

MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE ORDER

Chief Executive Order Number: 767/25

Reference Number: RS525048

Subject: Declaration under Part 1, Section 5, Planning and Development Act 2000-2023

Name of Applicant: Andrew Lonergan

Address: 14 The Heath, Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne, Co Meath A86 WP94

Nature of Application: The proposed development will consist of a single storey extension to the rear of the property as per the address above with a flat roof construction and roof light. Facade materials are to match that of the existing building.

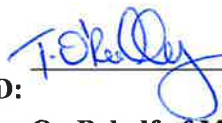
Location of Development: 14 The Heath, Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne, Co Meath, A86 WP94

DECLARATION: This development is **EXEMPT** from Planning Permission.

ORDER:

Being satisfied that all requirements relating to the Application have been complied with and to consider the proper Planning and Development of the County Meath Health District, IT IS HEREBY DECIDED, in pursuance of the above Act to declare that this is **EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**.

SIGNED:



On Behalf of Meath County Council

DATE: 02/05/2025

MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning Department

Buvinda House

Dublin Road

Navan Co Meath

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Planning & Development Act 2000- 2023

DECLARATION

To:

Andrew Lonergan

14 The Heath

Dunboyne Castle

Dunboyne

Co Meath

A86 WP9

PLANNING REFERENCE NUMBER: RS525048

APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE: 09/04/2025

FURTHER INFORMATION DATE:

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Planning and Development Act 2000-2023, Meath County Council has by order dated 02/05/2025 decided to Declare the proposed development is **EXEMPT**, in accordance with the documents submitted namely: The proposed development will consist of a single storey extension to the rear of the property as per the address above with a flat roof construction and roof light. Facade materials are to match that of the existing building at 14 The Heath, Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne, Co Meath, A86 WP94.

Date: 02/05/2025

Triona Keating
On Behalf of Meath County Council

NOTE:

1. Any appeal against a Declaration of a Planning Authority under Section 5, sub-section 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2023 may be made to An Bord Pleanala by the applicant **WITHIN FOUR WEEKS** beginning on the date of issue of the Declaration.
2. Appeals should be addressed to An Bord Pleanala, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. An appeal by the applicant should be accompanied by this form. The fee for an appeal against a Declaration of the Planning Authority is € 220.

For more information on Appeals you can contact An Bord Pleanala at:

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Meath County Council



Planning Report

To:	Peadar McQuaid, A/Senior Executive Planner
From:	Ryan Keleghan, Assistant Planner
File Number:	RS525048
Applicant:	Andrew Lonergan
Development Address:	14 The Heath, Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne, Meath.
Application Type:	Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2023: Declaration on Development/Exempted Development.
Date of Report:	29/04/2025
Date Decision Due:	07/05/2025
Development Description:	The proposed development will consist of a single storey extension to the rear of the property as per the address above with a flat roof construction and roof light. Façade materials are to match that of the existing building.



1. Site Location & Description

The site measures approximately 0.022ha and is located within the townlands of Castletown, within the settlement boundary of Dunboyne/Clonee/Pace. The site is located within the 'Dunboyne Castle' residential housing estate off the L-2227-06. There is a residential dwelling of 125m² located on the site. The site is adjacent to several residential dwellings. There is no planning application or planning permission associated with the site.

The area is zoned A1 as Existing Residential. The site is not located within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). The site is designated a Rural Area under Strong Urban Influence, according to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027. There are no Protected Structures, National Monuments or Protected Views within the application site. The site is located within a 'Lowland Landscape' area, namely the 'South East Lowlands', which has a very high landscape character value and a moderate landscape character sensitivity. The site is located within the 50db noise contour zone as designated by the Dublin Airport Authority.

