



Limerick City and County Council

Planning Department

Section 5 Application

DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

Applicant's Name:

KNOCKLONG DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Applicant's Address:

GRANGE ROAD,

KNOCKLONG

Co. LIMERICK

Name of Agent (if any):



Address:





Telephone No.



Address for Correspondence:

ROSEMARY FLANAGAN, BONHERNORE,
KNOCKLONG, KILMALLOCK,
Co. LIMERICK, V35 R688

Location of Proposed development (Please include EIRCODE):

KNOCKHONG COMMUNITY SPORTS FIELD,
RAILWAY VIEW, KNOCKLONG,
Co. LIMERICK

Description of Proposed development:

REPLACE existing damaged fence

Section of Exempted Development Regulations and/or section of the Act under which exemption is claimed:

CLASS II

Is this a Protected Structure or within the curtilage of a Protected Structure.

YES NO No

Applicant's interest in site: OWNER

List of plans, drawings, etc. submitted with this application:

Aerial Map of area to replace fence, aerial map of full community sports field, type of replacement fencing, pictures of damaged fencing, area of existing structures.

Have any previous extensions/structures been erected at this location YES/NO

If Yes please provide floor areas of all existing structures:

Dressing rooms, toilet & sheds 255.97 m².
Spectator stand 249.35 m².

Signature of Applicant (or Agent)

Rosanna Glanigan

NOTES: Application must be accompanied by:

- (a) Fee of €80
- (b) Site location map
- (c) Site layout plan
- (d) Dimensioned plans and elevations of the structure and any existing structures.
- (e) Where the declaration is in respect of a farm building, a layout identifying the use of each existing building together with floor area of each building.

Application to be forwarded to:

**Planning Department,
Limerick City & County Council,
Dooradoyle,
Limerick,
V94 XF67**

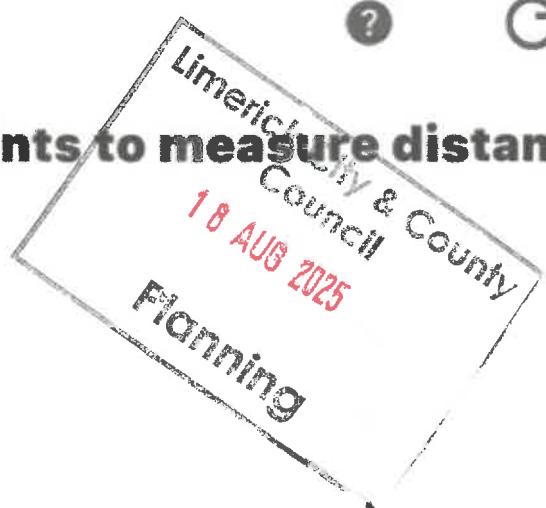
**Enquiries:
Telephone: 061-556556
E-Mail: planning@limerick.ie**



Measure

Move the map and add points to measure distances and area

Perimeter
446.24 m



The Property Registration Authority An tÚdarás Clárúcháin Maoine



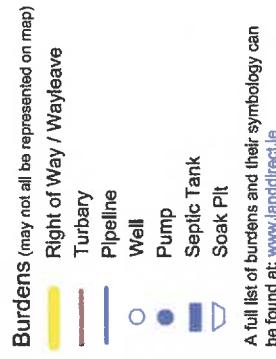
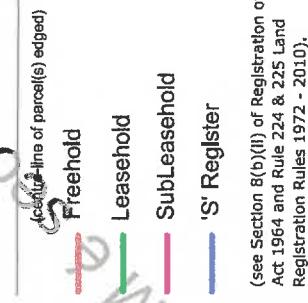
Official Property Registration Map

