



**Limerick City and County Council**

**Planning Department**

**Section 5 Application**

**DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**

Applicant's Name: Coras Iompair Eireann (CIE) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: Group Property Management \_\_\_\_\_

Curzon House \_\_\_\_\_

35 Lower Abbey Street

Dublin 1, D01 H560

Telephone No.

Name of Agent (if any): National Transport Authority (NTA)

Address: Haymarket House \_\_\_\_\_

Smithfield

Dublin 7, D07 CF98 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. **01 879 8300** \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Correspondence:

Same as above, please email [planning@nationaltransport.ie](mailto:planning@nationaltransport.ie)

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Location of Proposed development (Please include **EIRCODE**):

Colbert Station  
Parnell Street,  
Limerick  
V94 H2PP

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Description of Proposed development:

Installation of 3m high pole and 0.3m diameter dish for backup communications for Bus Éireann control room. To be located on the new extension to Colbert Station (a protected structure).

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

Class 55 of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Applicant's interest in site: Owner \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Site Location Plan
2. Existing Roof Plan
3. Proposed Roof Plan
4. North Elevation
5. South Elevation
6. East Elevation
7. West Elevation

Have any previous extensions/structures been erected at this location YES

If Yes please provide floor areas of all existing structures:

5928sqm Colbert Station prior to the addition of 1050sqm bus station adjacent (Reg Ref: 141029), therefore in total 6,978sqm Colbert Station today

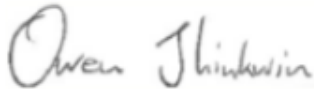
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Signature of Applicant (or Agent)



**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.

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Application to be forwarded to:

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

**Enquiries:  
Telephone: 061-556556  
E-Mail: [planning@limerick.ie](mailto:planning@limerick.ie)**

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**PL041** **80.00 EUR**  
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

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## Córás Iompair Éireann

### Roinn Bainistíochta Maoine an Ghrúpa

Teach Curzon

35 Sráid na Mainistreach Íochtarach

Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 H560

### Group Property Management

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23 March 2026

## Colbert Bus and Rail Station, Limerick – Erection of Satellite Booster on the Roof

To whom it may concern,

Please note that CIÉ, as owners of the subject building, consent to the National Transport Authority entering into discussions with Limerick City and County Council with regard to the erection of a satellite booster on the roof of the same building.

Should any clarifications be required in this regard, please contact me on [peter.cunningham@cie.ie](mailto:peter.cunningham@cie.ie)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Cunningham', written in a cursive style.

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**Peter Cunningham**  
**Chartered Surveyor**

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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

**RE: Section 5 Declaration for Communications Infrastructure at Colbert Station, Parnell Street, Limerick**

Dear Sir / Madam,

The National Transport Authority (NTA), in its capacity as agent for the applicant, Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ), is making this submission, pursuant to Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), to seek a formal declaration from the Planning Authority as to whether the works described herein, and in the accompanying documentation, constitute development, and if so, whether they are exempted development under Class 55 of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

The proposed development relates to the installation of communications infrastructure at Colbert Station, Parnell Street, Limerick, to be located on the roof of the extension of Colbert Station. The building is owned by CIÉ and operated by Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann.

The proposed development consists of a 3-metre-high pole and 0.3 metre diameter dish for backup communications for the Bus Éireann control room. This will be mounted on the roof of the Colbert Station extension and will be located close to other plant.

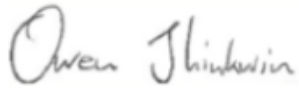
In seeking a Section 5 declaration of exemption, the survey carried out at the site would indicate that there is no such other dish type antenna on the roof at present. The diameter of the antenna does not exceed 2 metres, it is not forward of the front wall and it is not higher than the highest part of the roof (chimneys) of the premises.

Please find enclosed the following documents in support of this application:

- Completed Section 5 application form
- Letter of Consent from Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ)
- Site Location Plan
- Existing Roof Plan
- Proposed Roof Plan
- North Elevation
- South Elevation
- East Elevation
- West Elevation

Please note that the fee of €80 has been paid (receipt number LA25/25196801).

The NTA trusts that the enclosed material provides sufficient detail to allow the Planning Authority to make its determination. Should any further information or clarification be required, the NTA would be pleased to provide it and can be contacted at the email address, below.