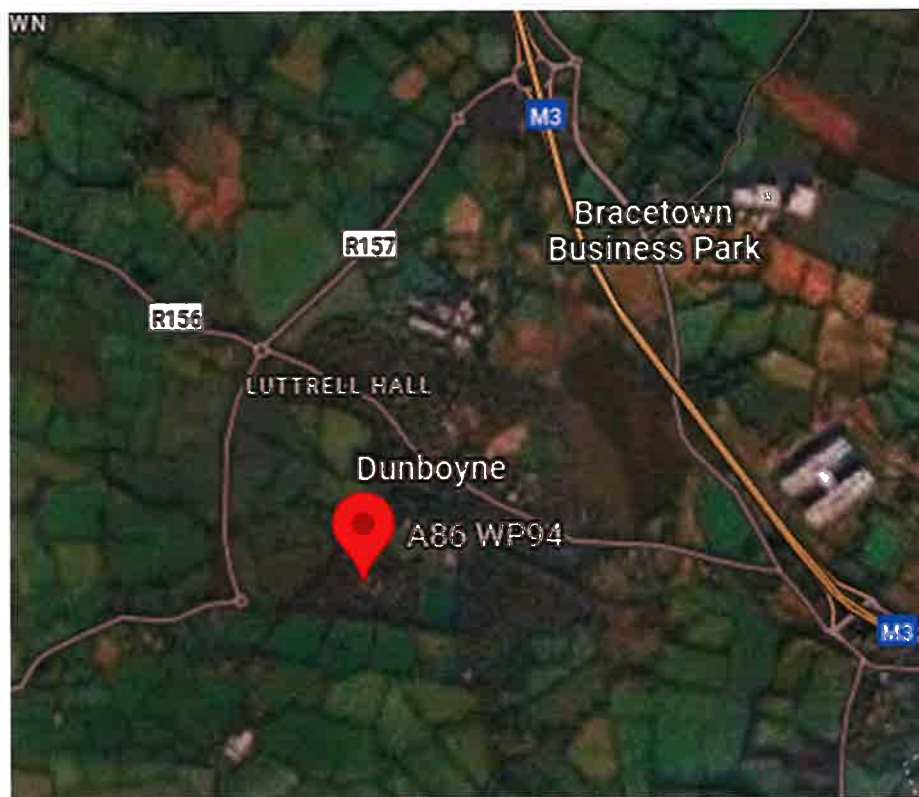


Figure 1: Site Location (Red Pin) (Source: Google Maps, 2025)

