



Limerick City and County Council

Planning Department

Section 5 Application

DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

Applicant's Name: Liffey Blue Arc UC

Applicant's Address: 1 Stokes Place, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

Telephone No. n/a (see agent for contact details)

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Address for Correspondence:

JSA Planning, 39, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2

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

Units 31X and 32X, Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick

Description of Proposed development:

Amalgamation of Units 31X and 32X, and all associated works, at the Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick

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

Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

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:

6076--PP-001 Site Location Map

6076-PP-002 Site Plan

6076-P-003 Existing & Proposed Plans, Sections and Elevations

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

If Yes please provide floor areas of all existing structures:

Floor areas are provided on the architectural plans for existing and proposed.

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.

Application to be forwarded to:

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

Date: 21st May 2026
Ref.: BC 26183

Re: Application for a Section 5 declaration in respect of the proposed amalgamation of units 31X And 32X, and all associated works, at the Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick.

Dear Sir / Madam,

1.0 INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the applicant, Liffey Blue Arc UC, we hereby request a Section 5 Declaration from Limerick City & County Council in respect of the proposed amalgamation of Units 31X and 32X and all associated works at the Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick.

This application will seek to demonstrate that the amalgamation of units 31X and 32X, and all associated works constitutes exempted development under Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, being works for the improvement / alteration of the existing structure which affect the interior of the structure and do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure.

The works subject to the current Section 5 application are described as follows:

“Amalgamation of Units 31X and 32X, and all associated works, at the Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick.”

We enclose the following information with this Section 5 application:

- Statutory fee of €80 (paid via EFT);
- Section 5 Application Form;
- This Cover Letter; and
- Site Location Map, Site Layout Plan, Sections, Floor Plans and elevations prepared by BKD Architects.

2.0 SITE LOCATION

The two units, both currently vacant, which are subject to this Section 5 Declaration Request, units 31X and 32X, are located in the Garryowen Mall internally within the existing Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle.

All of the works proposed as part of the proposed amalgamation are internal to the subject building and will not have any material impact on its external appearance.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT SUBJECT TO APPLICATION FOR A SECTION 5 DECLARATION

This application seeks a declaration of exemption for the proposed amalgamation of retail Unit No.s 31x and 32x. The floor area will retain the overall retail use.

One of the units has recently become vacant due to the cessation of trading by Claire's Accessories in Ireland in the UK. The purpose of the amalgamation is to allow for the existing retailer of the other unit, Parfois, to expand their unit by amalgamating with the now vacant unit.

The units are accessed internally from within the Garryowen Mall. No external façade changes are proposed.

The proposed amalgamation does not involve any material change of use, as the unit will remain in retail use, nor would the proposal represent an intensification of use as the overall permitted floorspace of the units has not increased to any material extent.

It is therefore submitted that the subject works be considered as exempted development under Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The legislative framework for the subject section 5 application is discussed below.

4.0 ASSESSMENT

The Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, at Section 3(1) provides a definition of development for the purposes of the Act. Section 3(1) reads as follows:

"In this Act, "development" means, except where the context otherwise requires, 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 act of removing the internal wall between the two retail shop units, to provide for their amalgamation therefore constitutes development under Section 3(1) of the Act, as set out above.

However, it is respectfully submitted that the proposed works constitute exempted development under Section 4(1)(h) the Planning and Development Act which states the following:

(1) The following shall be exempted developments for the purposes of this Act:

...

(h) Development consisting of the carrying out of works for the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of any structure, being works which affect only the interior of the structure or which do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures."

The amalgamation of the two separate units involves the demolition of a central dividing wall, and all associated works, resulting in works affecting the interior of the structure. There are to be no changes to the exterior of the Crescent Shopping Centre. As such the amalgamation does not render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures. Thus, the development to be undertaken is considered to be exempt under Section 4(1)(h).

In addition to the above-mentioned amalgamation of the units, there is no change of use for the resulting larger unit, which is to remain in retail use. The proposed amalgamation does not result in an intensification of use as there is no material increase in floorspace.

Article 9 (restrictions on exempted development) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, do not apply to exempted development provisions of the Act.

5.0 RELEVANT PLANNING PRECEDENT

The question the subject of this Section 5 application has been raised in similar Section 5 referrals. The cases referenced below are considered to be directly applicable to the question raised in this Section 5 application and demonstrate that amalgamation of units in the manner proposed constitutes exempted development.