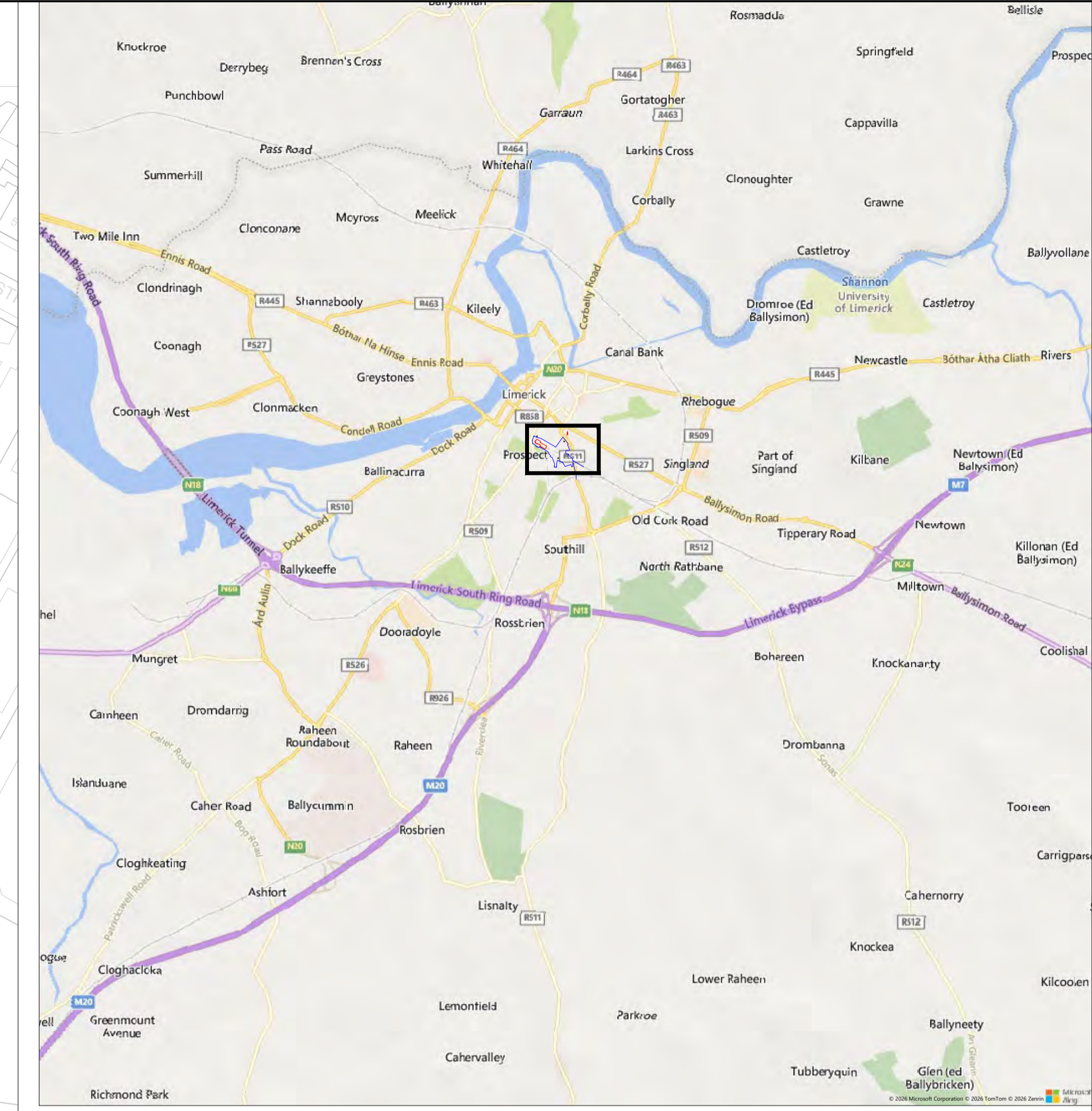
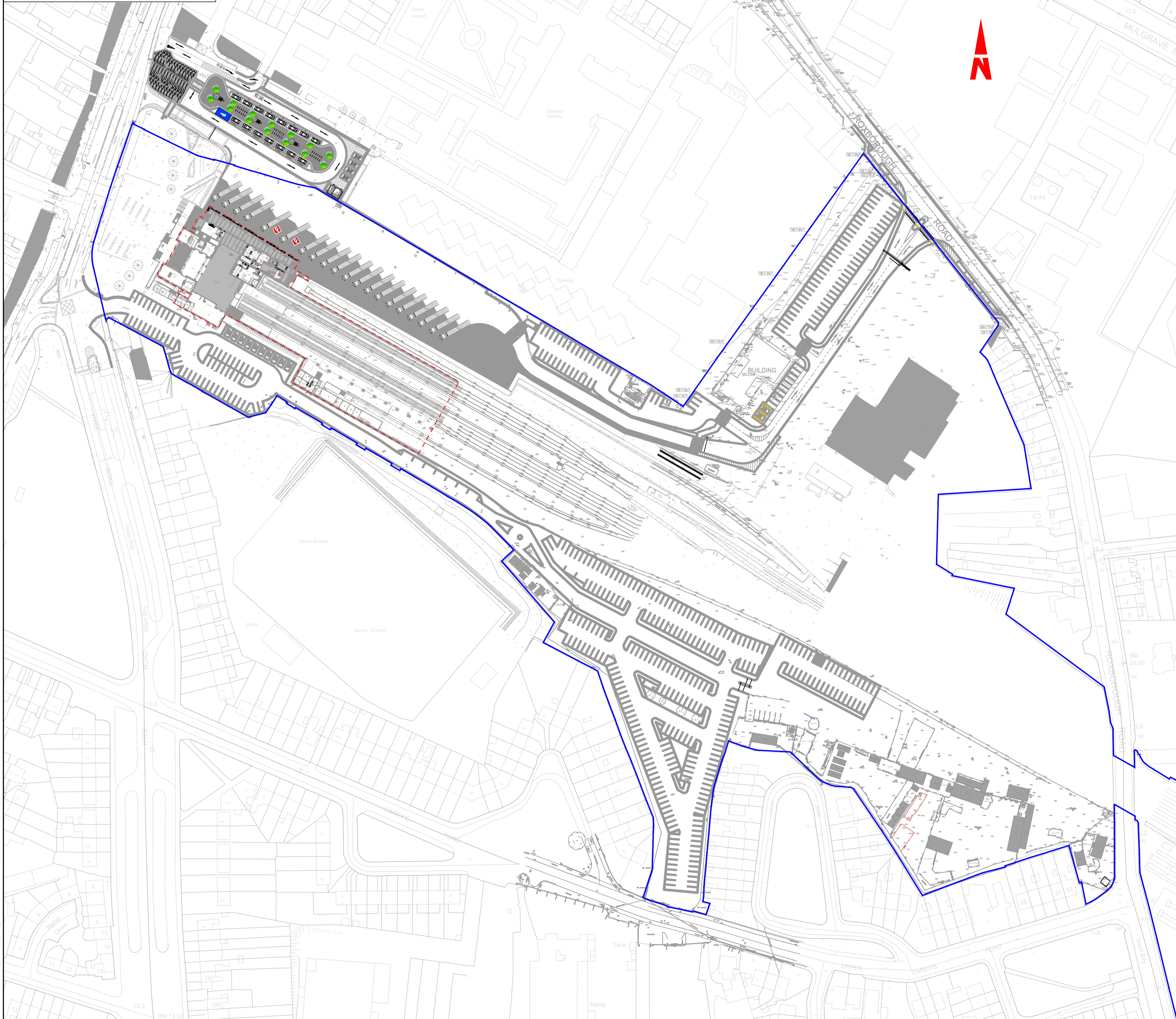
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Owen Shinkwin  
**Senior Land Use Planner**