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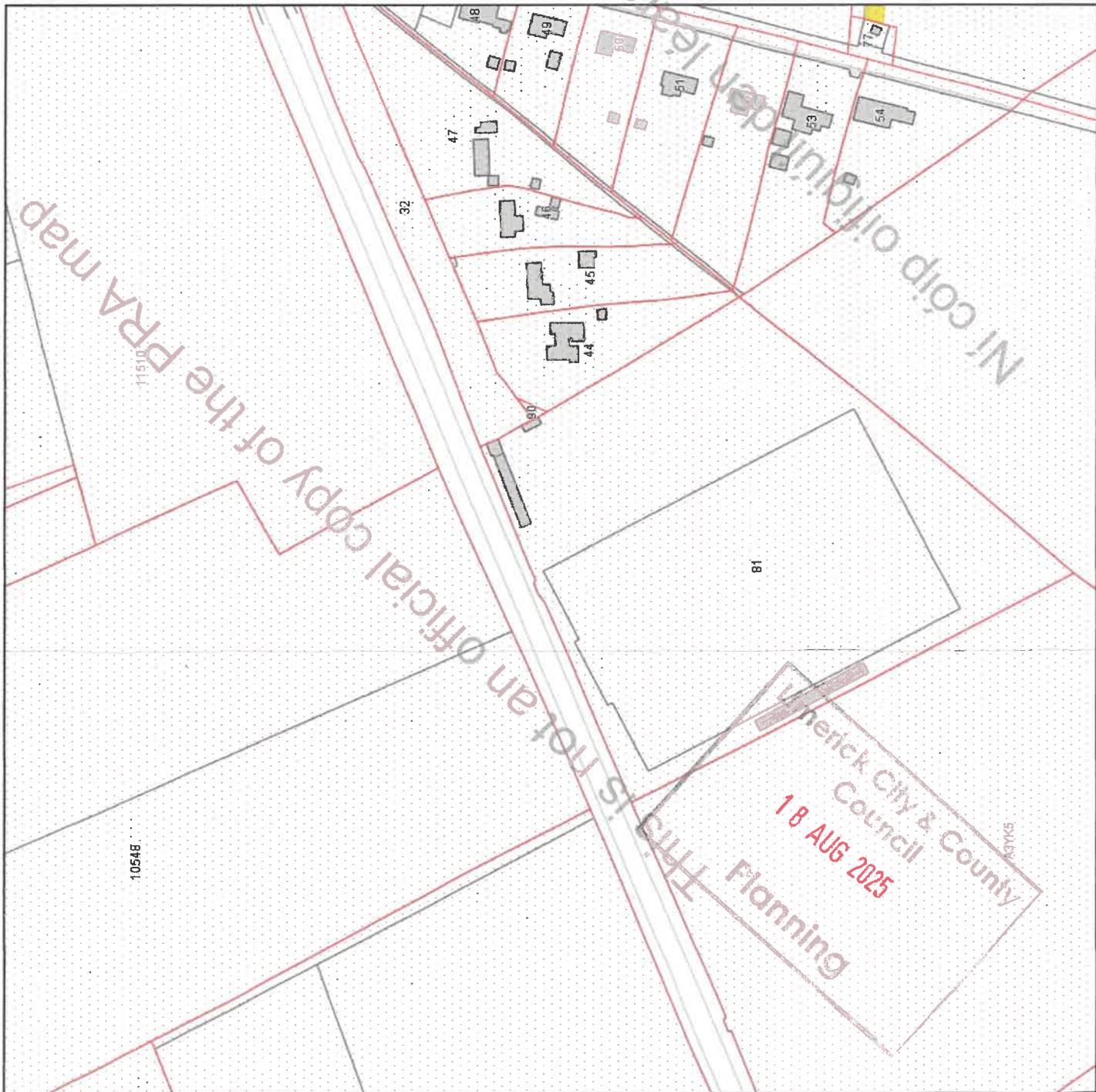
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Measure