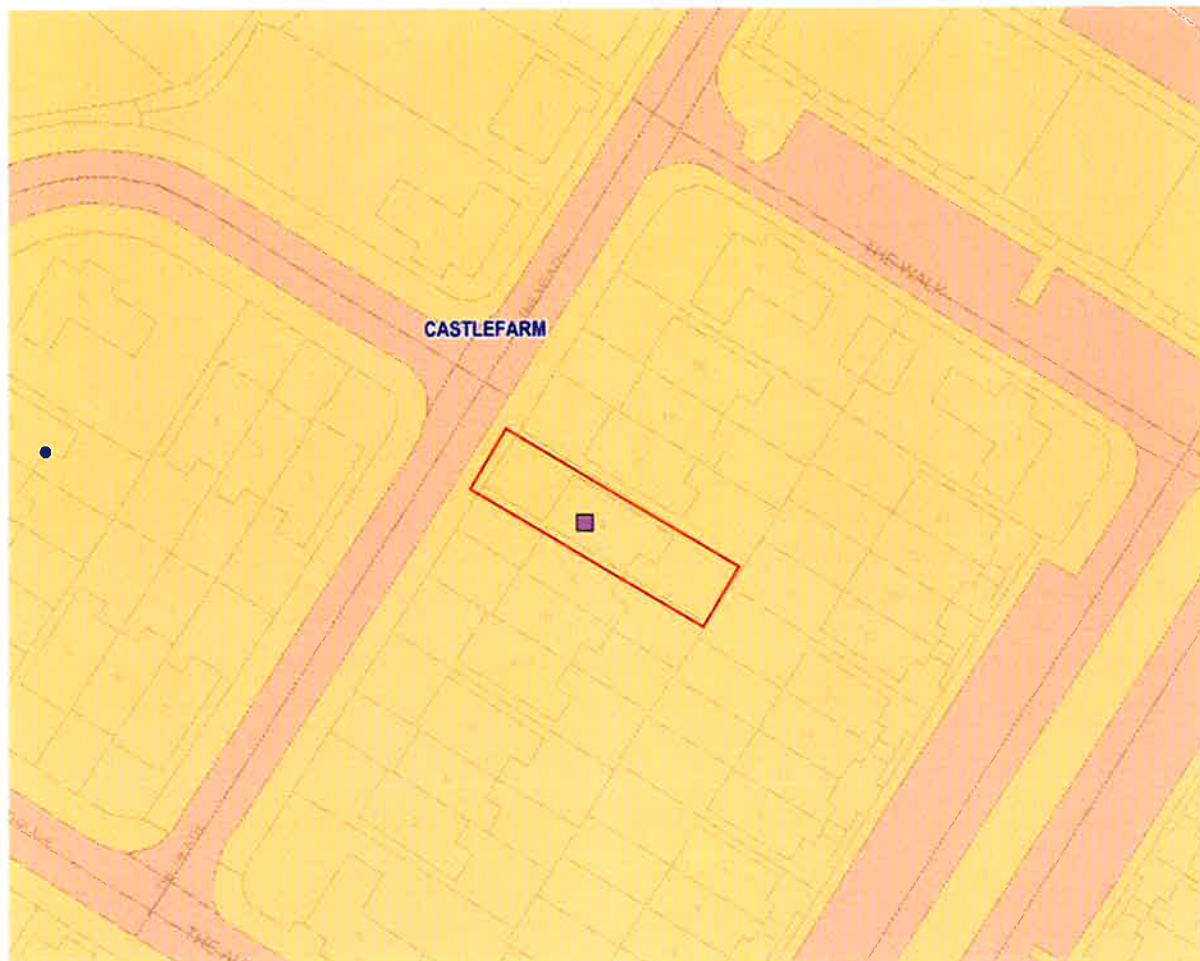


Figure 2: Site Zoning as per Meath County Council Development Plan 2021-2027.

2. Proposed Development

The Applicant describes the development in the completed application form as *“The proposed development will consist of a single storey extension to the rear of the property as per the address above with a flat roof construction and roof light. Façade materials are to match that of the existing building”*.

3. Planning History

A review of the Meath County Council Planning Register indicates that there is no recent and relevant planning history at the subject site.

4. Relevant Legislation

In order to assess whether or not the structures and land is or is not development or is or is not exempted development regard must be had to the following legislation:

4.1. Section 2 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2023

“**development**” has the meaning assigned to it by section 3, and “develop” shall be construed accordingly;

“**exempted development**” has the meaning specified in section 4;



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“structure” means inter alia any building, structure, excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in or under any land, or any part of a structure so defined, and where the context so admits, includes the land on, in or under which the structure is situate;

“unauthorised development” means, in relation to land, the carrying out of any unauthorised works (including the construction, erection or making of any unauthorised structure) or the making of any unauthorised use;

“unauthorised works” means any works on, in, over or under land commenced on or after 1st October 1964, being development other than—

- (a) exempted development (within the meaning of section 4 of the Act of 1963 or section 4 PDA), or
- (b) development which is the subject of a permission granted under Part IV of the Act of 1963 [or under section 34, 37G or 37N PDA], being a permission which has not been revoked, and which is carried out in compliance with that permission or any condition to which that permission is subject; and

“use”, in relation to land, does not include the use of the land by the carrying out of any works thereon;

“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.

4.2. Section 3 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2023

Section 3(1) Planning and Development Act (PDA) 2000-2023 defines “development” as follows:

“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”.

