



**Limerick City and County Council**

**Planning Department**

**Section 5 Application**

**DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**

Applicant's Name: AISLING MC CARTHY

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Co LIMERICK

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Location of Proposed development (Please include EIRCODE):

NORTH ROAD, DROMCOLLOSHER P56HX37

Description of Proposed development:

CONVERT EXISTING GARAGE 22.12 m<sup>2</sup> TO  
BE PART OF DWELLING

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

CLASS 1 - CONVERSION OF GARAGE

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

~~YES~~/NO

Applicant's interest in site: OWNER

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

LOCATION MAP, SITE PLAN, SURVEY DRAWINGS  
PROPOSED DESIGN

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

If Yes please provide floor areas of all existing structures:

No.

Signature of Applicant (or Agent) J.M.C.

**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:

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Limerick City & County Council,  
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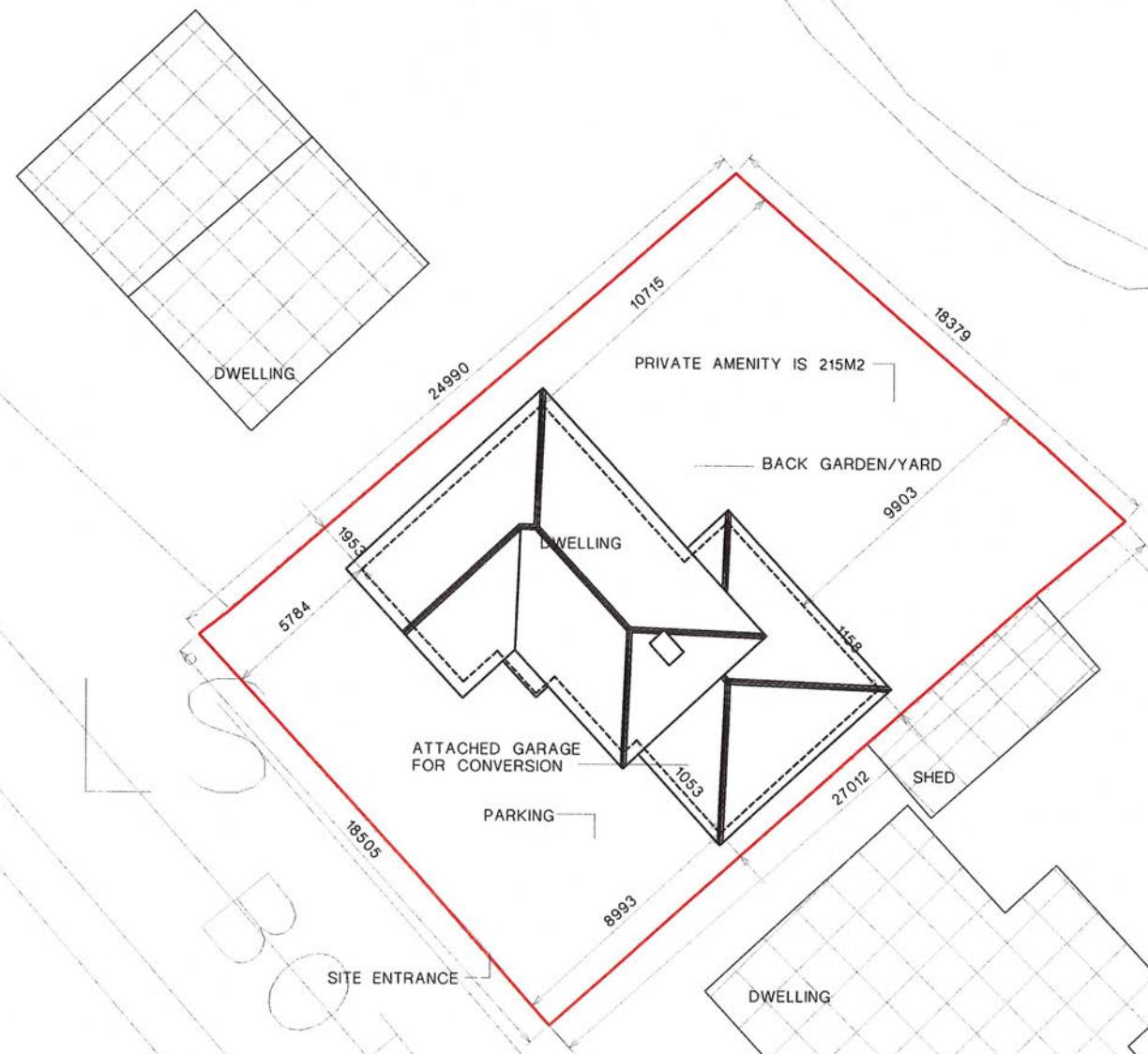
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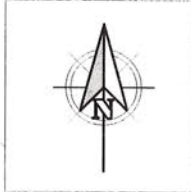
# SECTION 5 PROPOSAL