[planning@nationaltransport.ie](mailto:planning@nationaltransport.ie)

**LEGEND:**

- CIE BOUNDARY
- - - SITE BOUNDARY



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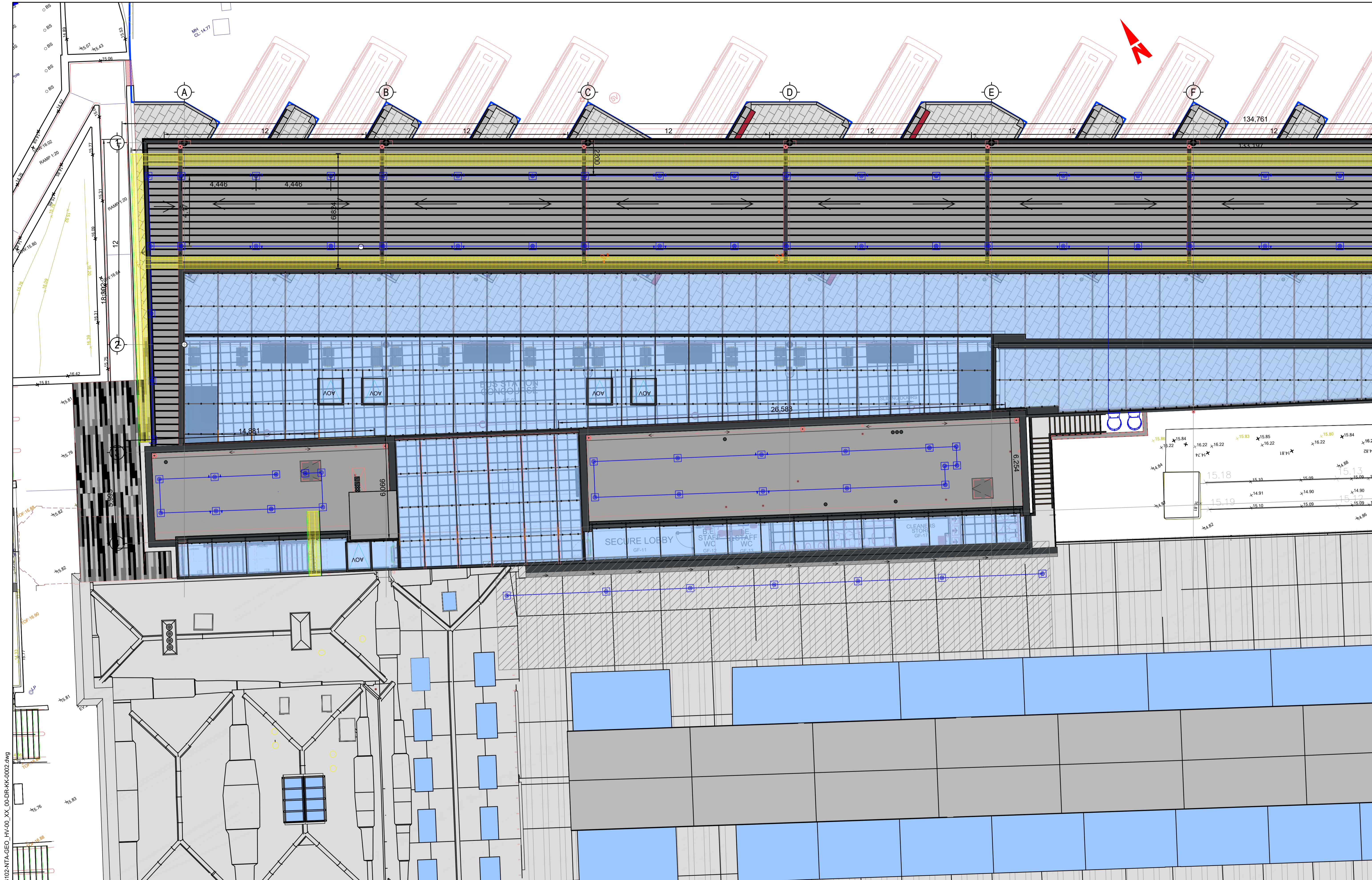
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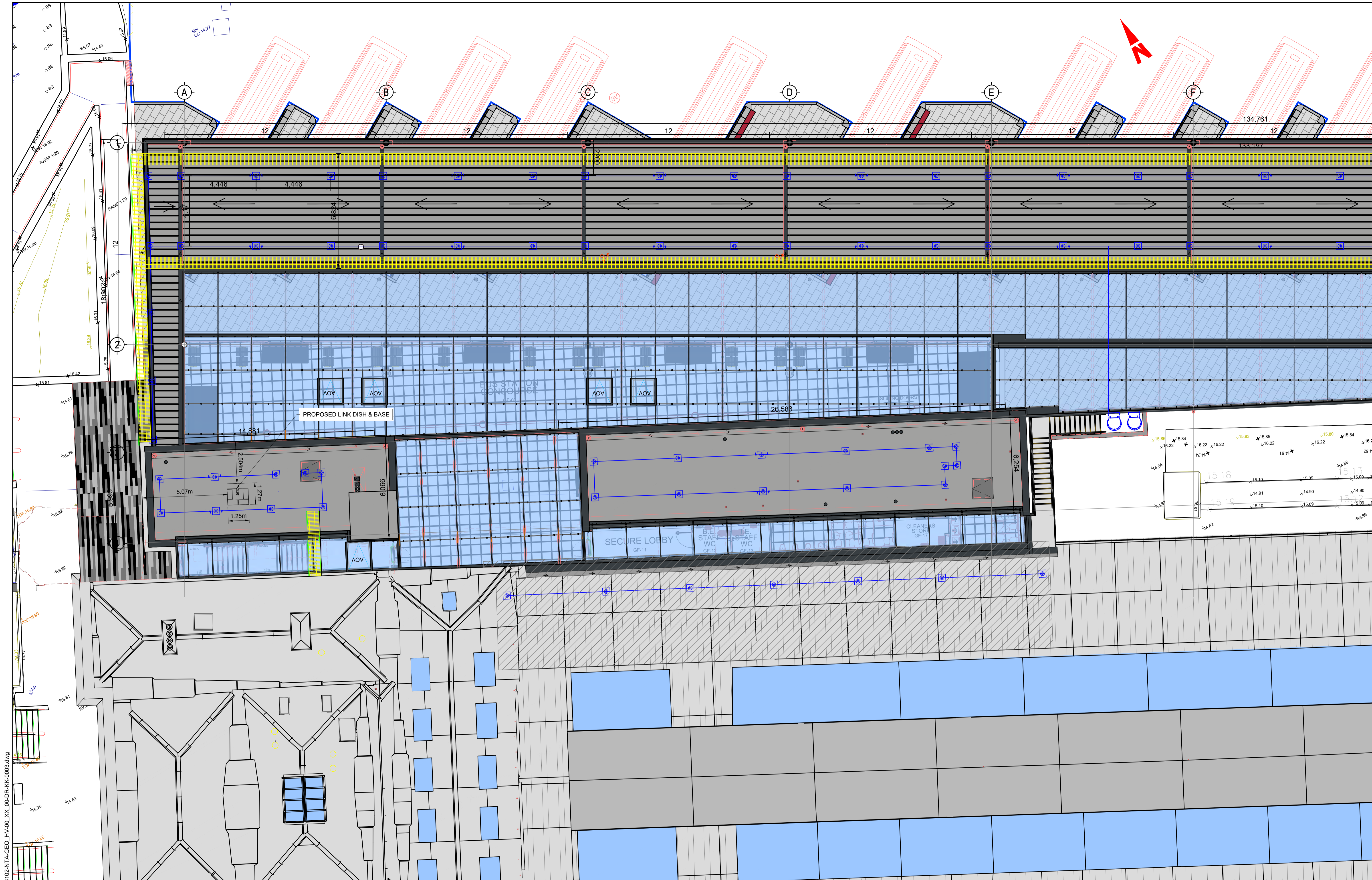