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Perimeter
107.89 m



$255 \cdot 97 \text{ m}^2$

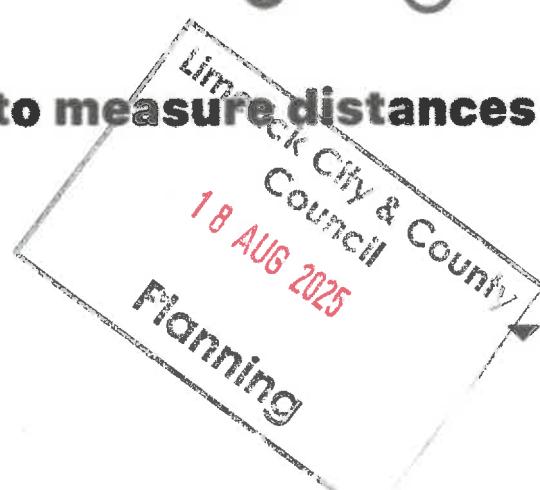




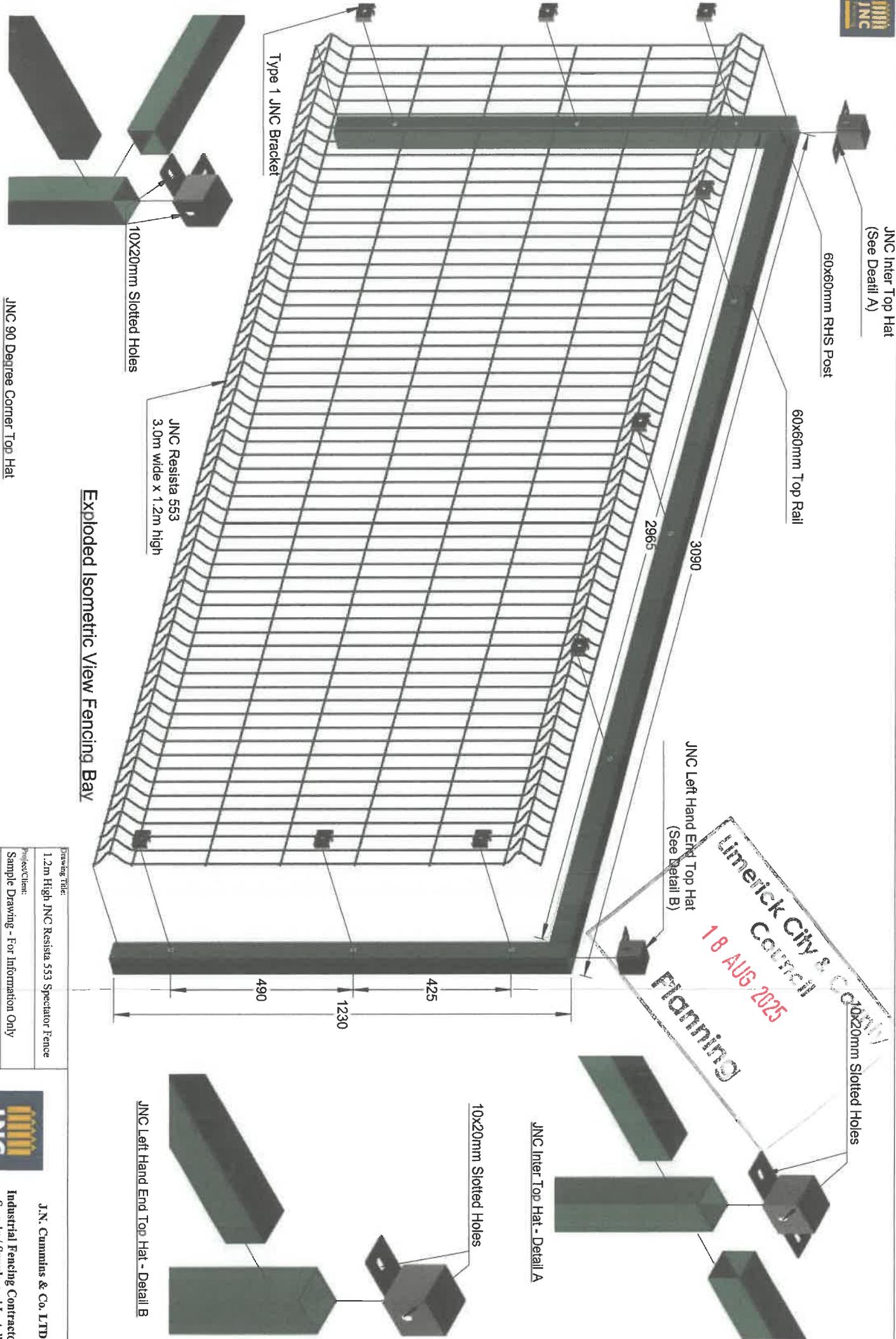
Measure

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Perimeter
619.61 m



Exploded Isometric View Fencing Bay



JNC 90 Degree Corner Top Hat

**IMPORTANT: NOTE SAMPLE DRAWING ONLY.
ACTUAL DIMENSIONS MAY CHANGE. DO NOT SCALE.**

Drawing Title:	1.2m High JNC Resista 553 Spectator Fence		
Project Client:	Sample Drawing - For Information Only		
Drawing Doc. No:	1.2m high x 3.0m wide Resista 553 Mesh		
Date:	06/01/2017	By:	Sheet Size:
	JD	A3	Approved: JNC



