



Limerick City and County Council

Planning Department

Section 5 Application

DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

Applicant's Name: Spacecraft Studios

Applicant's Address: Units 6 and 7, Mungret Court,

Irishtown, Limerick

V94 XT61

Telephone No.



Name of Agent (if any): Sinéad Stack

Address: c/o Studio Saol

8 Sarsfield Street, Limerick

Telephone No. 0874155622

Address for Correspondence:

Sinéad Stack

c/o Studio Saol

8 Sarsfield Street, Limerick

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

Units 6 and 7, Mungret Court,

Irishtown, Limerick

V94 XT61

Description of Proposed development:

Determination is sought as to whether the existing use of Units 6 and 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Limerick, as commercial creative studios and workspaces for artists and creative practitioners, including ancillary exhibitions, workshops and related events, constitutes development requiring planning permission, or whether the existing use falls within the scope of the authorised commercial use of the premises.

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

No exemption is claimed. A declaration is sought as to whether the existing use constitutes development within the meaning in Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

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

☒ YES/NO

Applicant's interest in site: Occupier / Tenant

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

Cover Letter including Summary of Planning History & Current Use

Site Location Map

Site Layout Plan

Plans & Elevations

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

If Yes please provide floor areas of all existing structures:

P85/34 (Unit 6) - 61.5m²

P97/281 (Unit 7) - 58.6m²

Signature of Applicant (or Agent)



Sinéad Stack (Agent)

Planning Pack Map



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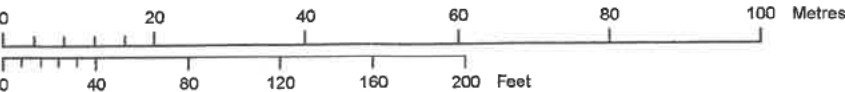
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Site Boundary

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Client	Studio Space CLG
Project No.	SCAD26
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LITTLE GERALD GRIFFIN STREET