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PROJECT: SECTION 5 DECLARATION OF EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT	
DEVELOPMENT ADDRESS: NORTH ROAD, DROMCOLLOGHER, CO. LIMERICK	
TITLE: SITE LAYOUT PLAN	
DATE: APRIL 2026	DRAWING No: Dwg. 2025.40.301
SCALES: 1:250/A3	REVISIONS:
SEAMUS McELLIGOTT PLANNING DESIGN CONSULTANCY <small>LOMBARDSTOWN, CAHERCONLISH CO. LIMERICK</small> <small>MOBILE (087) 8200454 EMAIL: SMCEPLANNING@GMAIL.COM</small>	



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SITE AREA - 0.047Ha

O.S. REFERENCE - 5409-C

PROPOSED SITE LAYOUT PLAN 1:250

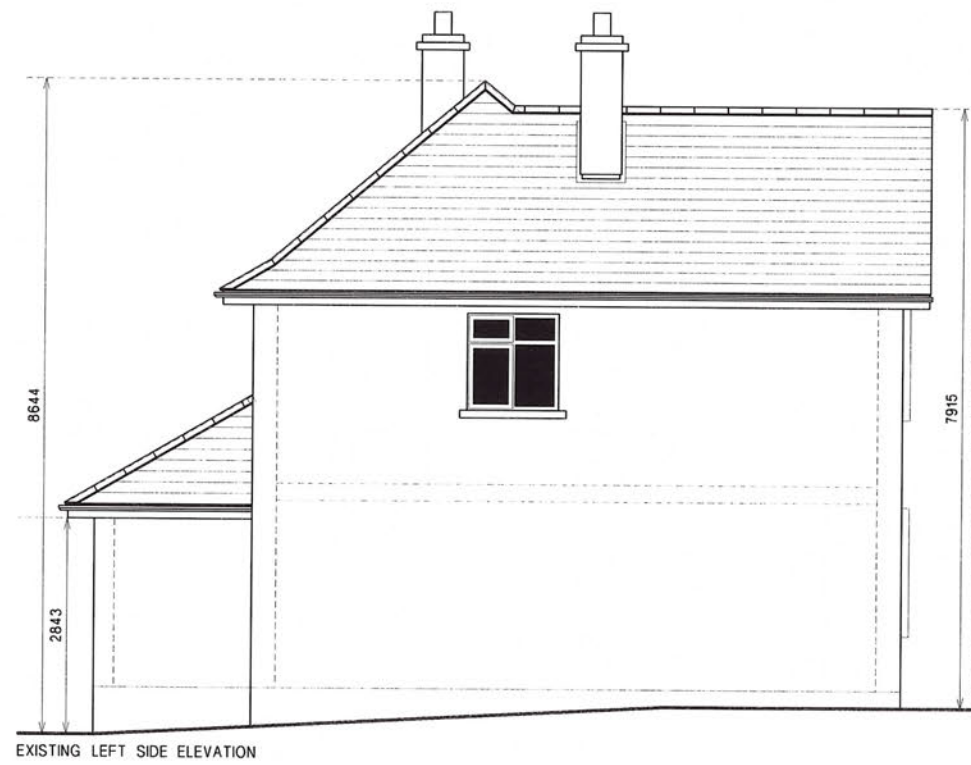
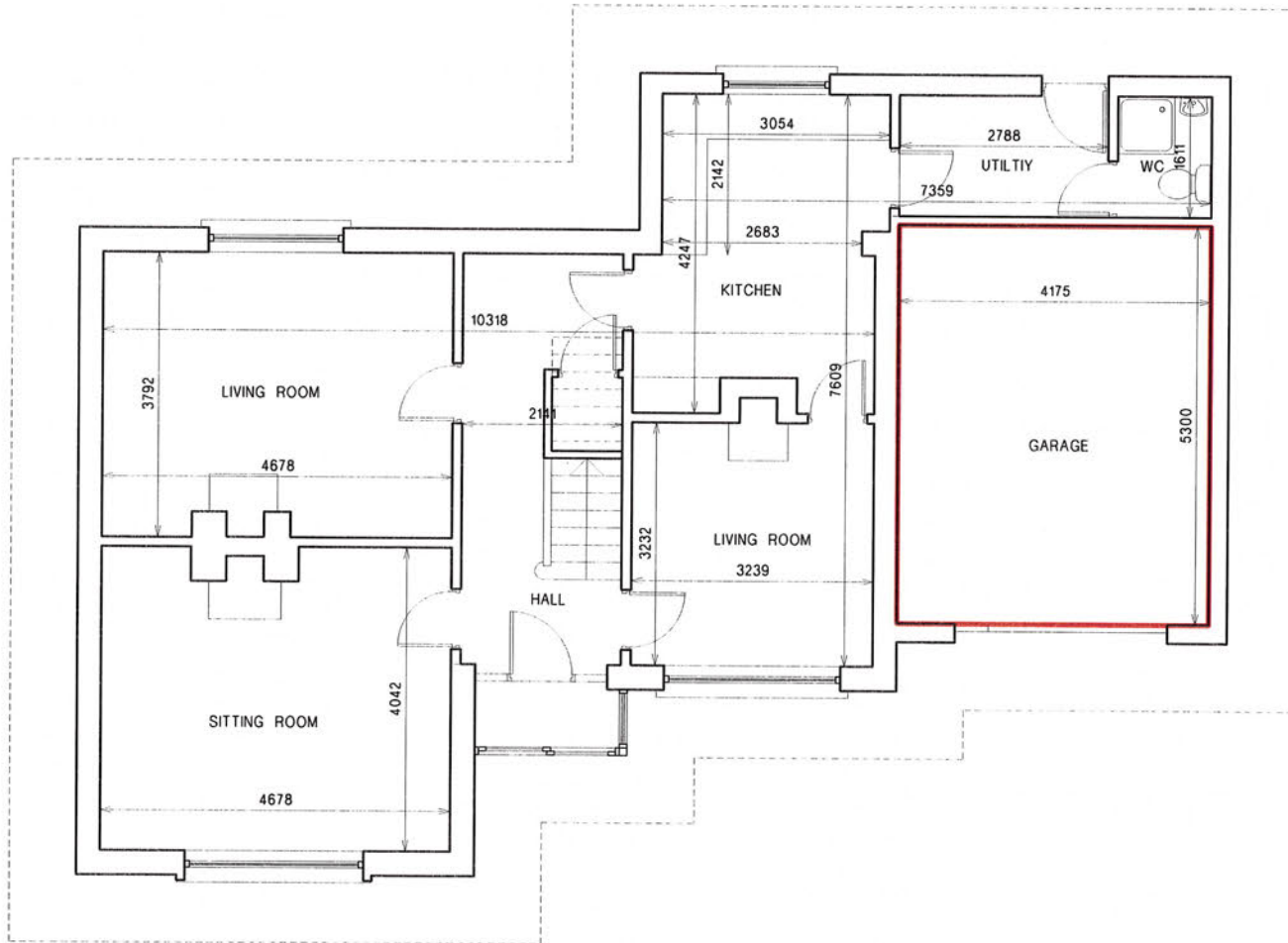
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GARAGE CONVERSION AREA OUTLINED IN RED