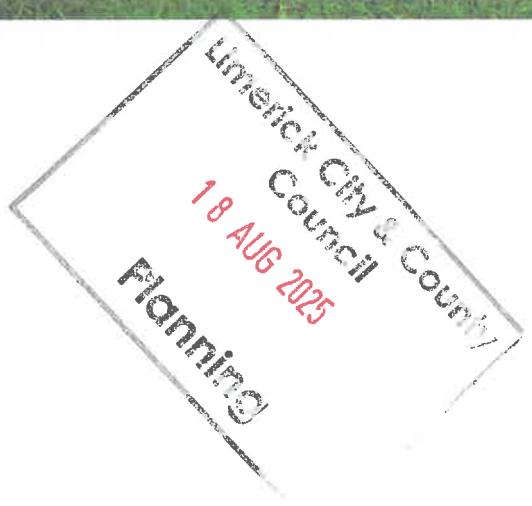
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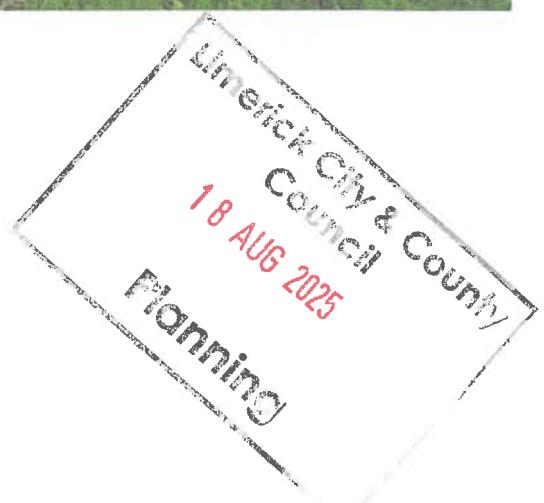
Damaged fence tied back to prevent injury



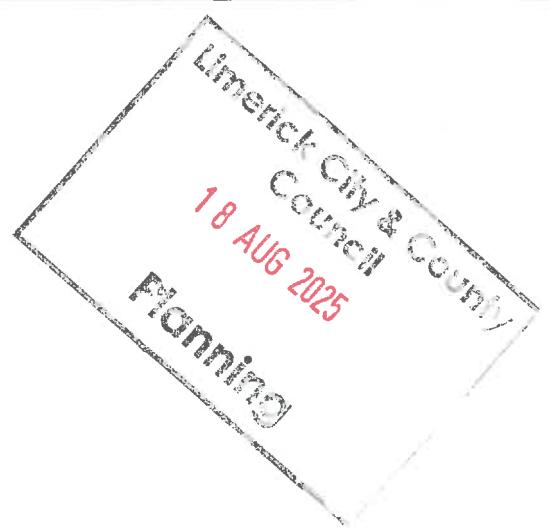
Broken Fence and skewed post



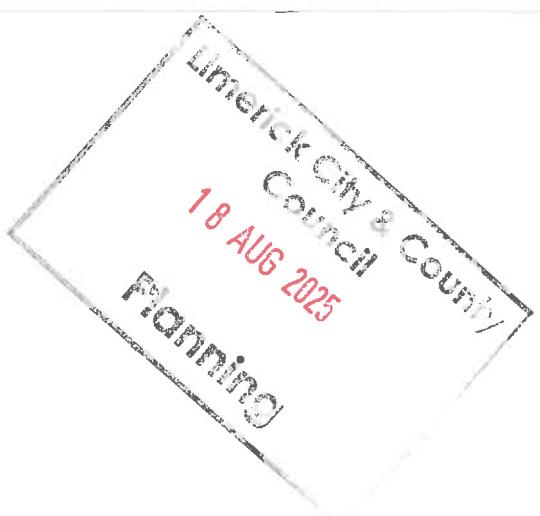
Unsightly old concrete posts, fence topped with barbed wire