LCCC Reg. Ref.: EC73/22

Limerick City & County Council issued a Section 5 declaration for the amalgamation of Units 14X & 15x at the Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick, stating that it is exempted development under the provisions of Section 1(4)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

LCCC Reg. Ref.: EC029/22

Limerick City & County Council issued a Section 5 declaration for the amalgamation of Units 05x & 06x at the Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick, stating that it is exempted development under the provisions of Section 1(4)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

DLRCC Reg. Ref.: 11713

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council issued a Section 5 declaration for the amalgamation of Units 5 & 6 and Units 13 & 14 in the Frascati Centre and provision of fire escape doors to serve the amalgamated Unit 13 & 14, is exempted development under the provisions of Section 1(4)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The Planner's Report stated that *"the proposed development consists of the amalgamation of 4 no. existing shop units (units 5 & 6 and units 13 & 14) into 2 shop units that would involve internal works only and therefore could be considered to be exempt under the provisions of Section 4(1)(h)".*

Fingal County Council Reg. Ref.: S5/015/11

Fingal County Council issued a Section 5 declaration, dated 10th August 2011 stating that the amalgamation of 2 retail units in Pavilions Shopping Centre (Unit G05-G06) is exempted development.

The Planner's Report notes that *"the works affect only the interior of the structure and will not result in a material alteration of the external façade of the building. Both units are enclosed within the shopping centre and front onto an internal mall" and "the proposed development will not result in an intensification of use".*

Unit G05 had a GFA of 282.5 sq.m and G06 had a GFA of 735.9 sq.m. the amalgamation of the units resulted in a GFA of 1,028.6sq.m, providing a slight increase in floorspace of c.10 sq.m which was not considered to be significant in the context of the overall shopping centre.

Fingal County Council Reg. Ref: S5/026/11

Fingal County Council issued a Section 5 declaration, dated 3rd November 2011 for the amalgamation of 2 retail units in the Pavilions Shopping Centre (Unit G02 - G03).

The Planner's Report notes that:

" ... works proposed ... are internal to the units concerned and would have no impact on the external appearance of the external appearance of the shopping centre. In addition, given the variation in shop units within the centre, it is not considered that the works would be out of character or inconsistent with units in the vicinity of the site, either internally or externally. "

Unit G02 had a GFA of 476.1 sqm and Unit G03 had a GFA of 168.2 sqm. The amalgamation of the units resulted in a GFA of 644.3 sqm.

DLRCC Reg. Ref: 8010

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council issued a Section 5 Declaration, dated 2nd September 2010, that the amalgamation of 2 no. retail units in Dundrum Shopping Centre is exempted development.

The Planning Officer's Report notes that *"Given that no works are proposed externally to the shopping centre and that there is variation in the shop units within the centre, it is considered that the proposed development would not be out of character or inconsistent with neighbouring properties internally or externally."*

SDCC Ref: EDOS/0019

South Dublin County Council issued a Section 5 Declaration dated 28th of August that the amalgamation of 2 no. retail units at The Square, Tallaght (Units 228 and 229/230) is exempted development.

The Planning Officer's Report notes that: *"both units are enclosed within the shopping centre and front onto an internal mall. The proposed works would only effect the interior of the shopping centre and would not affect the external appearance. Section 4 (l)(h) therefore applies ... "*

SDCC Reg. Ref.: 10218

South Dublin County Council issued a Section 5 Declaration dated the 9th of October 2018 that the amalgamation of 2 no. retail units (units G11 and G12) within the Frascati Shopping Centre, Frascati Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, constituted exempted development.

The Planning Report stated that *'It is noted that the amalgamation of the units will result in a stated increase in floor area of c. 7.6 sq.m. as a result of the removal of the internal wall which currently divides the two retail units. This is considered to be a negligible increase in retail floorspace and does not constitute an intensification of the existing use'.*

Having regard to the similar circumstances in the above referenced cases, it is respectfully submitted that the proposed amalgamation of the two retail units constitutes development

which is exempted development Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended and does not constitute an intensification of use.