CONVERSION FLOOR AREA - 22.12M2

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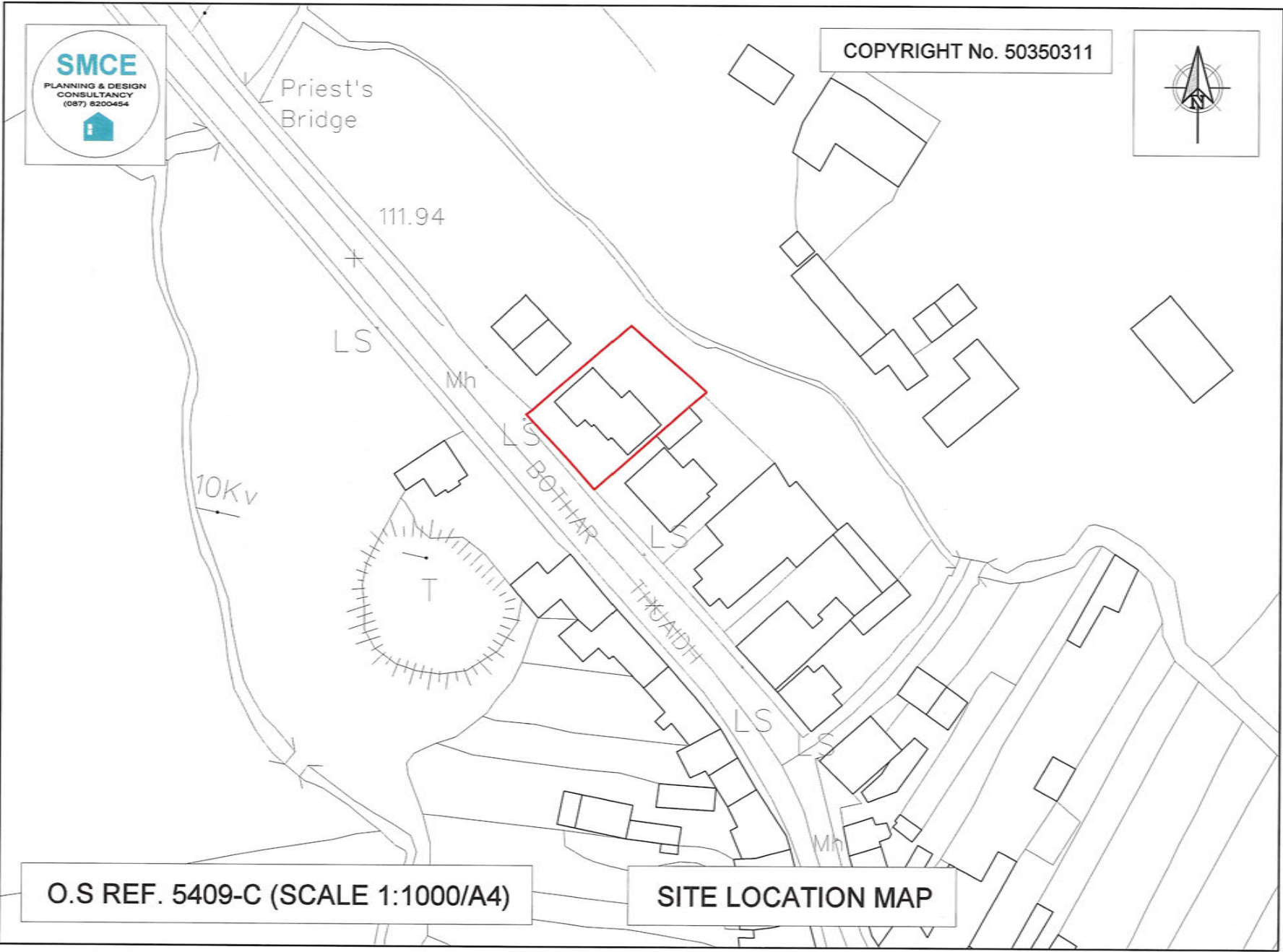
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TITLE: SURVEY DRAWINGS OF EXISTING DWELLING	
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EXISTING GROUND FLOOR PLAN