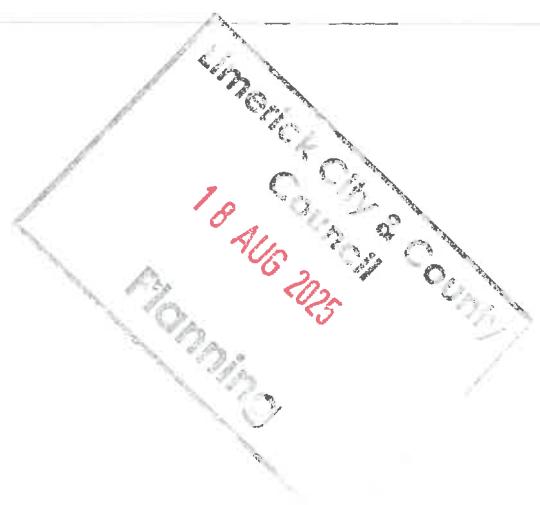
Old and unsightly, not user friendly perimeter fencing







Fence removed due to previous wind damage



Land Registry

County Limerick

Folio 10040F

Register of Ownership of Freehold Land

Part 1(A) - The Property

Note: Unless a note to the contrary appears, neither the description of land in the register nor its identification by reference to the Registry Map is conclusive as to boundaries or extent

For parts transferred see Part 1(B)

No.	Description	Official Notes
1	<p>The property shown coloured RED as Plan(s) 81 on the Registry Map, containing 2.3019 Hectares, situate in the Townland of KNOCKLONG WEST, in the Barony of COSHLEA, in the Electoral Division of KNOCKLONG.</p> <p>The registration does not extend to the mines and minerals.</p>	From Folio LK10548

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Part 1(B) - Property Parts Transferred

No.	Prop No:	Instrument:	Date:	Area (Hectares):	Plan:	Folio No:



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Part 2 - Ownership

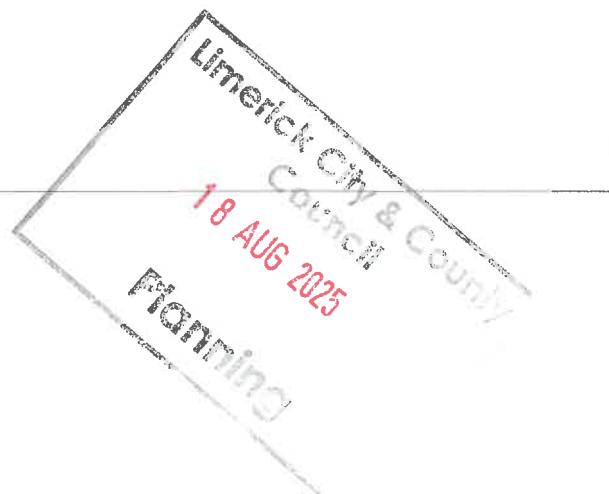
Title ABSOLUTE

No.	The devolution of the property is subject to the provisions of Part II of the Succession Act, 1965		
1	01-DEC-1978 P5041/78	THOMAS FITZPATRICK of GRANGE, KNOCKLONG, COUNTY LIMERICK and MARY WALSH of FRASCATI, KNOCKLONG, COUNTY LIMERICK and JAMES J. FLYNN of BALLINAHINCH, KNOCKLONG, COUNTY LIMERICK and THOMAS RYAN of CROSS OF THE TREE, KNOCKLONG, COUNTY LIMERICK and JAMES P. RYAN of MITCHELSTOWN, KNOCKLONG, COUNTY LIMERICK and DAVID P. BOWLER of THE HILL, KNOCKLONG, COUNTY LIMERICK are full owners.	Cancelled D2009LR236719X 17-DEC-2009
2	17-DEC-2009 D2009LR236719X	KNOCKLONG DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED of c/o Michael J O'Callaghan & Son,, Solicitors, Mitchelstown, County Cork is full owner.	