6.0 CONCLUSION

In determining this application, we request the Planning Authority to consider whether the amalgamation of units no. 31x and 32x into 1 no. retail unit, involving the removal of an internal dividing wall and associated internal works;

- (i) is or is not development as defined by Section 3 of the Planning and Development Act 2000; and
- (ii) in the case where the amalgamation of Retail Units 31x and 32x involves development, whether or not the development is exempted development under Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended

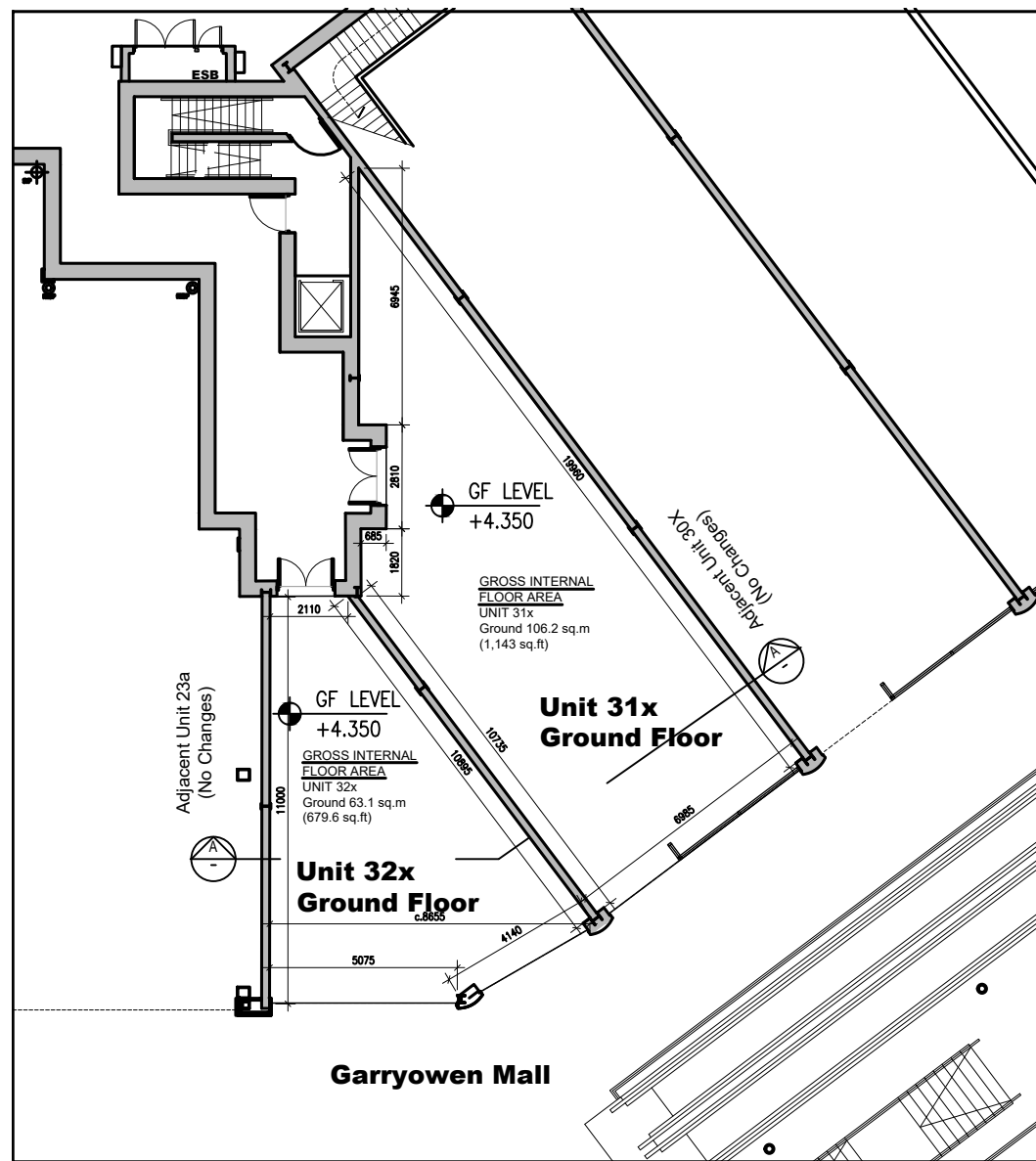
As has been demonstrated throughout this cover letter, the amalgamation of retail units 31x and 32x, constitutes exempted development under Section 4(1)(h), does not result in any material change of use and does not result in an intensification of use. We therefore respectfully request a Section 5 declaration to be issued to this effect.

Should you have further queries regarding any of the information submitted as part of this pack, please do not hesitate to contact us.

