



Council welcomes news of third place at RIAI Public Choice Award

Cork County Council's Architects Department was delighted to learn of a third place for Thomas Davis Square, incorporating the Civic Plaza, in the RIAI Public Choice Award 2016. The Royal **Institute of the Architects** of Ireland Public Choice Award received over 14,000 votes, the highest number received in the history of the competition. This year's RIAI Architecture awards received 180 entries, the highest in five years. The winner was Westport's Public Space and Sculpture, with second place awarded to Cork city's Hollyhill Library. Speaking of the award, Mallow Town Architect, Giulia Vallone, said, "This is a great achievement for Cork County Council, with Mallow Urban Design Master plan nationally placed third favourite Architecture Project of 2016. Thank you all for supporting this project." Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr John Paul O'Shea, 'I am delighted to learn of this well-deserved recognition for Mallow Urban Heritage Masterplan – Phase 1, Thomas Davis Square. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote the incredibly historic values of Mallow but also to highlight the contemporary development undertaken by Cork County Council Architects' Department. This award proves they have got the balance absolutely right and I look forward to the advancement of this project.'