Part 3 - Burdens and Notices of Burdens

No.	Particulars
1	<p>The property is subject to the provisions prohibiting letting, subletting or subdivision specified in Section 12 of the Land Act, 1965, and to the provisions restricting the vesting of interests specified in Section 45 of the said Act in so far as the said provisions affect same.</p>





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Knocklong Development Association
Grange Road
Knocklong
Co Limerick

EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES 80.00
GOODS 80.00
VAT Exempt/Non-vatable

Total/Iomlán 80.00 EUR

Tendered/Tairgthe :
Cheque 80.00
A.I.B.
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Change/Sóinseáil : 0.00

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Report on application under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Reference no. EC-171-25

Name and Address of Applicant: Knocklong Development association, Grange Road, Knocklong, Co. Limerick.

Agent: None

Location: Knocklong Community Sports Field, Railway View, Knocklong, Co. Limerick.

Description of Site and Surroundings:

The subject site is located in the townland of Knocklong West, circa 0.8km south of Knocklong town on local road L-8520 and comprises of Knocklong Community Sports Field. The community sports field is located in a rural setting, with predominantly agricultural holdings to the south and Knocklong village to the north, the field is also abounded by the railway tracks to the north and Garryspillane GAA fields to the west with access provided to this through the community sports field entrance.

Zoning:

N/A

Proposal:

This is an application requesting a Section 5 Declaration on whether the following works are or are not development or are or not exempted development:

The replacement of an existing damaged spectator fence.

This Section 5 application includes the following:

- Application form
- Site layout map
- Site location map
- Photographs of existing fencing
- Drawings and dimensions of proposed spectator fencing

Planning History:

99/862 - Extension to existing dressing rooms, construction of shop, toilets and new stand. Granted conditionally.

Enforcement History:

N/A

Relevant An Bord Pleanála referrals:

N/A

Assessment

Consideration as to whether the works proposed constitutes exempted development or not is governed by Sections 4 and 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Is the proposal development?

Section 2(1) in this Act, except where otherwise requires –

‘works’ includes any act or operation of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal.

‘structure’ as any building, structure, excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in or under any land, or part of a structure so defined, and –

(a) Where the context so admits, includes the land on, in or under which the structure is situated.

Section 3(1) defines ‘development’ as ‘the carrying out of any works on, in, over or under land or the making of any material change in the use of any structures or other land’.

The proposed development on site, constitutes ‘works’ and is ‘development’.

Is the proposal exempted development?

The proposal is for the replacement of damaged fencing with new spectator fencing. The proposal for the works will be assessed under Class 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Class 11

The construction, erection, lowering, repair or replacement, other than within or bounding the curtilage of a house, of –

(a) any fence (not being a hoarding or sheet metal fence), or

(b) any wall of brick, stone, blocks with decorative finish, other concrete blocks or mass concrete.

Condition 1 - The height of any new structure shall not exceed 1.2 metres or the height of the structure being replaced, whichever is the greater, and in any event shall not exceed 2 metres.

The proposed spectator fence is 1200mm in height and will not exceed the height of the fencing to be replaced.

Condition 2 - Every wall, other than a dry or natural stone wall, constructed or erected bounding a road shall be capped and the face of any wall of concrete or concrete blocks (other than blocks of a decorative finish) which will be visible from any road, path or public area, including a public open space, shall be rendered or plastered.

N/A

Having regard to the above, the proposed replacement existing spectator fencing is therefore deemed to be exempted development under Class 11, of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Article 9 Restrictions

The proposed development is not restricted by any of the restrictions in Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Appropriate Assessment

An AA Screening examination has been undertaken (see Appendix 1). Overall, it is considered that the development as proposed should not exercise a significant effect on the conservation status of any SAC or SPA as there are no source-pathway-receptors and the site does not directly encroach on any Natura 2000 European Sites. Therefore, an Appropriate Assessment is not necessary (See appendix 1 for AA Screening Form).

Environmental Impact Assessment

An EIA Screening examination has been undertaken (see Appendix 2). Based on a preliminary examination of the proposal there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment and EIA is not required.

Conclusion/Recommendation

The development as detailed on the submitted application and documentation is considered to be within the scope of Class 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Regard has been had to –

- (a) Section 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
- (b) Class 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended),
- (c) The plans & particulars submitted with the application received on 15th day of August 2025 and further information received on 09th day of September 2025.

It is therefore considered that the said works are development and are exempted development under Class 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).