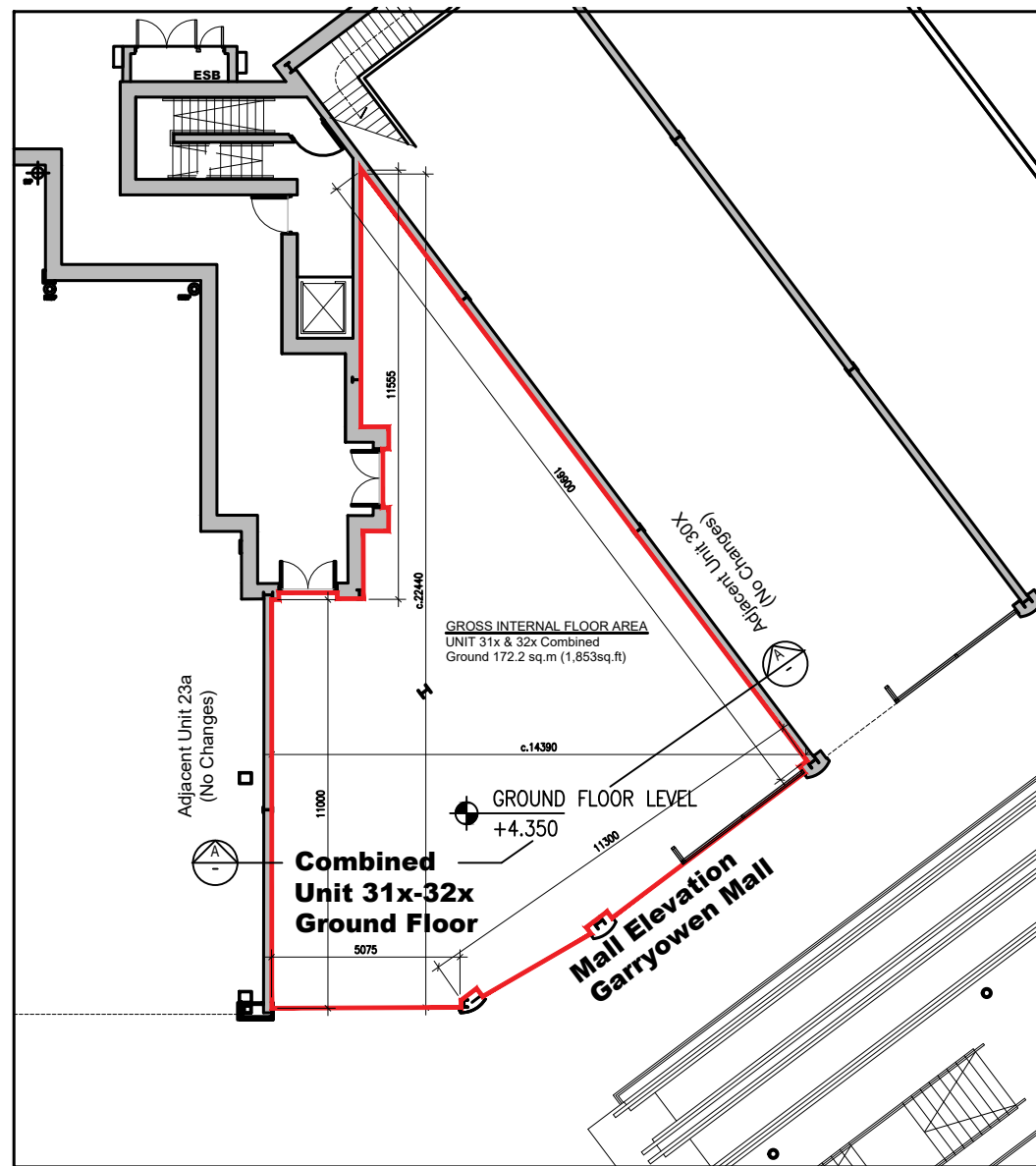
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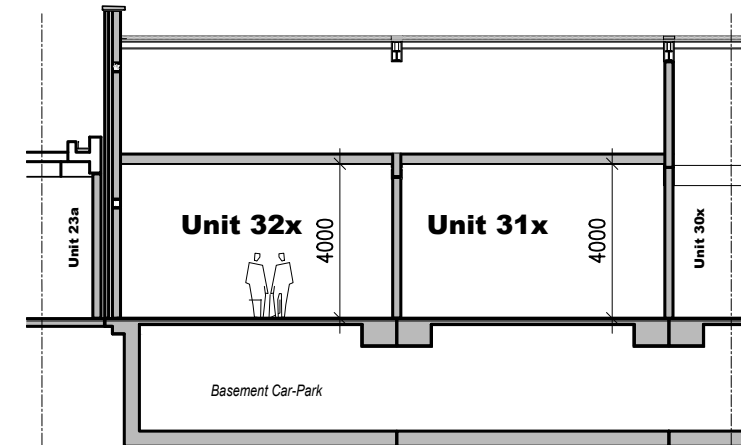
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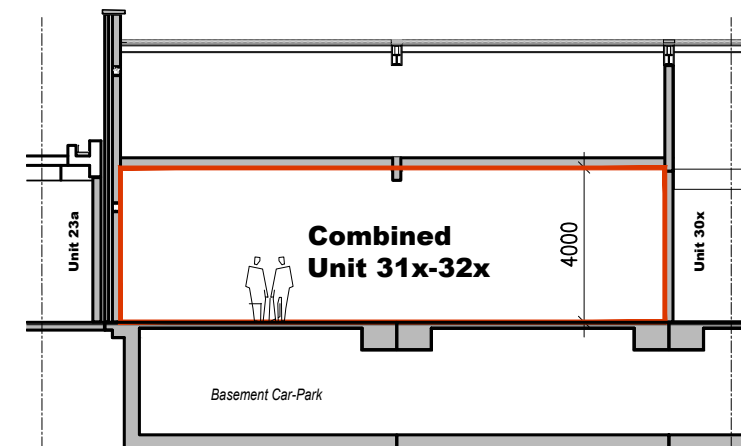
