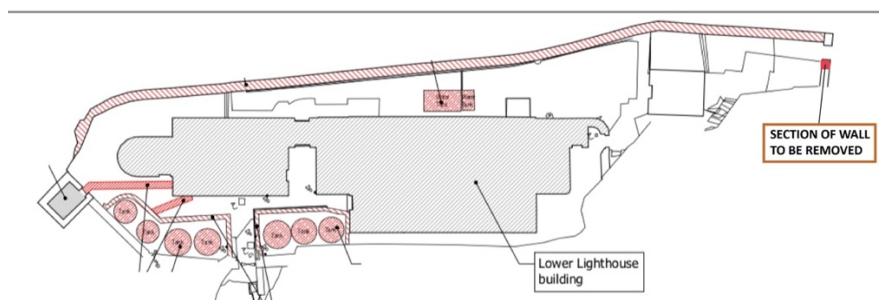


**Removal of a section of North gate of Lower Light Station, Skellig Michael, Co. Kerry
Ministerial Consent No. C001053**

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A section of the narrow North gateway of the Lower Light Station is to be removed to facilitate transport of materials for the construction of crash decks 2 and 3.



Plan of Lower Light Station showing location of section of wall to be removed.



*The north gateway of the Lower Light Station (l) south face (r.) north face,
showing area to be removed (yellow line).*

The wall containing the gateway and a corresponding wall and gateway at the south side of the Lower Light Station were erected by CIL between 1986 and 1988 to separate the Lower Light Station from the rest of the island when the lighthouse was being automated and after the State had gained possession of most of the rest of the island.

The wall in question measures 2.4m in height and 600mm in width and is composed of long sandstone rubble slabs bonded with cement and topped with a poured concrete cap. The gateway measures only 1.05m in width- that in the other wall at the south side of the Lower Station measures 2m in width.

A 600mm width of the base of wall on the inner side of the gateway is to be removed to a height of one metre. Above this the wall will be removed leaving a 45 degree angle running upwards towards it top.

The masonry will be removed by the OPW crew on the island under archaeological supervision and will be stored nearby to allow the wall to be rebuilt. The wall will be rebuilt but with the gateway measuring 1.60m in width to facilitate future traffic through the it.