John Wallace
A/Executive Planner
Date: 09/09/2025

Agreed



Jennifer Collins
A/Senior Executive Planner
Date: 09/09/2025

Appendix 1- AA Screening examination

AA PN01 Screening Form

STEP 1: Description of the project/proposal and local site characteristics:	
a. File Reference No:	EC-171-25
b. Brief description of the project or plan:	This is an application requesting a Section 5 Declaration on whether the following works are or are not development or are or not exempted development:
c. Brief description of site characteristics:	Brownfield – Community field improvement works
d. Relevant prescribed bodies consulted: e.g. DHLGH (NPWS), EPA, OPW	N/A
e. Response to consultation:	N/A

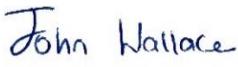
European Site (code)	List of Qualifying Interest/Special Conservation Interest ¹	Distance from proposed development ² (km)	Connections (Source-Pathway-Receptors)	Considered further in screening Y/N
002257	Moanour Mountain SAC https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/002257	c10.50km	None	N
002137	Lower River Suir SAC https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/002137	c14.58km	None	N
000646	Galtee Mountains SAC https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/000646	c13.96km	None	N
002036	Ballyhoura Mountains SAC https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/002036	c14.36km	None	N

¹ Short paraphrasing and/or cross reference to NPWS is acceptable – it is not necessary to reproduce the full text on the QI/SCI.

² if the site or part thereof is within the European site or adjacent to the European site, state here

STEP 3: Assessment of Likely Significant Effects	
(a) Identify all potential direct and indirect impacts that may have an effect on the conservation objectives of a European site, taking into account the size and scale of the project under the following headings:	
Impacts:	Possible Significance of Impacts: (duration/Magnitude etc)
Construction phase e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation clearance - Demolition - Surface water runoff from soil excavation/infill/landscaping (including borrow pits) - Dust, noise, vibration - Lighting disturbance - Impact on groundwater/dewatering - Storage of excavated/construction materials - Access to site - Pests 	None. Works are minimal and will involve temporary construction works; therefore, no likely significant impact on the conservation objectives of the above named site.
Operation phase e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct emission to air and water - Surface water runoff containing contaminant or sediment - Lighting disturbance - Noise/vibration - Changes to water/groundwater due to drainage or abstraction - Presence of people, vehicles and activities - Physical presence of structures (e.g collision risk) - Potential for accidents or incidents 	None. Works are minimal and will involve temporary construction works; therefore, no likely significant impact on the conservation objectives of the above named site.
In-combination/Other	None given level of development in the area
(b) Describe any likely changes to the European site:	
Examples of the type of changes to give consideration to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduction or fragmentation of habitat area - Disturbance to QI species - Habitat or species fragmentation - Reduction or fragmentation in species density - Changes in key indicators of conservation status value (water or air quality etc) 	None predicted

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes to areas of sensitivity or threats to QI - Interference with the key relationships that define the structure or ecological function of the site 	
<p>(c) (Are 'mitigation' measures necessary to reach a conclusion that likely significant effects can be ruled out at screening?</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

STEP 4: Screening Determination Statement		
<p>The assessment of significance of effects: Describe how the proposed development (alone or in-combination is/is not likely to have significant effects on European site (s) in view of its conservation objectives</p>		
<p>No effects have been identified on any designated sites</p>		
<p>Conclusion: Given the sites size, no hydrological connection to any SAC/SPA, the site does not encroach on any SAC/SPA and the scale of the development, An AA Screening is not required.</p>		
	Tick as appropriate:	Recommendation:
(i) It is clear that there is no likelihood of significant effects on a European Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The proposal can be screened out: Appropriate Assessment not required.</p>
(ii) It is uncertain whether the proposal will have a significant effect on a European Site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Request further information to complete screening</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Request NIS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Refuse planning permission</p>
(iii) Significant effects are likely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Request NIS</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refuse planning permission</p>
Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:	 <hr/> <p>John Wallace, A/Executive Planner 09/09/2025</p>	

Planner	 Jennifer Collins, A/Senior Executive Planner 09/09/2025
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Appendix 2 – EIA Screening – Establishing if proposal is sub-threshold