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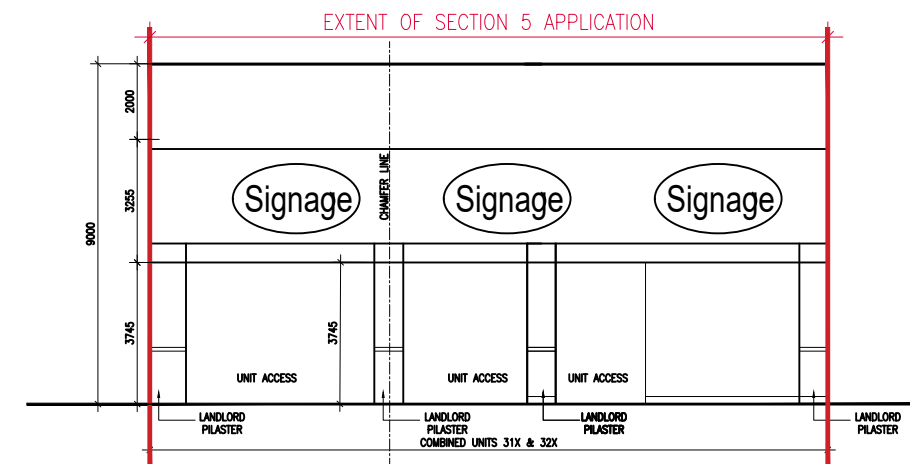
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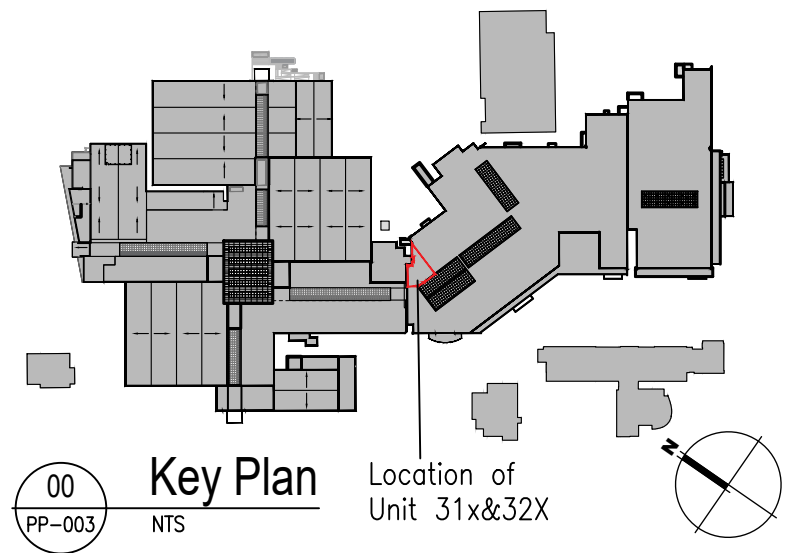
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UNITS 31x & 32x - Section A - Proposed



