

# DUBLIN CITY - COUNTY GEOLOGICAL SITE REPORT

<b>NAME OF SITE</b>	<b>51 St. Stephen's Green</b>
Other names used for site	Museum of Irish Industry
<b>IGH THEME</b>	<b>IGH 15 Economic Geology</b>
<b>TOWNLAND(S)</b>	
<b>NEAREST TOWN/VILLAGE</b>	<b>In Dublin City</b>
<b>SIX INCH MAP NUMBER</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>ITM CO-ORDINATES</b>	<b>716144E 733302N</b>
<b>1:50,000 O.S. SHEET NUMBER</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>GSi BEDROCK 1:100,000 SHEET NO:</b>	<b>16</b>

## Outline Site Description

The entrance lobby of the building is original from mid 1800s, and displays a demonstration set of Irish marbles.

## Geological System/Age and Primary Rock Type

The lobby of the present day offices at 51 St. Stephen's Green is the original entrance for what was the Museum of Irish Industry, sited here although the building has been remodelled behind the facade. The lobby contains large polished panels of numerous Irish marbles and polished building stones, which are of many different geological ages.

## Main Geological or Geomorphological Interest

In 1848 this building from c. 1760 was purchased by the Government and converted into the Museum of Irish Industry, in which geology was a key feature, both due to Sir Robert Kane's efforts and to the collections of the Geological Survey of Ireland which were also displayed here. The entrance hall was fitted out as a vivid demonstration of the native resources available as polished marbles. Some 40 different rock types are displayed as large wall mounted rectangular panels and used in a few pillars.

## Site Importance - County Geological Site

It is an excellent educational and accessible resource on Irish building stones as well as being an interesting historical museum display.

## Management/promotion issues

The building is in the care of the Office of Public Works, and houses various offices. Whilst it is not actively promoted for public access, it is possible to visit the entrance hall to examine the panels. A list of the forty panels tells where each is from. The reception staff at the desk just beyond the hallway, do have a photocopied leaflet that they will provide to anyone enquiring about the history of the building. The leaflet mentions the marbles without giving any great details. It could be expanded easily to give more geological information.



The interior of the entrance hall to 51 St. Stephen's Green.



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The interior of the entrance hall (left) and exterior (right) to 51 St. Stephen's Green.