CORNMARKET VILLAS

HIGH STREET

RPS REG NO: 3303
MEDIEVAL LIMERICK CITY WALL

GATE

PEDESTRIAN LANEWAY

MUNGRET STREET

GATED CAR PARK

UNIT 8

UNIT 7

UNIT 6

UNIT 5

UNIT 4

UNIT 3

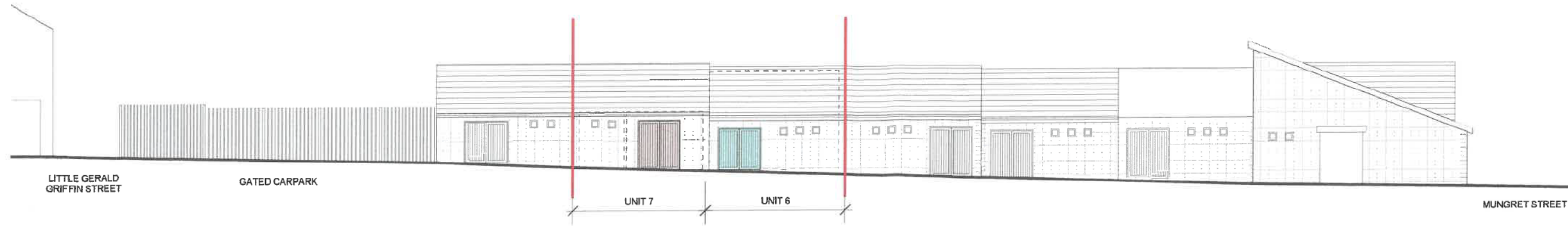
UNITS 1&2

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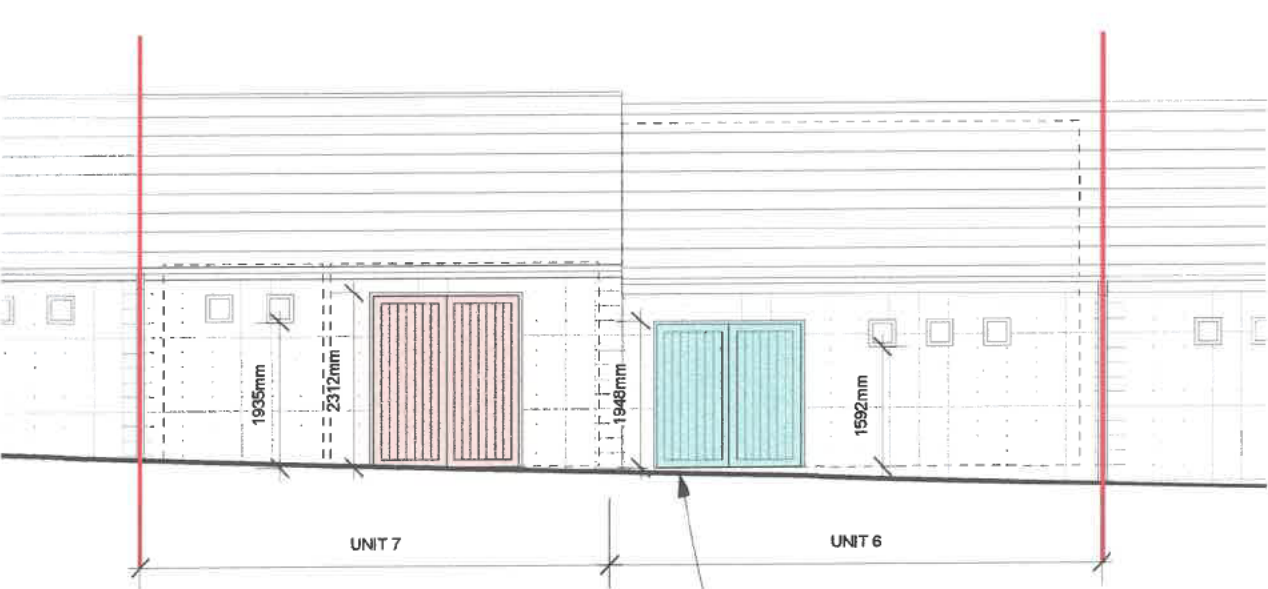
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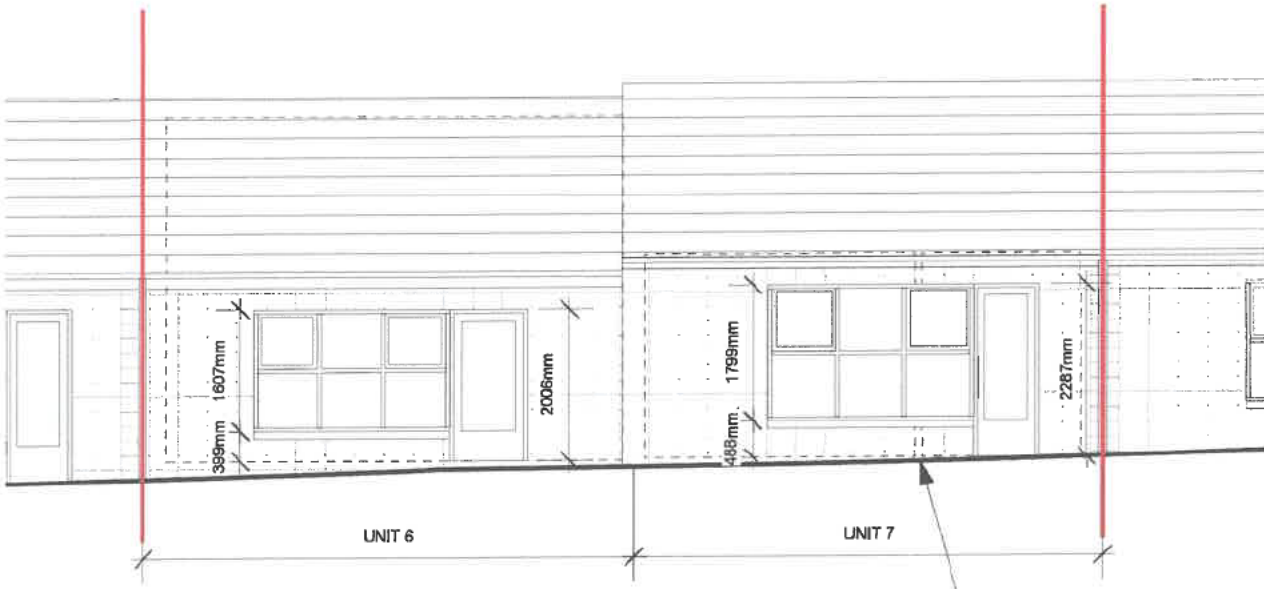
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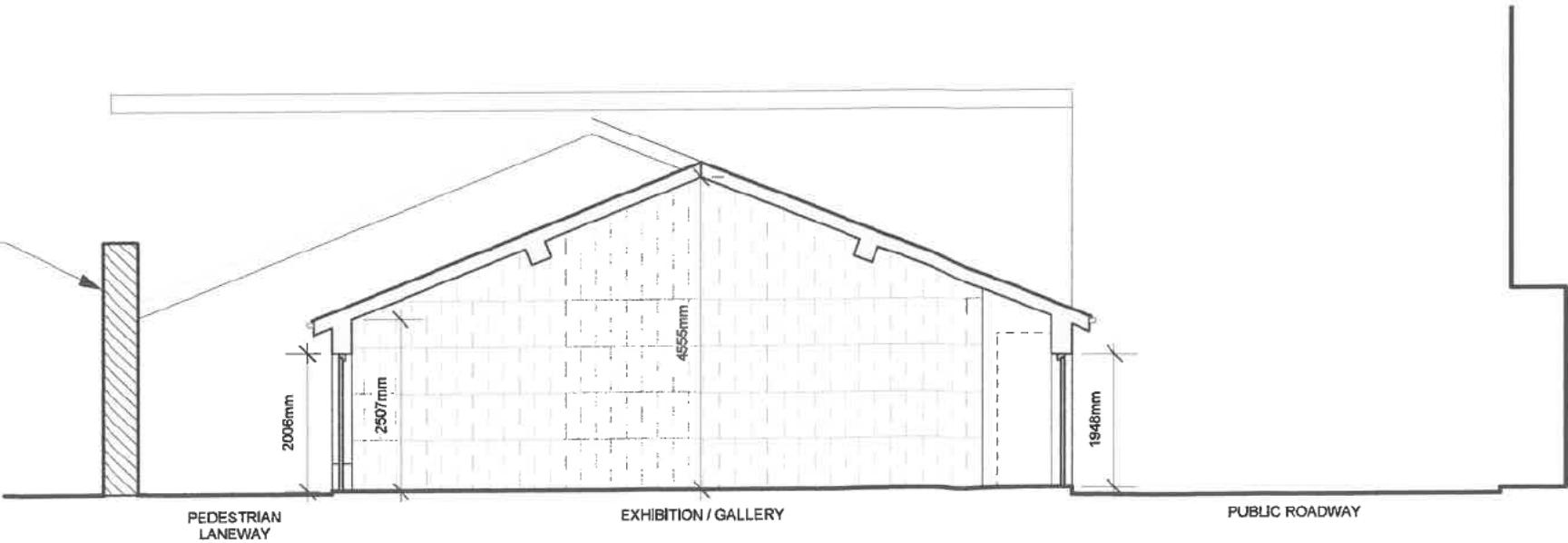