Establishing if the proposal is a 'sub-threshold development':		
Planning Register Reference:	EC-171-25	
Development Summary:	The replacement of an existing damaged spectator fence.	
Was a Screening Determination carried out under Section 176A-C?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes. no further action required
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No. Proceed to Part A
A. Schedule 5 Part 1 - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 1 , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)? (Tick as appropriate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. specify class: [insert here] _____		EIA is mandatory No Screening required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Proceed to Part B
B. Schedule 5 Part 2 - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2 , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and does it meet/exceed the thresholds? (Tick as appropriate)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. the development is not a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2		No Screening required
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes the project is listed in Schedule 5, Part 2 and meets/exceeds the threshold, specify class (including threshold): [specify class & threshold here] _____		EIA is mandatory No Screening required
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes the project is of a type listed but is sub-threshold : [insert here] _____		Proceed to Part C
C. If Yes , has Schedule 7A information/screening report been submitted?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Schedule 7A information/screening report has been submitted by the applicant		Screening Determination required
<input type="checkbox"/> No, Schedule 7A information/screening report has not been submitted by the applicant		Preliminary Examination required
Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:		
 <hr/> John Wallace, A/Executive Planner		

	09/09/2025
Signature and Date of the Decision Maker:	 Jennifer Collins, A/Senior Executive Planner 09/09/2025



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& Contae Luimnigh
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**Knocklong Development Association,
c/o Rosemary Flanagan,
Bohernore,
Knocklong,
Kilmallock,
Co. Limerick.**

EC/171/25

10 September 2025

Re: Declaration under Section 5

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the above application for Section 5 Declaration on Development and Exempted Development.

Please find herewith a copy of Council's decision on same.

Yours faithfully,


**(for) Senior Planner,
Development Management**

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LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL

APPROVED OFFICER'S ORDER

SECTION 5 – DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

No. AOO/DC/2025/992

File Ref No. EC/171/25

SUBJECT: Declaration under Section 5.
Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended

RE: **A replacement of an existing damaged spectator fence at Knocklong Community Sports Field, Railway View, Knocklong, Co. Limerick.**

ORDER: Whereas by Director General's Order No. DG/2024/122 dated 27th November 2024, Dr. Pat Daly, Director General, Limerick City & County Council did, pursuant to the powers conferred on him by Section 154 of the Local Government Act, 2001, (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2024), delegate unto Jennifer Collins, A/Senior Executive Planner the functions as defined in the Local Government Acts, 1925 to 2024.

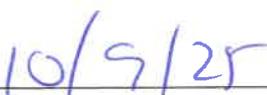
Now therefore pursuant to the delegation of the functions aforesaid, I, Jennifer Collins, A/Senior Executive Planner, having considered the report and recommendation of John Wallace, A/Executive Planner dated 09/09/2025, hereby order that a Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) be issued to Knocklong Development Association, c/o Rosemary Flanagan, Bohernore, Knocklong, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick to state that the works as described above is


Development and is Exempt Development.

Signed


A/SENIOR EXECUTIVE PLANNER, PLANNING & PLACE-MAKING

Date


10/9/25

Certified to be a true copy of Approved Officer's Order, Planning & Development Order No. AOO/DC/2025/992 dated 10/9/25, pursuant to Section 151(7) of the Local Government Act 2001

Signed:


A/SENIOR EXECUTIVE PLANNER, PLANNING & PLACE-MAKING



SECTION 5 – DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

DECLARATION NO.

EC/171/25

Name and Address of Applicant: Knocklong Development Association, Grange Road, Knocklong, Co. Limerick.

Agent: N/A

Whether the replacement of an existing damaged spectator fence at Knocklong Community Sports Field, Railway View, Knocklong, Co. Limerick is or is not Development or is or is not Exempted Development. The works as described on the plans submitted with the application on the 15th day of August 2025 and further information received on 09th day of September 2025.

AND WHEREAS the Planning Authority has concluded that replacement of an existing damaged spectator fence at Knocklong Community Sports Field, Railway View, Knocklong, Co. Limerick **DOES** come within the scope of exempted development under Class 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). See Report attached.

NOW THEREFORE the Planning Authority in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5(2) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) hereby decides that the said development as described above is **Development and is Exempt Development**.

Signed on behalf of the said Council

Date: 10.9.2025

NOTE: A Declaration on Development or Exemption issued by Limerick City & County Council may be referred to An Bord Pleanála on payment of €220 for review within 4 weeks after the issuing of the declaration.