

Meeting of the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District to be held on Tuesday 8th September 2026

Question submitted by Councillor Bridie Collins

I will ask Limerick City and County Council to outline the procedure, backed by legislation and regulations, on the changing of a property, which was previously in commercial use, to private residential, setting out all the necessary applications, notifications, sections and other procedures that must be in place be compliant with national and local policy.

REPLY:

The change of use of a property from commercial to residential constitutes development under the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and as such whereby planning permission may be required. The procedures for same are detailed in the relevant statute.

The Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) set out exempted development provisions for certain changes of uses; however, these exemptions may depend on a range of land use criteria, including but not limited to, for example if the property is a protected structure, its location and the planning history of the site.

Should a member of the public wish to receive confirmation as to whether planning permission is required, a request can be made to the Planning Authority under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for a determination.

The Planning Department would be happy to liaise with Cllr. Collins on the options available on a site-specific basis.



Signed: Nuala O'Connell
Senior Planner
04th September 2026



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Question submitted by Councillor B. Collins:

I will ask Limerick City and County Council to outline the procedure and process that was followed in choosing the recipients of the Development Levy Funding and how the distribution of this fund was managed, who is responsible for these decisions and allocations and how long it has taken for each recipient to receive their allocation and also, can improvements be made to increase the efficiency of this process going forward.

Reply:

A formal application process commenced in February 2026 when applications were invited from Council Directorates including Area Offices. Review, consultation and approval stages took place between March and June.

The applications were reviewed by the Forward Planning Section responsible for the management of the Development Contribution Scheme. Projects were assessed in accordance with scheme eligibility, previous allocations, available funding, other funding sources to avoid duplication and commitments previously given to projects.

As part of the process, and as agreed with the Director General and the Elected Members during the adoption of the Development Contribution scheme, the Forward Planning Section met with the Cathaoirleach of each Municipal and Metro District to discuss projects in the context of local priorities. Once agreed, the allocations were signed off by the Director General. From there, the funding was transferred to the relevant Limerick City and County Council sections.

Forward Planning will commence preparation for the next funding cycle in Q4 2026 and will shortly engage with Directorates to review priority projects and funding requirements for 2027.

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Question submitted by Councillor John O'Donoghue

I will ask at the next meeting of the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District meeting for a list of all open planning enforcement cases for all wind farms; to provide the information in table form including the following details; date opened; enforcement ID; description of complaint (which planning conditions noise, shadow flicker etc) and current status.

REPLY:

The following are the current open cases regarding windfarm developments:

MAURICETOWN/ GLENDUFF				
File Ref	Date received	Address	Description	Status
DC-342-21	27/09/2021	Glenduff Darrery & Coolnanoglah, Ballagh, Co Limerick	Non-compliance with planning permission 12/379 re pasture for hen harriers	Warning Letter Served
DC-048-21	11/02/2021	Glenduff Darrery & Coolnanoglah, Ballaugh, Co. Limerick	Non-compliance with planning permission 12/379 - condition 10(a) & 10(c) - noise levels	Enforcement Notice Served
DC-270-19	06/08/2019	Glenduff, Ballaugh, Co. Limerick	Works within an SPA	Enforcement Notice Served
DC-239-23	31/05/2023	Glenduff, Ashford, Ballagh, Co. Limerick	Shadow flicker	Under investigation
DC-267-20	10/09/2020	Glenduff Ashford, Ballagh, Co. Limerick	Drainage & roadway	Enforcement Notice Served
KILMEEDY				

File Ref	Date Received	Address	Description	Status
DC-065-20	26/02/2020	Ballinruane & Ballyhahil, Kilmeedy, Co. Limerick	Non-compliance with condition no 1 of 11/165 regarding duration of daily shadow flicker	Warning Letter Served
DC-078-18	13/03/2018	Ballinruane & Ballyhahil, Kilmeedy, Co. Limerick	Non-compliance with condition no 8 of 11/165 regarding shadow flicker time and EIS	Warning Letter served

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Signed: **Nuala O'Connell**
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03rd September 2026