REAR ELEVATION - TO PEDESTRIAN LANEWAY, 1:100

SLOPE OF ROADWAY ESTIMATED -
EXACT HEIGHT OF DOOR
THRESHOLDS TO BE CONFIRMED

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EXACT HEIGHT OF DOOR
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RPS REG NO: 3303
MIEVEAL LIMERICK CITY WALL



SECTION - UNIT 6 (PROJECT SPACE), 1:100

Project
Spacecraft Studios
Mungret Court, Irishtown, Limerick

Client
Studio Space GLG

Project No.
SCAD26

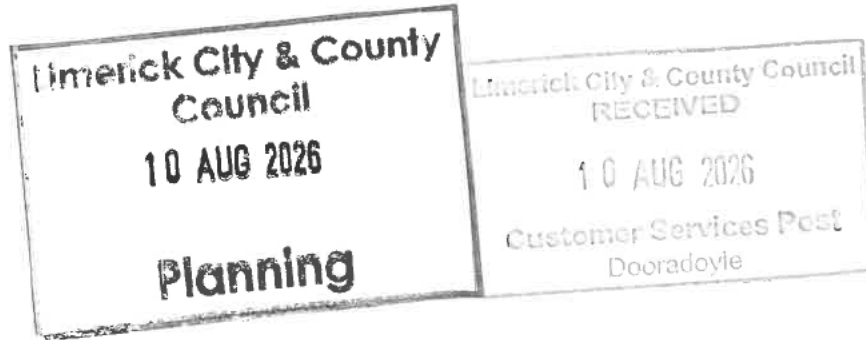
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Existing Elevations & Section