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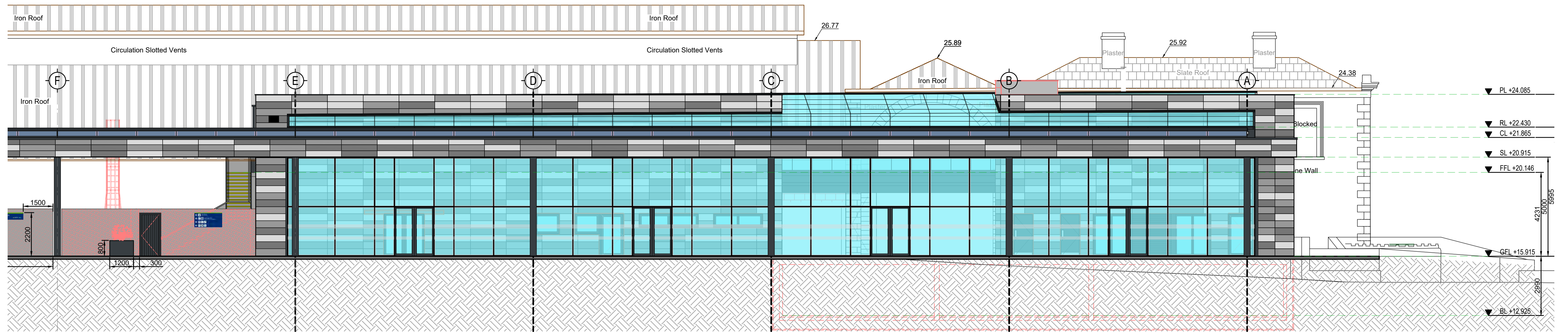


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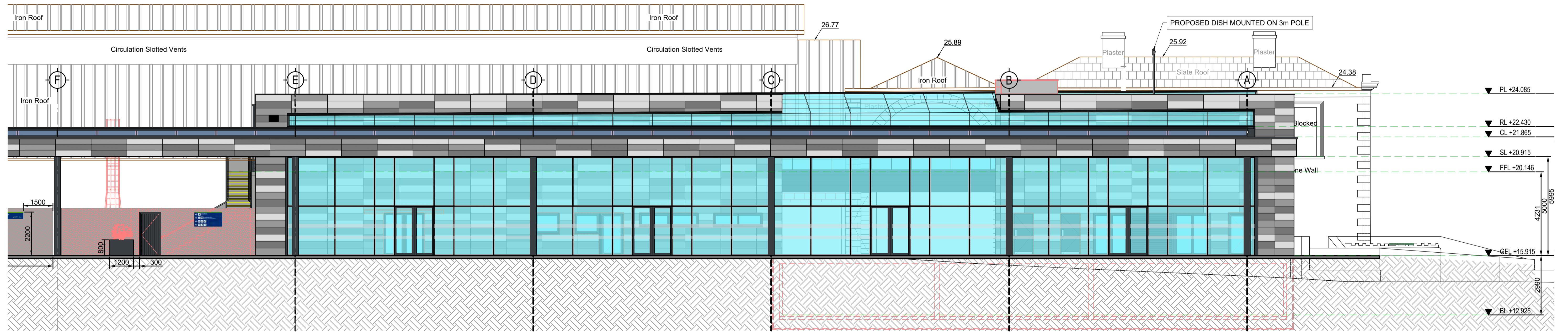
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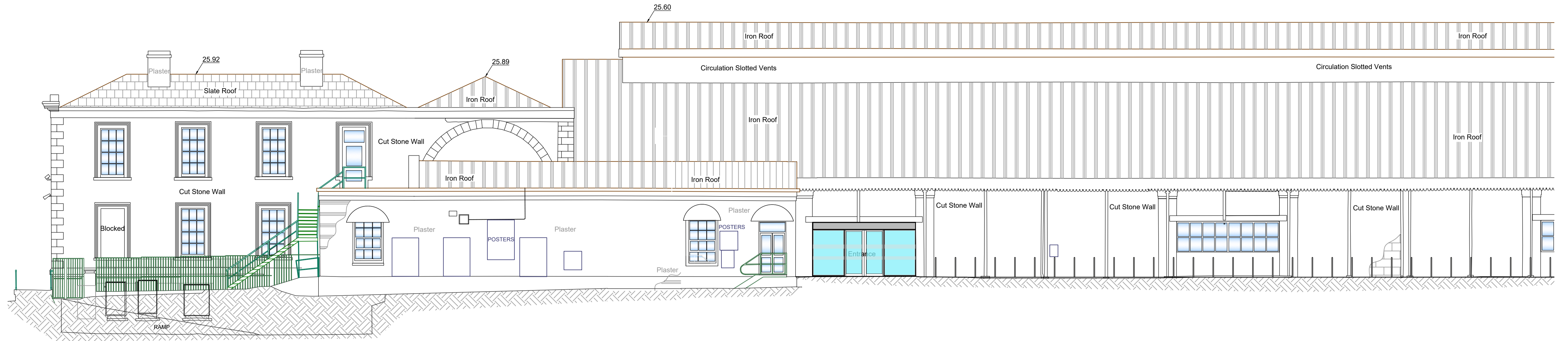