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SITE LOCATION MAP

CONVERSION FROM GARAGE TO DWELLING OUTLINED IN RED

CONVERSION FLOOR AREA - 22.12M<sup>2</sup>

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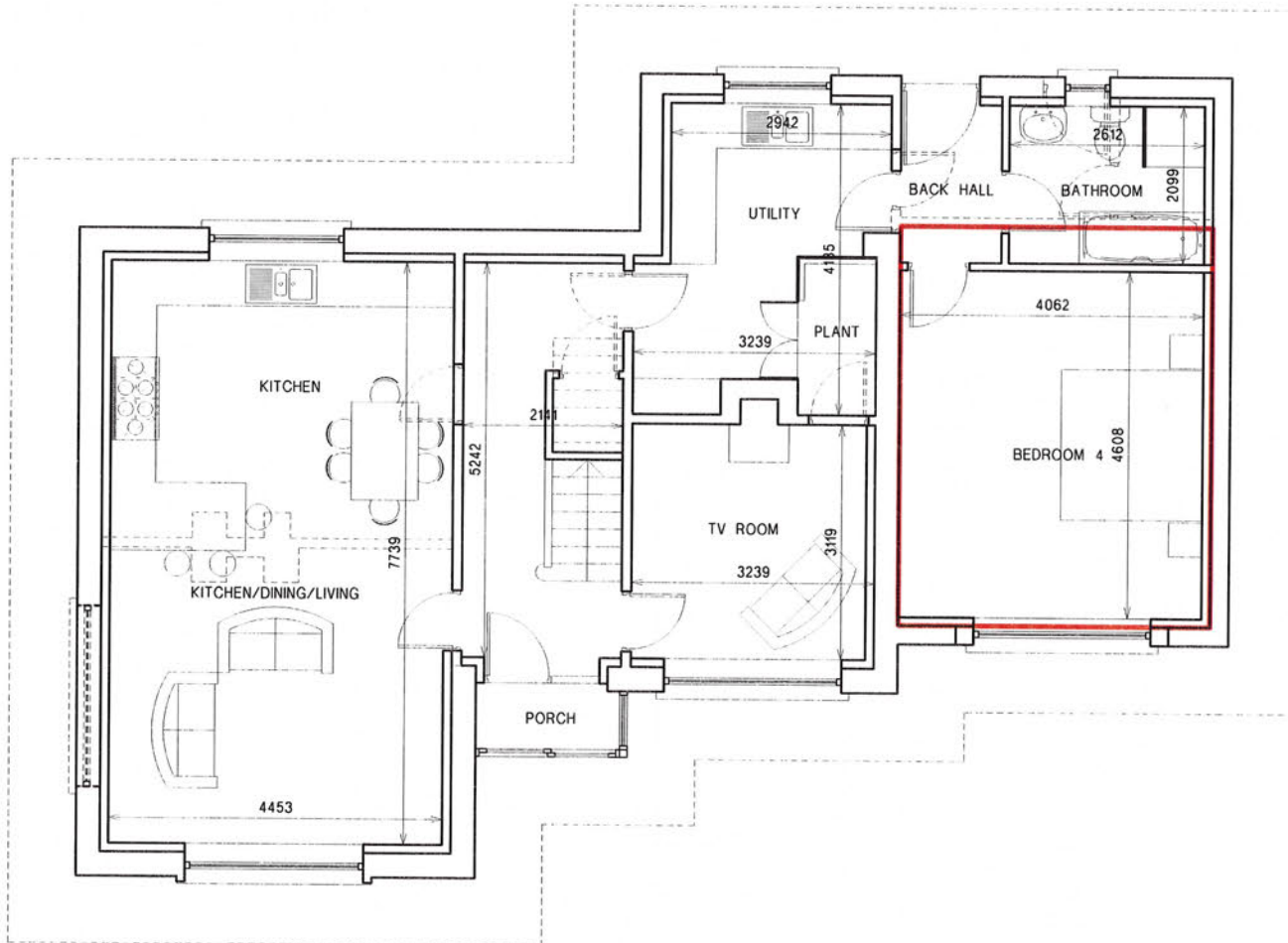
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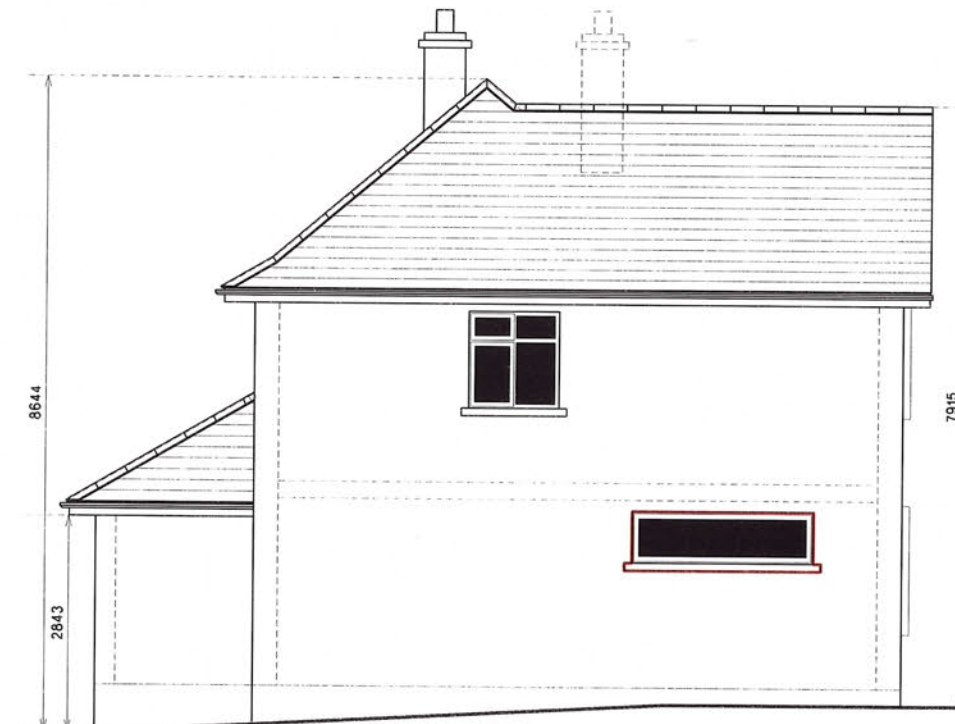
PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION



PROPOSED BACK ELEVATION



PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR PLAN



PROPOSED LEFT SIDE ELEVATION

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# SECTION 5 PROPOSAL

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

<b>File Reference number</b>	<b>EC-057-26</b>
<b>Applicant(s)</b>	<b>Aisling McCarthy</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>North Road Dromcolliher, Co. Limerick, P56 HX37</b>

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

The site is located within the Level 4 Large Village of Dromcolliher, 16km southeast of Newcastle West and 48km southwest of Limerick City, accessed from the R-522 Regional Road. The subject site is zoned as existing residential under the Large Villages Zoning and Development Objectives of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028. The site also falls within an extensive zone of archaeological notification (ZAN), the Dromcolliher Architectural Conservation Area (ACA 13), and the house is situated across from a recorded ringfort monument (SMR no. LI054-022----). The site features an existing two-storey hipped roof dwelling with roughcast rendering and an adjoining single-storey garage on the left side elevation.

### **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 applicant is proposing the conversion of the existing 22.12m<sup>2</sup> single-storey garage to facilitate the creation of an extended bathroom area and 18.7m<sup>2</sup> bedroom
- It is noted that changes to the front, side and rear elevations of the garage are also proposed, these include:
  - Change of the front garage door to create a new window opening on the front elevation
  - Addition of a window opening on the side elevation
  - Creation of a new window opening on the rear elevation, stepped access on the rear elevation and repositioning of the existing rear door

This Section 5 declaration includes the following:

- Application form
- Site location maps

### **Planning History:**

*Subject site:*

**None found.**

*Adjacent:*

**95/730 – Conditional Permission –** Alterations and extension to existing house.

**04/2568 – Conditional Permission –** Construction of 14 no. semi detached single storey sheltered housing units, 6 no. two storey semi detached sheltered housing units and 1 no. traditional style thatched cottage all with connection to public sewer and all public utility services. Develop a town park with associated walkways, gardens/landscaped areas and incorporating a children's play area with all associated activity furnishings all with connection to public utility services and all associated site works.

**Enforcement History:**

**None found.**

**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 conversion of the existing attached 22.12m<sup>2</sup> single-storey garage to facilitate the creation of an extended bathroom area and 18.7m<sup>2</sup> bedroom, including the repositioning of the rear garage door, removal of the front garage door and the creation of new window openings on the front, side and rear elevations, constituting 'works' and 'development'.

### **Is the proposal exempted development?**

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

*Is the development within the curtilage of a house?*

Yes, the proposed development is within the curtilage of the house.

#### **Class 1**

*The extension of a house, by the construction or erection of an extension (including a conservatory) to the rear of the house or by the conversion for use as part of the house of any garage, store, shed or other similar structure attached to the rear or to the side of the house.*

*1.(a) Where the house has not been extended previously, the floor area of any such extension shall not exceed 40 square metres.*

The attached garage appears as part of the original dwelling; the proposal relates to the conversion of this 22.12 sqm space which is within the 40 sqm limit.

*(b) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is terraced or semi-detached, the floor area of any extension above ground level shall not exceed 12 square metres.*

No above ground level extension proposed; the question does not apply.

*(c) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is detached, the floor area of any extension above ground level shall not exceed 20 square metres.*

No above ground level extension proposed; the question does not apply.

*2. (a) Where the house has been extended previously, the floor area of any such extension, taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 40 square metres.*

The house does not appear to have been extended previously.

*(b) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is terraced or semi-detached and has been extended previously, the floor area of any extension above ground level taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions above ground level constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 12 square metres.*

No above ground level extension proposed. The question does not apply.

*(c) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is detached and has been extended previously, the floor area of any extension above ground level, taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions above ground level constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 20 square metres.*

No above ground level extension proposed. The question does not apply.

*3. Any above ground floor extension shall be a distance of not less than 2 metres from any party boundary.*

No above ground level extension proposed. The question does not apply.

*4. (a) Where the rear wall of the house does not include a gable, the height of the walls of any such extension shall not exceed the height of the rear wall of the house.*

No extension proposed, the question does not apply.

*(b) Where the rear wall of the house includes a gable, the height of the walls of any such extension shall not exceed the height of the side walls of the house.*

No extension proposed, the question does not apply.

*(c) The height of the highest part of the roof of any such extension shall not exceed, in the case of a flat roofed extension, the height of the eaves or parapet, as may be appropriate, or, in any other case, shall not exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the dwelling.*

No extension proposed, the question does not apply.

*5. The construction or erection of any such extension to the rear of the house shall not reduce the area of private open space, reserved exclusively for the use of the occupants of the house, to the rear of the house to less than 25 square metres.*

No extension proposed, the question does not apply.