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To: Planning Authority,
Limerick City & County Council,
Dooradoyle Road,
Limerick,
V94 WV78

From: Spacecraft Studios
c/o Studio Saol
8 Sarsfield Street
Limerick
V95 F43E

31.07.2026

RE: Section 5 Application for a Declaration as to Whether the Existing Use at Units 6&7 Mungret Court, Irishtown, Limerick, V94 XT61, Constitutes Development

To whom it concerns,

Our client, Spacecraft Studios, the occupier of Units 6 and 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Limerick, submits the accompanying application under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) seeking a declaration as to whether the existing use of the premises falls within the scope of the authorised commercial use, or constitutes development requiring planning permission.

A review has identified the following planning history:

Unit 6 forms part of the original commercial development permitted under Planning Ref. P.85/34, with the uses of the individual units subsequently agreed with the Planning Authority under Condition 6. Unit 6 was noted as vacant in the subsequent agreement.

Unit 7 was constructed as a commercial unit under Planning Ref. P97/281.

It is noted that both permissions describe the units generally as **commercial** rather than identifying a specific commercial activity. We would therefore appreciate the Planning Authority's view as to whether the current operation of the units, as outlined overleaf, is considered to fall within the scope of the authorised commercial use.

Current Use of Each Unit

Unit 7

Authorised Planning Use: Commercial unit (Planning Ref. P97/281)

Current Operation: The unit is occupied by a creative enterprise providing studio accommodation and workspace for artists and creative practitioners. Artists rent studio space to undertake their professional practice and produce artwork on the premises, much of which is subsequently offered for sale. The unit functions primarily as a commercial creative workspace.

Unit 6

Authorised Planning Use: Commercial unit forming part of the original development (Planning Ref. P.85/34)

Current Operation: The unit is principally used as a flexible project workspace by member artists and creative practitioners for the production, testing and fabrication of work. The space is also made available to other artists and creative businesses. On an occasional basis, it is used for exhibitions, workshops, presentations, performances, photographic/video production and similar cultural events. These public-facing activities represent a relatively small proportion of the annual use (approx. 10 weeks in total in 2025) of the premises, with the principal use remaining that of a creative project and workspace.

Having regard to the planning history and the current operation of the premises, we would welcome the Planning Authority's opinion as to whether the current use of Units 6 and 7 is considered to fall within the scope of the authorised commercial use, or whether the Authority considers that a material change of use has occurred requiring planning permission.

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Sinéad Stack, MRIAI
Studio Saol
Agent for Spacecraft Studios

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

File Reference number	EC-146-26
Applicant(s)	Spacecraft Studios
Location	Units 6 and 7, Mungret Court Irishtown, Co. Limerick V94 XT61

Description of Site and Surroundings:

The two units in question are located within a commercial development consisting of a number of individual commercial units arranged around a shared access and circulation area. The units are modest in scale and are of a functional commercial/warehouse type appearance. The surrounding area is predominantly by commercial and employment uses, with associated access and parking areas. The site is adjacent to a protected part of the old Limerick City wall. The site can be accessed from Mungret Street and Little Gerald Griffen Street.

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 seeking a decision on whether the existing use of Units 6 and 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Co. Limerick, which are currently being used as commercial creative studios and workspaces for artists and creative practitioners, including ancillary exhibitions, workshops and related events, constitutes development requiring planning permission, or whether the existing use falls within the scope of the authorised commercial use of the premises.

This Section 5 declaration includes the following:

- Application form
- Letters
- Site location map
- Site layout plan
- Existing floor plans
- Existing elevations

Planning History:

Subject site:

P97-281 Conditional Permission – Construct 2 commercial units

P85-34 Conditional Permission – Erection of commercial development at Mungret Gate, Limerick

Adjacent:

00/770383 Conditional Permission - Change of use from retail to restaurant

09/770318 Conditional Permission - Permission for change of use from shop unit to restaurant/take-away.

Enforcement History:

N/A

Relevant An Coimisiún Pleanála referrals:

PL04.RL3474

This case refers to the question if the installation/upgrading of extractor plant and ducting to the rear of the building is development and is exempted development, and that the change of use from agricultural training centre to laundry is not development. The board agreed that the first question was development and exempted development and that the change of use was not development.