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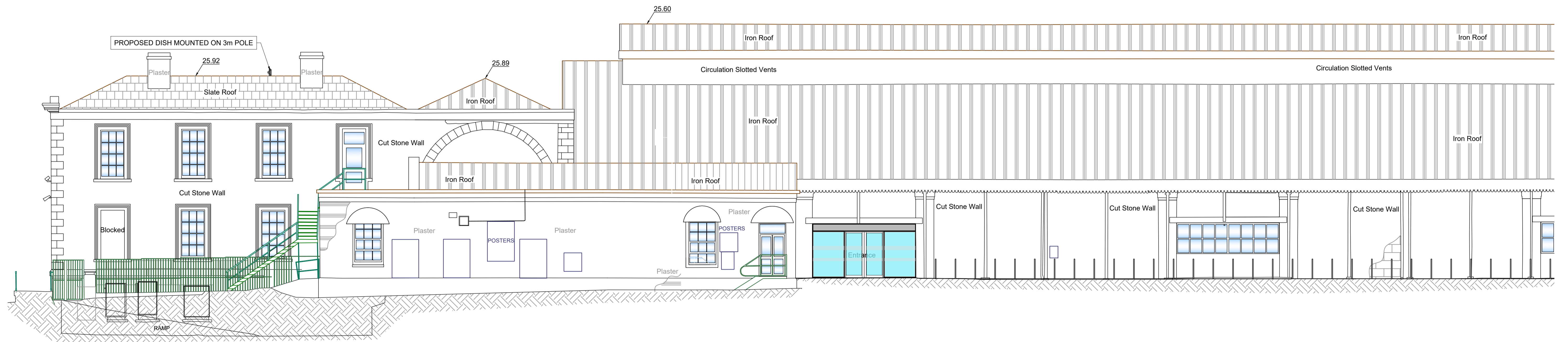
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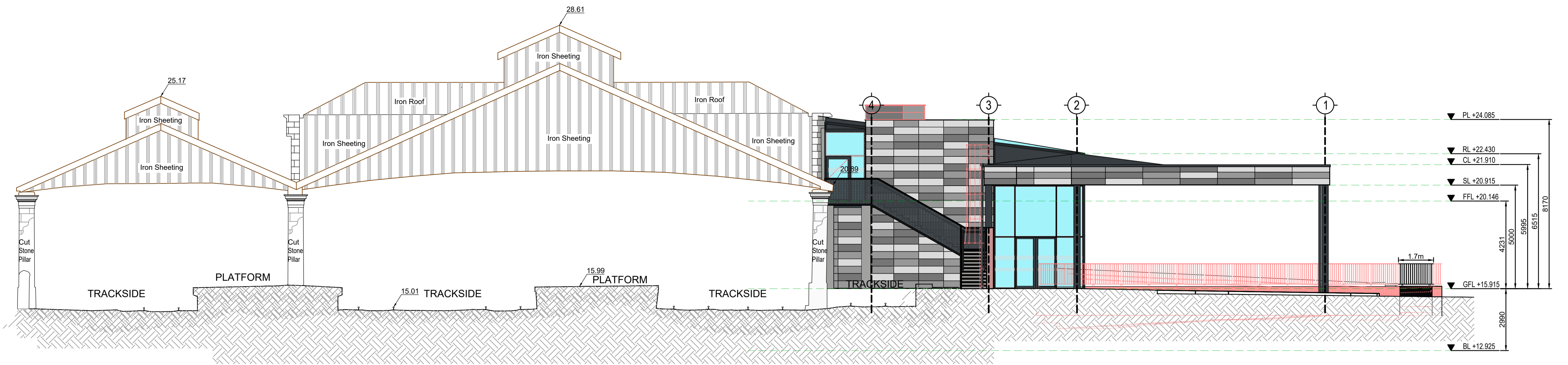