*6. (a) Any window proposed at ground level in any such extension shall not be less than 1 metre from the boundary it faces.*

Condition 6(a) of Class 1 applies to extensions and therefore does not apply to the development proposal. However, a new side elevation window is proposed as part of the garage conversion, and the relationship of this opening to the adjoining boundary has not been clearly demonstrated. While garage conversions are included within Class 1, external alterations arising from such conversions fall to be assessed under Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Accordingly, further consideration is required to determine whether the proposed side window would materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render it inconsistent with the character of the structure or neighbouring structures.

Other external alterations associated with the garage conversion, including the removal of the front garage door, the repositioning of the rear garage door, and new window openings on the front and rear elevations, are considered to fall within the scope of exempted development having regard to Section 4(1)(h), as they do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure or its relationship with neighbouring properties. The assessment concern is therefore confined to the proposed side elevation window.

*(b) Any window proposed above ground level in any such extension shall not be less than 11 metres from the boundary it faces.*

No above ground level extension proposed. The question does not apply.

*(c) Where the house is detached and the floor area of the extension above ground level exceeds 12 square metres, any window proposed at above ground level shall not be less than 11 metres from the boundary it faces.*

No above ground level extension proposed; the question does not apply.

*7. The roof of any extension shall not be used as a balcony or roof garden.*

No balcony or roof garden is proposed.

### **Article 9 Restrictions**

Despite situation within a zone of notification and ACA, due to the limited nature and scale of development proposed, whereby no significant groundworks are expected and the proposed alterations to the exterior of the structure are not of a type that is considered to materially affect the existing architectural character of the area, no restrictions therefore apply under Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

### **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 proposal constitutes works and development according to the definitions provided by Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The proposed internal works to facilitate the 22.12m<sup>2</sup> single-storey garage conversion fall within the provisions of Class 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and external alterations associated with the garage conversion, including the removal of the front garage door, the repositioning of the rear garage door, and new window openings on the front and rear elevations, are considered to also fall within the scope of exempted development having regard to Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), as they do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure or its relationship with neighbouring properties.



However, the proposed new side elevation window opening, as part of works associated with the garage conversion, would materially affect the external appearance of the structure and its relationship with neighbouring properties, and cannot therefore be considered exempted development.

Regard has been had to –

- (a) Section 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
- (b) Article 6, 9, Class 1 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 13/04/2026.

It is therefore considered that said works are development and the proposed 22.12m<sup>2</sup> single-storey garage conversion, associated internal works and external works including the removal of the front garage door, the repositioning of the rear garage door, and new window openings on the front and rear elevations is exempted development.

Whereas the proposed new side elevation window opening associated with the garage conversion, whilst also considered development, is not exempted development under Class 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

<b>Graduate Planner</b>	<b>Isaac Cunningham</b>	<b>Date: 24/04/2026</b>
<b>Signature:</b>		
<b>Senior Executive Planner</b>	Barry Henn	<b>Date: 07/05/2026</b>
<b>Signature</b>		

**Appendix 1: AA PN01 Screening Form**

STEP 1: Description of the project/proposal and local site characteristics:	
<b>(e) File Reference No:</b>	EC-057-26
<b>(e) Brief description of the project or plan:</b>	The applicant is proposing the conversion of an existing attached 22.12m <sup>2</sup> single-storey garage to facilitate the creation of an extended bathroom area and 18.7m <sup>2</sup> bedroom, including the repositioning of the rear garage door, removal of the front garage door and the creation of new window openings on the front, side and rear elevations.
<b>(e) Brief description of site characteristics:</b>	The site is located within the Level 4 Large Village of Dromcolliher, 16km southeast of Newcastle West and 48km southwest of Limerick City, accessed from the R-522 Regional Road. The subject site is zoned as existing residential under the Large Villages Zoning and Development Objectives of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028. The site also falls within an extensive zone of archaeological notification (ZAN), the Dromcolliher Architectural Conservation Area (ACA 13), and the house is situated across from a recorded ringfort monument (SMR no. LI054-022----). The site features an existing two-storey hipped roof dwelling with roughcast rendering and an adjoining single-storey garage on the left side elevation.
<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
Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC	<a href="https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/002170">https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/002170</a>	5.54	None	N
Stack's to Mullaghareirk Mountains, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA	<a href="https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/spa/004161">https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/spa/004161</a>	6.47	None	N

<b>STEP 3: Assessment of Likely Significant Effects</b>	
<b>(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:</b>	
<b>Impacts:</b>	<b>Possible Significance of Impacts: (duration/Magnitude etc)</b>
<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> <li>- Pests</li> </ul>	None. No direct encroachment or hydrological connection
<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>	
<b>Examples of the type of changes to give consideration to include:</b> <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> </ul>	None. No direct encroachment or hydrological connection

- Interference with the key relationships that define the structure or ecological function of the site
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**(a) (Are 'mitigation' measures necessary to reach a conclusion that likely significant effects can be ruled out at screening?)**


Yes       No

**STEP 4: Screening Determination Statement**

**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.

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.