The board used case law to help come to their judgement. Galway County Council v. Lackagh Rock Ltd (1985) was used. Justice Barron ruled that to test whether two uses are materially different, the court must look at the factors a planning authority would consider if a new planning application were submitted for the current use versus the original/exempted use. If those considerations differ materially, the nature of the use is materially different. The inspector noted that the range of planning issues and potential environmental impacts arising from the activities on site without the laundry are, to all intents and purposes, identical. Accordingly, the relevant test is whether the current use gives rise to materially different planning considerations from the previous/authorised use.

The inspector also referred to McMahon vs Dublin Corporation, Justice Barron investigated the question of whether the “essential character” of the use had changed, and the court concluded that a house that is occupied by the same family for several years has a different “essential character” to a house that is rented out to rugby fans for an international weekend. The inspector noted:

“There are a very wide range and diversity of uses evident on site. In my opinion, in the context of training programmes, community gardens, meals on wheels, programme administration, furniture repair, and so on, a laundry service is by no means incongruous in terms of character. It is also notably small in a quantitative sense, given the floorspace in use.”

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 relevant consideration in this proposal is whether the current use of the existing use of Units 6 and 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Co. Limerick, which are currently being used as commercial creative studios and workspaces for artists and creative practitioners, including ancillary exhibitions, workshops and related events, constitutes development requiring planning permission, or whether the existing use falls within the scope of the authorised commercial use of the premises.

The planning history of the units indicate that the subject units were permitted as commercial units, where they have no specific commercial activity identified in the grant of permission under P97/281. It is noted that in condition 2 of P97/281 it requires compliance with conditions 1-8 of P85/34 insofar as they affected the site, including condition no. 6 which required the use of individual units to be agreed with the Planning Authority prior to commencement.

The current use of the premises principally comprises of studio and workspace accommodation for artists and creative practitioners. Unit 7 is primarily used for artists to undertake their practice and produce artwork on the premises, much of which is offered for sale. Unit 6 is also used as a flexible project workspace by member artists and creative artists for the production, testing and fabrication of work. It is also used for occasional exhibitions, workshops, presentations, performances and other activities where the applicant notes only happens for roughly 10 weeks of the year (2025).

Having regard to the principles that were established in *Galway County Council v Lackagh Rock Ltd*, consideration must be given to whether the current use of the units give rise to fresh planning considerations which are materially different from the planning considerations associated with the authorised use of the premises. In this regard, the principal creative

workspace does not result in a materially different range of planning considerations in respect to matters such as traffic generation, parking, noise, servicing or impacts on the other amenities in the surrounding area. The occasional exhibitions and workshops that are held there are limited in nature and extent; it can be considered that they are ancillary to the principal use. From viewing the sites, the units are in a relatively discreet position, accessed via an alleyway. The units present in a modest and utilitarian form and are not prominent within the wider streetscape, where they appear broadly similar in character to storage or ancillary commercial units. The premises do not attract significant public attention and are generally only experienced by people who have a direct purpose for visiting the site.

This relates to *McMahon v. Dublin Corporation*, where it can be considered that the current activities have not altered the essential character of the premises, which continue to operate as commercial/workspace units. The occasional public facing activities associated with Unit 6 are not considered, having regard to their limited nature, to alter the essential character of the principal use. It is further noted that the operation of the current use over time does not appear to have resulted in any notable change in the established character of the premises or their relationship with the surrounding uses, with the units continuing to work as discreet workspace/commercial units. While it may be considered that the specific activities within the two units have differed from previous activities, the change is not considered to constitute a material change in use for the purposes of Section 3(1) of the Act and therefore does not constitute development.

The proposal concerns, determination on whether the existing use of Units 6 and 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Co. Limerick, which are currently being used as commercial creative studios and workspaces for artists and creative practitioners, including ancillary exhibitions, workshops and related events, constitutes development requiring planning permission, or whether the existing use falls within the scope of the authorised commercial use of the premises, **does NOT constitute ‘development’**.