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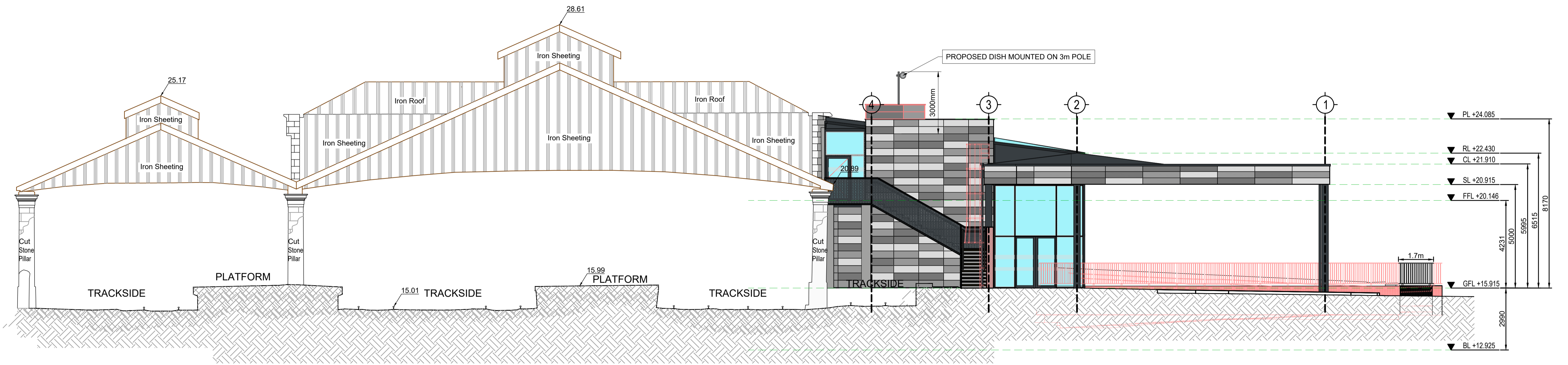
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## Report on application under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

<b>File Reference number</b>	<b>EC-054-26</b>
<b>Applicant(s)</b>	<b>Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ)</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Colbert Station, Parnell Street, Limerick V94 H2PP</b>

### **Description of Site and Surroundings:**

This application relates to the bus interchange extension structure adjoining Limerick Colbert Railway Station, in Limerick City Centre. The application has been pursued by the National Transport Authority on behalf of the building owner, Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ). Limerick Colbert Railway Station is a Protected Structure (RPS Reg. No. 3270) listed on the NIAH (NIAH Reg. No. 21518019).

### **Proposal:**

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

- The applicants are proposing the installation of communications infrastructure at Limerick Colbert Bus Station, consisting of the erection of a 3-metre-high pole with a 0.3 metre diameter dish for the purposes of backup communications for the Bus Éireann control room

This Section 5 declaration includes the following:

- Application form
- Site location
- Elevations
- Floor plans

### **Planning History:**

*Subject site:*

**06/770268 – Refused** – Demolition of existing single storey ancillary structures, removal of redundant rail tracks and public car parking to the north of the site, removal of public parking to the west of the site, removal of bus stands, parking and staff parking to the south of the site and the provision of a new 2 storey Bus Station comprising ticket offices, waiting areas, staff accommodation and public toilets, a direct step free link to the rail station concourse, covered access to 16 no. bus stands, staff parking and new bus entrance at Roxboro Road all to the north site a reconfigured and landscaped forecourt with revised vehicular access/egress, 4 no. bus stops/shelters to the west of the site and 329 no public car parking spaces to the south of the site together with ancillary site works. This is a protected structure.

**07/770394 – Incomplete Application** – Replacement of 2no. 48 sheet 6.4m x 3.2m illuminated static advertising signs from a site adjacent to the station building car park, Con Colbert train station, Limerick with 2no. illuminated trivision rotating 6.4m x 3.2m advertising signs at site adjacent to station building (north side).

**14/1029 – Conditional Permission** – 1. Development of a new public plaza, taxi rank and car set down area to the front of the station building, the existing car park area will be removed, the existing derelict petrol station and Council Depot will also be demolished. The new plaza in front of the station consists of a limestone paved area of 3,350 sqm together with feature lighting, landscaping, bench seating, bicycle parking and associated street furniture and fittings. A new ramped and stepped entrance will be formed to access the proposed new bus station. The proposed taxi rank and car set down consist of an area of 1275 sqm of paving with tree planting, benches, shelters, bins and bicycle parking. The existing large billboard advertising in three locations at present, a total of six 48 sheet boards are to be replaced with one new commuter type advertising panel, two six sheet panels and one LCD advertising screen. A new ESB substation and associated switch room are proposed to the rear of the existing Council Depot area of the site. 2. A new bus station is proposed to the Northern side of the existing train station building. The existing toilet block will be demolished. The new bus station is linked internally to the existing train station concourse. The proposed bus station consists of a double height public concourse with ground and first floor office areas. The offices link at first floor level to the existing train station building. A new bus entrance and exit at Roxborough Road is proposed. The floor area of the proposed bus station is 700 sqm ground floor and 350 sqm at first floor. Toilet facilities in the proposed bus station are shared with the train station. New ticket offices are proposed for both bus and rail ticket sales. 3. Proposed alteration inside the existing train station to open the central entrance area to three bays in width, relocation of the ticket office, repositioned retail units and new stone flooring. Associated renovations and alterations also consist of improved links to the proposed southern side car park and the proposed bus station area. 4. A new surface level car park is proposed to the south eastern area of the site in addition to new car parking adjacent to the train station building on the southern side. A total of 326 car spaces are proposed. 264 new bicycle parking spaces are to be located in the new near car park, the new plaza and the new taxi rank and car set down area. Colbert Station is a Protected Structure. Site area of 3.36 hectares.

**19/7026 – Conditional Permission** – Extension of duration of ref. 14/1029.

*Adjacent:*

**07/770030 – Conditional Permission** – Development will consist of 22 No. residential units (2No. 5 bed houses, 5 No. 2 bed apartment, 12 No. 1 bed apartments, 3 No. studio apartment), a resource centre building of 947m<sup>2</sup>, comprising of resource training facilities, staff training facilities, offices (96.5m<sup>2</sup>), canteen and communal facilities, switch room, boiler room and refuse store, carparking, communal open space and associated site works.

**09/770254 – Conditional Permission** – Retain existing office and platform lift and for planning permission to construct a general-purpose room, entrance toilets and store.

### **Enforcement History:**

**DC-091-24 – Warning Letter Served – Noncompliant bus stop.**

**Relevant An Coimisiún Pleanála referrals:**

No relevant An Coimisiún Pleanála referrals found for the site.