**Conclusion:** 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	







## Appendix 3. Definitions

### Zones of Archaeological Notification

*Zones of archaeological notification (ZAN) can be defined as areas within the urban and rural landscape that possess the potential to contain archaeological remains due to the settlement history of a place and or to the presence of topographical features such as rivers, lakes and high, defensible ground.*

An Coimisiún Pleanála approved Railway Order application for DART+ Coastal North, Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) - Appendix A20.2 Archaeological Designations

#### **LI054-022---- : Ringfort - rath : COOLABOY**

**Description:** *On N outskirts of Dromcolliher town, immediately W of town house garden, with pasture field adjoining elsewhere. Oval area (26.6m N-S; 21.5m E-W) defined by scarp edge (H 2.1m; Wth 1.8m); hedging runs along top edge of scarp. Scarp, best preserved SE->SW, lowers NE->SE (H 0.55m; Wth 4m). Interior, under rough pasture, has dip (Wth 1.8m) running across centre on rough E-W axis. Enclosure now used as a small paddock, accessed by two small wooden gates in hedge at NNW (Wth 2.5m) and SW (Wth 1.6m) respectively. ESB pole stands atop scarp at NNE*

Sites and Monuments Records (SMR)

#### **ACA 13 - Dromcolliher**

*This ACA focuses on the Square, part of Church Street and North Street as it reflects the historic plantation layout that has survived since the 17th Century. There are 4 NIAH structures located on the Square and 9 Protected Structures in the town. The design of the buildings reflects that of a traditional Irish townscape from the 19th Century. The buildings are generally terraced, with natural slate roofs, doors and windows having vertical proportions, smooth-rendered, painted or stone facades, and timber doors and timber windows. Proposals for new buildings should not seek to dominate the historic core and should respect the historic fabric of the buildings and the morphology of their plots. There is a mixture of building heights, limestone and rendered facades and a traditional rendered shopfront.*

Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 Volume 3 Architectural Conservation Areas



Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae Luimnigh

Limerick City  
& County Council

An Roinn Pleanála  
Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh  
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## DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT, PLANNING

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c/o S. McElligott,  
Lombardstown,  
Caherconlish,  
Co. Limerick

EC/057/26

08 May 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/2026/548**

**File Ref No. EC/057/26**

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

**RE:** **A conversion of the existing single-storey garage to facilitate the creation of an extended bathroom area and bedroom, proposed new side elevation window opening associated with the garage conversion at North Road, Dromcolliher, Co. Limerick**

**ORDER:** Whereas by Director General's Order No. DG/2026/033 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 Barry Henn, Senior Executive Planner the functions as defined in the Local Government Acts, 1925 to 2024.

*or* Now therefore pursuant to the delegation of the functions aforesaid, I, Barry Henn, Senior Executive Planner, having considered the report and recommendation of Isaac Cunningham, Graduate Planner dated 24/04/2026, hereby order that a Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) be issued to Aisling McCarthy, c/o S. McElligott, Lonbardstown, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick to state that the works as described above is

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**Development and is NOT Exempt Development. Side Elevation Window**

Signed

*B. Henn*

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

**DECLARATION NO.**

**EC/057/26**

**Name and Address of Applicant:** Aisling McCarthy, North Road, Dromcolliher, Co. Limerick

**Agent:** S. McElligott, Lombardstown, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick

**Whether** the conversion of the existing single-storey garage to facilitate the creation of an extended bathroom area and bedroom, proposed new side elevation window opening associated with the garage conversion at North Road, Dromcolliher, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**AND WHEREAS** the Planning Authority has concluded that the conversion of the existing single-storey garage to facilitate the creation of an extended bathroom area and bedroom at North Road, Dromcolliher, Co. Limerick **DOES** come within the scope of exempted development under Class 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended),. See Report attached.

**AND WHEREAS** the Planning Authority has concluded that the proposed new side elevation window opening associated with the garage conversion at North Road, Dromcolliher, Co. Limerick **DOES NOT** come within the scope of exempted development under Class 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (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

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Signed on behalf of the said Council

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