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UNITS 31x & 32x - Mall Elevation (No Changes)

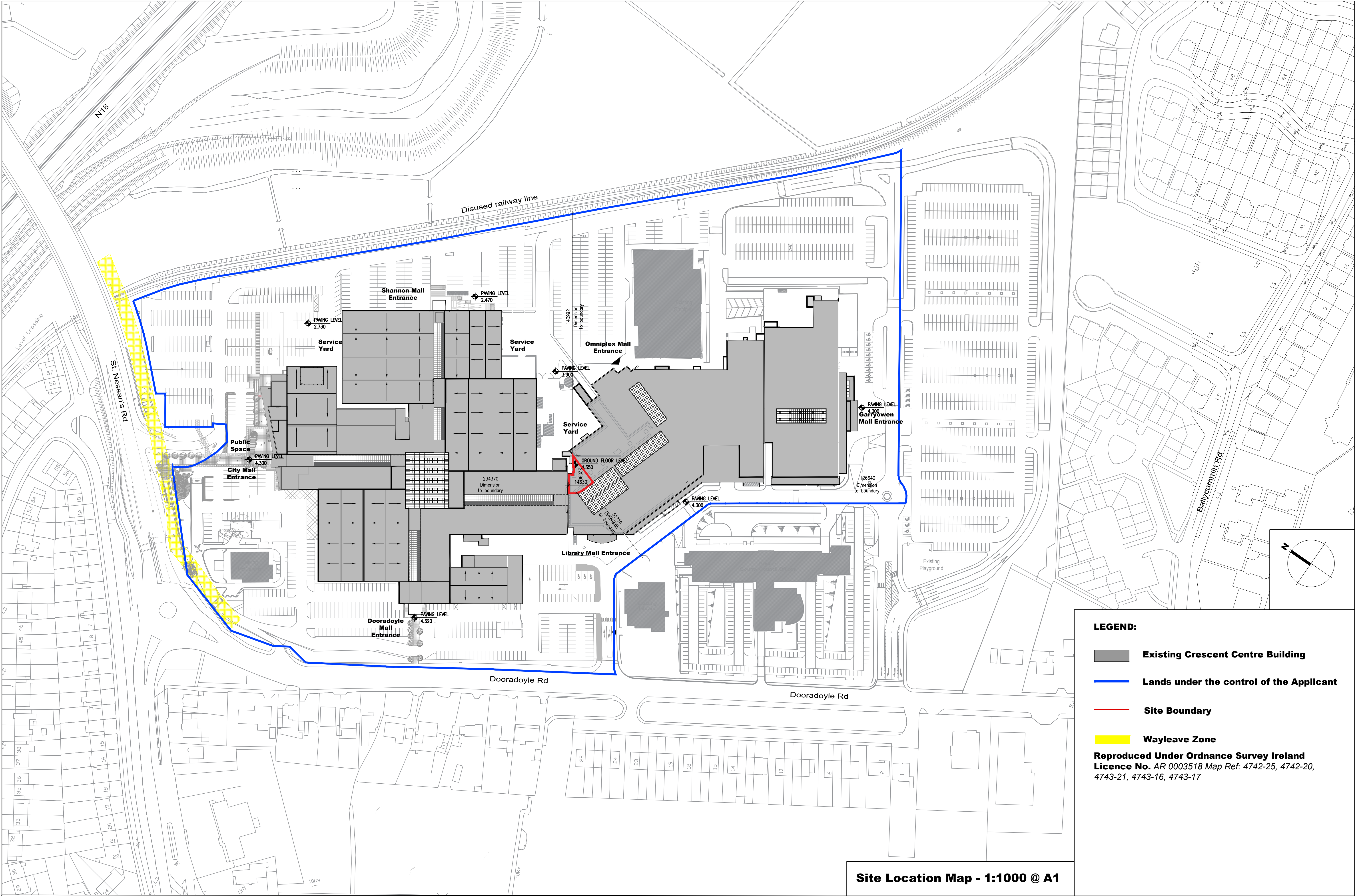


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Key Plan
Location of Unit 31x&32x

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Project CRESCENT SHOPPING CENTRE, LIMERICK Combined Units 31x & 32x			
Drawing Title Existing & Proposed Plans, Sections and Elevations			
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LEGEND:

- Existing Crescent Centre Building
- Lands under the control of the Applicant
- Site Boundary
- Wayleave Zone

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Site Location Map - 1:1000 @ A1

Notes		Issue Status		No.		Date	Revision	Initials	Project	
1. Copyright Reserved		Progress							CRESCENT SHOPPING CENTRE, LIMERICK	
2. Work to fixed dimensions only. Do not scale drawing		Planning Application							Combined Units 31x & 32x	
3. The contractor is responsible for checking all levels and dimensions on site and shall refer all discrepancies to the Architect		Fire Cert							Drawing Title	
4. Where appropriate, for details of r.c. structure, or mechanical and electrical details, see Engineers drawings		Disability Cert							Site Location Map	
5. Proprietary items shall be fixed in strict accordance with manufacturers instructions.		Tender							Drawing No	
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Report on application under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Reference no. EC-088/26