**Assessment:**

Consideration as to whether a development 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 and, in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes any act or operation involving the application or removal of plaster, paint, wallpaper, tiles or other material to or from the surfaces of the interior or exterior of a structure.

**‘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 –

(b) in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes—

- (i) the interior of the structure,
- (ii) the land lying within the curtilage of the structure,
- (iii) any other structures lying within that curtilage and their interiors, and
- (iv) all fixtures and features which form part of the interior or exterior of any structure or structures referred to in subparagraph (i) or (iii);

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 proposal concerns the installation of communications infrastructure at Limerick Colbert Station, consisting of the erection of a 3-metre-high pole with a 0.3 metre diameter dish for the purposes of backup communications for the Bus Éireann control room, constituting ‘works’ and ‘development’.**

**Is the proposal exempted development?**

To assess whether the proposed development is exempted development, the development proposal will be assessed against Class 55 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended):

**Class 55 – *The erection on or within the curtilage of a business premises, of a dish type antenna used for the receiving and transmitting of signals from satellites.***

For the purposes of assessment under Class 55, Limerick Colbert Station and the adjoining bus interchange are considered to constitute business premises, being premises used for the provision of commercial public transport services.

1. *Not more than one such antenna shall be erected on or within the curtilage of a business premises.*

Not more than one communications pole is proposed to be erected.

2. *The diameter of any such antenna shall not exceed 2 metres.*

The diameter of the proposed dish antenna does not exceed 2 metres.

3. *No such antenna shall be erected on, or forward of, the front wall of the business premises.*

The development proposal is not positioned on, or forward of, the front wall of Limerick Colbert Railway Station or the adjoining bus interchange extension.

4. *No such antenna shall be erected on the front roof slope of the business premises or higher than the highest part of the roof of the business premises.*

The proposed pole mounted dish is not proposed to be erected on the front roof slope of the business premises and is not shown as higher than the highest part of the Limerick Colbert Station complex.

### **Article 9 Restrictions**

Whilst the proposed development is located within the curtilage of a protected structure (RPS Reg. No. 3270), the siting of the development, on a contemporary extension element, together with its subordinate nature and limited scale, is such that it would not materially affect the character of Limerick Colbert Railway Station. Accordingly, no restrictions under Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) arise.

### **Appropriate Assessment**

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development and the absence of proximity or connectivity to a Natura 2000 European Site, no Appropriate Assessment issues arise, and it is not considered that the proposed development would be likely to have a significant effect individually or in combination with other plans or projects, on a European Site. An appropriate assessment screening report and determination is attached to this report.

### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

Having regard to the nature, size and location of the proposed development and to the criteria set out in Schedule 7 of the Regulations it has been concluded at preliminary examination that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. EIA, therefore, is not required.

### **Conclusion/Recommendation**

The development proposal, the installation of communications infrastructure at Limerick Colbert Station, consisting of the erection of a 3-metre-high pole with a 0.3 metre diameter dish for the purposes of backup communications for the Bus Éireann control room, is considered to be development. The development proposal complies with the conditions and limitations of Class 55 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and whilst the proposed development is located within the curtilage of a protected structure (RPS Reg. No. 3270), the siting of the development on a contemporary extension element, together with its subordinate nature and limited scale, is such that it would not materially affect the character of Limerick Colbert Railway Station. No restrictions under Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) arise, and the proposal may therefore be considered exempted development.

Regard has been had to –

- (a) Section 2, 3, 4 & 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
- (b) Article 6, 9 & Class 55 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 the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2026.

It is therefore considered that said works are development and exempted development under Class 55 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

<b>Graduate Planner</b>	<b>Isaac Cunningham</b>	<b>Date: 14/04/2026</b>
<b>Signature:</b>		
<b>Senior Executive Planner</b>	<b>Gráinne O’Keeffe</b>	<b>Date: 30/04/2026</b>
<b>Signature</b>		

### **Appendix 1: AA PN01 Screening Form**

<b>STEP 1: Description of the project/proposal and local site characteristics:</b>	
<b>(e) File Reference No:</b>	EC-054-26
<b>(e) Brief description of the project or plan:</b>	The proposal concerns the installation of communications infrastructure at Limerick

	Colbert Station, consisting of the erection of a 3-metre-high pole with a 0.3 metre diameter dish for the purposes of backup communications for the Bus Éireann control room.
<b>(e) Brief description of site characteristics:</b>	This application relates to the bus interchange extension structure adjoining Limerick Colbert Railway Station, in Limerick City Centre. The application has been pursued by the National Transport Authority on behalf of the building owner, Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ). Limerick Colbert Railway Station is a Protected Structure (RPS Reg. No. 3270) listed on the NIAH (NIAH Reg. No. 21518019).
<b>(e) Relevant prescribed bodies consulted: e.g. DHLGH (NPWS), EPA, OPW</b>	N/A
<b>(e) Response to consultation:</b>	N/A

**STEP 2: Identification of relevant Natura 2000 sites using Source-Pathway-Receptor model and compilation of information on Qualifying Interests and conservation objectives.**

European Site (code)	List of Qualifying Interest/Special Conservation Interest <sup>1</sup>	Distance from proposed development <sup>2</sup> (km)	Connections (Source-Pathway-Receptors)	Considered further in screening Y/N
Lower River Shannon SAC	<a href="https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/00216">https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/00216</a>	0.695	None	N
River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA	<a href="https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/spa/004077">https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/spa/004077</a>	0.695	None	N

**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)
<b>Construction phase e.g</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vegetation clearance</li> <li>- Demolition</li> <li>- Surface water runoff from soil excavation/infill/landscaping (including borrow pits)</li> <li>- Dust, noise, vibration</li> <li>- Lighting disturbance</li> <li>- Impact on groundwater/dewatering</li> <li>- Storage of excavated/construction materials</li> <li>- Access to site</li> </ul>	None. No direct encroachment or hydrological connection

- Pests	
<b>Operation phase e.g.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Direct emission to air and water</li> <li>- Surface water runoff containing contaminant or sediment</li> <li>- Lighting disturbance</li> <li>- Noise/vibration</li> <li>- Changes to water/groundwater due to drainage or abstraction</li> <li>- Presence of people, vehicles and activities</li> <li>- Physical presence of structures (e.g collision risk)</li> <li>- Potential for accidents or incidents</li> </ul>	None. No direct encroachment or hydrological connection
<b>In-combination/Other</b>	N/A.

