm. P. Logue AEU.

An archaeological assessment at the rear of St. Columba’s hall, Orchard St, had uncovered a 1m deep deposit of black, organic clays underlying the modern overburden. This was
interpreted as being part of the C17th ditch that partially enclosed the walled town of Derry. Five small pits to facilitate load-bearing pads & a stairwell were excavated through the organic material. These confirmed the presence of a wide-bottomed C17th ditch, with finds of pottery of that date found through the fill. No artefacts pre-dating C17th were recovered [ADS, 2002]

**LDY 014:064:** Excavations were carried out on this site at the end of Long Tower St., just outside the city walls, in advance of development in Spring 1999. The features uncovered included tanning pits, houses & other traces of occupation & also defences relating to the Siege of Derry, including a ditch dug c.1688 just before siege, which joined on to the earlier town ditch (pers. comm. P. Logue, AEU).

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Landscape Context (setting)</th>
<th>Located on the east bank of the Foyle, in Rosses Bay to the south of the Madams’ Bank Road and southeast of Foyle bridge.</th>
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<td>Site Appraisal</td>
<td>There are remains of each of the sites preserved, with the exception of (LDY 014:039), which was excavated. Some of the sites are in State Care (LDY 014:033) and others are Scheduled Sites (LDY 014:035).</td>
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<td>Sensitivity</td>
<td>The sites are located within the urban centre of Derry. There are remains – substantial in some cases - of each of the sites preserved, with the exception of (LDY 014:039), which was excavated. The sites within the urban area of Derry are less likely to suffer from human interference that (LDY 014:003), which is located to the west.</td>
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<td>Associations:</td>
<td>The sites are part of a large number of plantation period sites and architecture that are known in Derry City and associated with the post-medieval settlement and expansion of the city.</td>
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<td>Recommendations</td>
<td>This group of sites are of historical importance to the understanding of the post-medieval evolution of Derry. Given that many of them (LDY 014:033, LDY 014:035, LDY 014:039 &amp; LDY 014:064) are located in close proximity to each other, they could be marketed as a single visitor attraction.</td>
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**Mapping**

NIEA SMR map: showing sites LDY 014:033, LDY 014:035, LDY 014:039 & LDY 014:064.
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Medieval Sites: City - LDY 014:003, LDY 014:033, LDY 014:035, LDY 014:039, LDY 014:064

NIEA SMR map: showing site LDY 014:003
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Medieval Sites: City - LDY 014:003, LDY 014:033, LDY 014:035, LDY 014:039, LDY 014:064

NIEA SMR map: showing sites LDY 014:033, LDY 014:035, LDY 014:039 & C17th settlement (LDY 014:081)
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Medieval Sites: City - LDY 014:003, LDY 014:033, LDY 014:035, LDY 014:039, LDY 014:064

1st ed OS Map extract (1829-1842) (www.osi.ie) showing location of site LDY 014:003
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Medieval Sites: City - LDY 014:003, LDY 014:033, LDY 014:035, LDY 014:039, LDY 014:064

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2nd ed OS Map extract (1904) (www.osni.gov.uk) showing location of site LDY 014:064.
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References
NIEA SMRs

Plates

Additional Notes

OSI 1 to 50,000 Discovery Series Map extract (NIEA Map Viewer)