Name and Address of Applicant: Liffey Blue Arc UC
1 Stokes Place, St. Stephen's Green
Dublin 2

Agent: JSA Planning
39 Fitzwilliam Place
Dublin 2

Location: Units 31X and 32X,
Crescent Shopping Centre,
Dooradoyle,
Limerick

Description of Site and Surroundings:

The site comprises of two retail units within the Garryowen Mall of the Crescent Shopping Centre located in Dooradoyle, Limerick

Zoning:

District Centre

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:

- Amalgamation of Units 31X and 32X and all associated works within the Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle

This Section 5 declaration includes the following:

- Application Form
- Cover Letter
- Site location
- Elevations
- Floor plans

Planning History:

None associated with existing units but there have been multiple planning applications associated with the overall shopping centre. Two Certs of Exemptions have been issued for amalgamation of units within the shopping centre:

EC73/22: cert of exemption issued for amalgamation of units 14X and 15X

EC29/22: cert of exemption issued for amalgamation of units 5X and 6X

Enforcement History

N/A

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.

‘**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’.

Therefore, it is considered having regard to the above definitions that the proposal would involve alterations to the interior of the structure and hence would involve ‘**works**’ and ‘**development**’ within the meaning of the Act.

Is the proposal exempted development?

4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

The applicant submits that the proposed development is exempted development under Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Section 4(1)(h) states that *development consisting of the carrying out of works for the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of any structure, being works which affect only the interior of the structure or which do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures*’.

The proposed works which consist of essentially the removal of the dividing wall between units 31X and 32X will only affect the interior of the structure as the external façade is to remain unchanged in its entirety and similarly no changes are proposed to the internal elevations of the Garryowen Mall.

The proposed works do not involve a material change of use as both units are for retail purposes – one unit has recently become vacant and which was previously used by Claire’s Accessorize, while the other unit is currently occupied by Parfois which wish to extend into the existing vacant unit. Furthermore, the proposal would not represent an intensification of use as the overall permitted floor space of the units will not increase save for the minor increase in floor space as a result of the removal of the internal wall. This minor increase in retail floor space is considered negligible and does not constitute an intensification of the existing use.

These are considered works, which do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures.

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 was carried out by Limerick City & County Council (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

Based on Eia screening examination of the proposal there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment and EIA is not required.

Conclusion/Recommendation

It is considered that the proposed part amalgamation of Units 31X and 32X comes within the scope of Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 being works which affect only the interior of the structure or which do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures, nor will the proposed amalgamation constitute intensification of existing use.

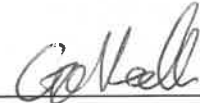
I have considered this question and I have had regard particularly to:

- a) Sections 2, 3,4 & 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).
- b) Article 9, Part 2 (Restrictions on exemption) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).
- c) Plans & particulars submitted with the application on 22nd May 2026.

I therefore consider the said works to be development and exempted development under Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended)



Áine Leland
Executive Planner
Date 08/06/2026

Agreed 
Gráinne O'Keeffe, S.E.P

Date: 15/6/26

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/088/26
b. Brief description of the project or plan:	This is an application requesting a Section 5 Declaration on whether an extension to the rear of dwelling is or is not exempted development.
c. Brief description of site characteristics:	The site is located within the Crescent Shopping Centre
d. Relevant prescribed bodies consulted: e.g. DHLGH (NPWS), EPA, OPW	N/A
e. Response to consultation:	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 ¹	Distance from proposed development ² (km)	Connections (Source-Pathway-Receptors)	Considered further in screening Y/N
Lower River Shannon SAC 002165	Lower River Shannon SAC National Parks & Wildlife Service (npws.ie)	750m	No	N
River Shannon & River Fergus Estuaries SPA 004077	River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA National Parks & Wildlife Service (npws.ie)	1.5km	No	N

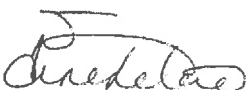
STEP 3: Assessment of Likely Significant Effects	
a. Identify all potential direct and indirect impacts that may have an effect on the conservation objectives of a European site, taking into account the size and scale of the project under the following headings:	
Impacts:	Possible Significance of Impacts: (duration/Magnitude etc)
Construction phase e.g • 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	None. Works are minimal and involve the removal of a dividing wall therefore no likely significant impact on the conservation objectives of the above named site.