<b>(a) Describe any likely changes to the European site:</b>	
Examples of the type of changes to give consideration to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reduction or fragmentation of habitat area</li> <li>- Disturbance to QI species</li> <li>- Habitat or species fragmentation</li> <li>- Reduction or fragmentation in species density</li> <li>- Changes in key indicators of conservation status value (water or air quality etc)</li> <li>- Changes to areas of sensitivity or threats to QI</li> <li>- Interference with the key relationships that define the structure or ecological function of the site</li> </ul>	None. No direct encroachment or hydrological connection

<b>(a) (Are 'mitigation' measures necessary to reach a conclusion that likely significant effects can be ruled out at screening?)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

<b>STEP 4: Screening Determination Statement</b>
<b>The assessment of significance of effects:</b> 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.
Given the sites size, no hydrological connection to any SAC/SPA, no encroachment on any SAC/SPA and the limited scale of the development proposed, an AA is not required.
<b>Conclusion:</b> AA is not required.

	Tick as appropriate:	Recommendation:
i. It is clear that there is <b>no likelihood</b> of significant effects on a European Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposal can be screened out: Appropriate Assessment not required.
ii. It is <b>uncertain</b> whether the proposal will have a significant effect on a European Site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Request further information to complete screening  <input type="checkbox"/> Request NIS  <input type="checkbox"/> Refuse planning permission
iii. <b>Significant effects</b> are likely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Request NIS  <input type="checkbox"/> Refuse planning permission
<b>Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:</b>	 Isaac Cunningham, Graduate Planner _____ 14/04/2026	
<b>Signature and Date of the Decision Maker:</b>	 _____ 30/04/2026	

## Appendix 2: EIA Screening

Establishing if the proposal is a ' <i>sub-threshold development</i> ':	
Planning Register Reference:	EC-054-26
Development Summary:	The proposal concerns the installation of communications infrastructure at Limerick Colbert Station, consisting of the erection of a 3-metre-high pole with a 0.3 metre diameter dish for the purposes of backup

	communications for the Bus Éireann control room.
Was a Screening Determination carried out under Section 176A-C?	<p>Yes. no further action required</p> <p>No. Proceed to <b>Part A</b></p>
<b>A. Schedule 5 Part 1</b> - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, <b>Part 1</b> , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)? (Tick as appropriate)	
Yes. specify class: [insert here] _	<b>EIA is mandatory</b>  No Screening required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Proceed to <b>Part B</b>
<b>B. Schedule 5 Part 2</b> - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, <b>Part 2</b> , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) <b>and</b> 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	<b>No Screening required</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes the project is listed in Schedule 5, Part 2 <b>and</b> meets/exceeds the threshold, specify class (including threshold): _[specify class & threshold here]_	<b>EIA is mandatory</b>  No Screening required
Yes the project is of a type listed <b>but</b> is <i>sub-threshold</i> : [insert here] _	Proceed to <b>Part C</b>
<b>c. If Yes</b> , has Schedule 7A information/screening report been submitted?	
Yes, Schedule 7A information/screening report has been submitted by the applicant	<b>Screening Determination required</b>
No, Schedule 7A information/screening report has not been submitted by the applicant	<b>Preliminary Examination required</b>

**Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:**



Isaac Cunningham, Graduate Planner

\_\_\_\_\_  
14/04/2026

**Signature and Date of the Decision Maker:**



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**c/o National Transport Authority (NTA)**  
**Haymarket House,**  
**Smithfield,**  
**Dublin 7.**  
**D07 CF98**

EC/054/26

30 April 2026

**Re: Declaration under Section 5**

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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,

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

**LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL**

**APPROVED OFFICER'S ORDER**

**SECTION 5 – DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**

**No. AOO/DC/2026/503**

**File Ref No. EC/054/26**

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

**RE:** **An installation of communications infrastructure consisting of the erection of a 3-metre-high pole with a 0.3 metre diameter dish for the purposes of backup communications for the Bus Éireann control room at Colbert Station, Parnell Street, Limerick**

**ORDER:** Whereas by Director General's Order No. DG/2026/031 dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 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 Grainne O'Keeffe, 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, Grainne O'Keeffe, Senior Executive Planner, having considered the report and recommendation of Isaac Cunningham, Graduate Planner dated 14/04/2026, hereby order that a Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) be issued to Córás Iompair Éireann (CIÉ), c/o National Transport Authority (NTA), Haymarket House, Smithfield, Dublin 7 to state that the works as described above is

**Development and is Exempt Development.**

Signed



SENIOR EXECUTIVE PLANNER, DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT,  
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## **SECTION 5 – DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**

**DECLARATION NO.**

**EC/054/26**

**Name and Address of Applicant:** Córás Iompair Éireann (CIÉ), Group Property Management, Curzon House, 35 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1

**Agent:** National Transport Authority (NTA), Haymarket House, Smithfield, Dublin 7

**Whether** the installation of communications infrastructure consisting of the erection of a 3-metre-high pole with a 0.3 metre diameter dish for the purposes of backup communications for the Bus Éireann control room at Colbert Station, Parnell Street, 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 02<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2026.

**AND WHEREAS** the Planning Authority has concluded that the installation of communications infrastructure consisting of the erection of a 3-metre-high pole with a 0.3 metre diameter dish for the purposes of backup communications for the Bus Éireann control room at Colbert Station, Parnell Street, Limerick **DOES** come within the scope of exempted development under Class 55 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:

30.4.2026

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