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

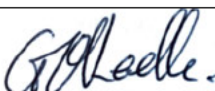
Having regard to the planning history of the units, the nature and scale of the current activities and the relevant ACP referral above, it is considered that the current use has not

materially altered the essential character of the premises or given rise to materially different planning considerations. Accordingly, the current use of Units 6 and 7 does not constitute a material change of use and therefore does not constitute development within the meaning of Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Regard has been had to –

- (a) Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended);
- (b) Article 6 & 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended);
- (c) The plans and particulars submitted with the application received on the 10th of August 2026

It is therefore considered that the said works do not constitute development under Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Student Planner	Conor Deering	Date: 21/08/2026
Signature:		
Senior Executive Planner	Gráinne O'Keeffe	Date: 01/09/2026
Signature		

Appendix 1: AA PN01 Screening Form

STEP 1: Description of the project/proposal and local site characteristics:	
(e) File Reference No:	EC-146-26
(e) Brief description of the project or plan:	seeking judgement on whether the existing use of Units 6 and 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Co. Limerick, which are currently being used as commercial creative studios and workspaces for artists and creative practioners, including ancillary exhibitions, workshops and related events, constitutes development requiring planning permission, or whether the existing use falls within the scope of the authorised commercial use of the premises.
(e) Brief description of site characteristics:	The two units in question are located within a commercial development consisting of a number of individual commercial units arranged around a shared access and circulation area. The units are modest in scale and are of a functional commercial/warehouse type appearance. The surrounding area is predominantly by

	commercial and employment uses, with associated access and parking areas. The site is adjacent to a protected part of the old Limerick City wall. The site can be accessed from Mungret Street and Little Gerald Griffen Street.
(e) 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
002165 Lower River Shannon SAC	https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/002165	350 m	N/A	N
004077 River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA	https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/spa/004077	850 m	N/A	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 - Pests	None. No direct encroachment or hydrological connection.
Operation phase e.g. - Direct emission to air and water	None. No direct encroachment or hydrological connection

- 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	
In-combination/Other	N/A.

(a) 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. No direct encroachment or hydrological connection.

(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 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:	 _____ 21/08/2026	
Signature and Date of the Decision Maker:	 _____ 01/09/2026	

Appendix 2: EIA Screening

Establishing if the proposal is a 'sub-threshold development':	
Planning Register Reference:	EC-146-26
Development Summary:	Seeking judgement on whether the existing use of Units 6 and 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Co. Limerick, which are currently being used as commercial creative studios and workspaces for artists and creative practitioners, including ancillary exhibitions, workshops and related events, constitutes development requiring planning permission, or whether the existing use falls within the scope of the authorised commercial use of the premises.
Was a Screening Determination	Yes. no further action required

carried out under Section 176A-C?		
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> : [insert here] _	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:		

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21/08/2026

Signature and Date of the Decision Maker:

G. M. Liddle

01/09/2026



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DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT, PLANNING

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03 September 2026

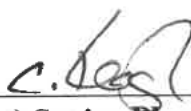
Re: Declaration under Section 5

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/ 1109

File Ref No. EC/146/26

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

RE: Existing use of Units 6 & 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Co. Limerick, which are currently being used as commercial creative studios and workspaces for artists and creative practitioners, including ancillary exhibitions, workshops and related events, constitutes development requiring planning permission, or whether the existing use falls within the scope of the authorised commercial use of the premises at Units 6 & 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Co. 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 Conor Deering, Student Planner dated 21/08/2026, hereby order that a Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) be issued to Spacecraft Studios, Sinead Stack, c/o Studio Saol, 8 Sarsfield, Limerick to state that the works as described above is

NOT Development

Signed



SENIOR EXECUTIVE PLANNER, DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT,
PLANNING

Date





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SECTION 5 – DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

DECLARATION NO.

EC/146/26

Name and Address of Applicant: Spacecraft Studios, Units 6 & 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Co. Limerick

Agent: Sinead Stack, Studio Saol, 8 Sarsfield, Limerick

Whether the existing use of Units 6 & 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Co. Limerick, which are currently being used as commercial creative studios and workspaces for artists and creative practitioners, including ancillary exhibitions, workshops and related events, constitutes development requiring planning permission, or whether the existing use falls within the scope of the authorised commercial use of the premises at Units 6 & 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, 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 10th day of August 2026.

AND WHEREAS the Planning Authority has concluded that the existing use of Units 6 & 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Co. Limerick, which are currently being used as commercial creative studios and workspaces for artists and creative practitioners, including ancillary exhibitions, workshops and related events, constitutes development requiring planning permission, or whether the existing use falls within the scope of the authorised commercial use of the premises at Units 6 & 7, Mungret Court, Irishtown, Co. Limerick **DOES NOT** come within the scope of exempted development under Section 3(1) 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 **NOT Development**.

Signed on behalf of the said Council

Date:

3.9.2026

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.