• Pests	
Operation phase e.g. • 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 involve the removal of a dividing wall therefore no likely significant impact on the conservation objectives of the above named site. .
In-combination/Other	N/A given the level of development

b. Describe any likely changes to the European site:	
Examples of the type of changes to give consideration to include: • 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) • Changes to areas of sensitivity or threats to QI • Interference with the key relationships that define the structure or ecological function of the site	None. Works are minimal and involve the removal of a dividing wall therefore no likely significant impact on the conservation objectives of the above named site.

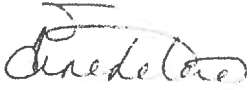
c. (Are 'mitigation' measures necessary to reach a conclusion that likely significant effects can be ruled out at screening?)
☐ Yes ☒ No

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
On the basis of the information on file, which is considered adequate to undertake a screening determination and having regard to: • the nature and scale of the proposed development on fully serviced lands, • the intervening land uses and distance from European sites, • the lack of direct connections with regard to the Source-Pathway-Receptor model, it is concluded that the proposed development, individually or in-combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the above listed European sites or any other European site, in view of the said sites' conservation objectives. An appropriate assessment is not, therefore, required.

Conclusion: AA Screening is not required.		
	Tick as appropriate:	Recommendation:
i. It is clear that there is no likelihood of significant effects on a European Site	☒	The proposal can be screened out: Appropriate Assessment not required.
ii. It is uncertain whether the proposal will have a significant effect on a European Site	☐	☐ Request further information to complete screening ☐ Request NIS ☐ Refuse planning permission
iii. Significant effects are likely	☐	☐ Request NIS ☐ Refuse planning permission
Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:	 Áine Leland Executive Planner 08/06/2026	
Signature and Date of the Decision Maker:	 Gráinne O'Keeffe Senior Executive Planner 08/06/2026	

Establishing if the proposal is a 'sub-threshold development':

Planning Register Reference:	EC-088/26	
Development Summary:	This is an application requesting a Section 5 Declaration on whether an extension to the rear of dwelling is or is not exempted development	
Was a Screening Determination carried out under Section 176A-C?	☐ Yes. no further action required ☒ 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)		
☐ Yes. specify class: [insert here]____ _		EIA is mandatory No Screening required
☒ 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)		
☒ No. the development is not a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2		No Screening required
☐ 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
☐ Yes the project is of a type listed but is <i>sub-threshold</i> :		Proceed to Part C
c. If Yes, has Schedule 7A information/screening report been submitted?		
☐ Yes, Schedule 7A information/screening report has been submitted by the applicant		Screening Determination required
☐ No, Schedule 7A information/screening report has not been submitted by the applicant		Preliminary Examination required

Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:	 Áine Leland Executive Planner 08/06/2026
Signature and Date of the Decision Maker:	 Gráinne O'Keeffe Senior Executive Planner 08/06/2026



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16 June 2026

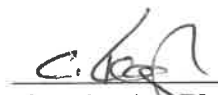
Re: Declaration under Section 5

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**

LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL

APPROVED OFFICER'S ORDER

SECTION 5 – DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

No. AOO/DC/2026/739

File Ref No. EC/088/26

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

RE: **An amalgamation of Units 31X and 32X and all associated works at Units 31X and 32X, Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle, Limerick**

ORDER: Whereas by Director General's Order No. DG/2026/058 dated 25th May 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 Áine Leland, Executive Planner dated 08/06/2026, hereby order that a Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) be issued to Liffey Blue Arc UC, c/o JSA Planning, 39 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2 to state that the works as described above is

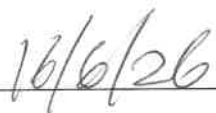
Development and is Exempt Development.

Signed



SENIOR EXECUTIVE PLANNER, DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT,
PLANNING

Date





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SECTION 5 – DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

DECLARATION NO.

EC/088/26

Name and Address of Applicant: Liffey Blue Arc UC, 1 Stokes Place, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

Agent: JSA Planning, 39 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2

Whether the amalgamation of Units 31X and 32X and all associated works at Units 31X and 32X, Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle, 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 22nd day of May 2026.

AND WHEREAS the Planning Authority has concluded that the amalgamation of Units 31X and 32X and all associated works at Units 31X and 32X, Crescent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle, Limerick **DOES** come within the scope of exempted development under Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning & Development Acts 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 **Development and is Exempt Development.**

Signed on behalf of the said Council

Date:

16.6.2026

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.