4.3. Section 4 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2023

Section 4(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;
- (j) development consisting of the use of any structure or other land within the curtilage of a house for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the house as such;”

Section 4(2) provides for the making of regulations relating to exempted development. The Planning & Development Regulations (PDR) 2001-2025 give effect to section 4(2).

4.4. Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2023

Section 5 PDA 2000-2023 provides inter alia:



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- 1) If any question arises as to what, in any particular case, is or is not development or is or is not exempted development within the meaning of this Act, any person may, on payment of the prescribed fee, request in writing from the relevant planning authority a declaration on that question, and that person shall provide to the planning authority any information necessary to enable the authority to make its decision on the matter.
- 2) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), a planning authority shall issue the declaration on the question that has arisen and the main reasons and considerations on which its decision is based to the person who made the request under subsection (1), and, where appropriate, the owner and occupier of the land in question, within 4 weeks of the receipt of the request.
 (b) A planning authority may require any person who made a request under subsection (1) to submit further information with regard to the request in order to enable the authority to issue the declaration on the question and, where further information is received under this paragraph, the planning authority shall issue the declaration within 3 weeks of the date of the receipt of the further information.
 (c) A planning authority may also request persons in addition to those referred to in paragraph (b) to submit information in order to enable the authority to issue the declaration on the question.

4.5. Section 32 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2023

Section 32 PDA 2000-2023 sets out a general obligation to obtain planning permission in respect of any development of land, not being exempted development, and in the case of development, which is unauthorised, for the retention of that unauthorised development.

4.6. Section 177U(9) of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2023

"In deciding upon a declaration for the purposes of Section 5 of this Act a planning authority or the Board, as the case maybe, shall where appropriate, conduct a screening for appropriate assessment in accordance with the provisions of this Section."

4.7. Article 6(1) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2025

'Subject to Article 9, development of a class specified in Column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 shall be exempted development for the purposes of the Act, provided that such development complies with the conditions and limitations specified in Column 2 of the said Part 1 opposite the mention of that class in the said Column 1.'

4.8. Article 9(1) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2025

Restrictions on exemptions 'Development to which Article 6 relates shall not be exempted development for the purposes of the Act —

- (a) if the carrying out of such development would— ...
 - (i) contravene a condition attached to a permission under the Act or be inconsistent with any use specified in a permission under the Act,
 - (ii) consist of or comprise the formation, laying out or material widening of a means of access to a public road the surfaced carriageway of which exceeds 4 metres in width,
 - (iii) endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users,



(iiia) endanger public safety by reason of hazardous glint and/or glare for the operation of airports, aerodromes or aircraft,

(iv) except in the case of a porch to which class 7 specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 applies and which complies with the conditions and limitations specified in column 2 of the said Part 1 opposite the mention of that class in the said column 1, comprise the construction, erection, extension or renewal of a building on any street so as to bring forward the building, or any part of the building, beyond the front wall of the building on either side thereof or beyond a line determined as the building line in a development plan for the area or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan,

(v) consist of or comprise the carrying out under a public road of works other than a connection to a wired broadcast relay service, sewer, water main, gas main or electricity supply line or cable, or any works to which class 25, 26 or 31 (a) specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 applies,

(vi) interfere with the character of a landscape, or a view or prospect of special amenity value or special interest, the preservation of which is an objective of a development plan for the area in which the development is proposed or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan,

...

(xii) further to the provisions of section 82 of the Act, consist of or comprise the carrying out of works to the exterior of a structure, where the structure concerned is located within an architectural conservation area or an area specified as an architectural conservation area in a development plan for the area or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan and the development would materially affect the character of the area,

(c) if it is development to which Part 10 applies, unless the development is required by or under any statutory provision (other than the Act or these regulations) to comply with the procedures for the purposes of giving effect to the Council Directive.”

4.9. Schedule 2, Part 1 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2025

The following sections have been considered:

CLASS 1 Development within the curtilage of a house

“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.”

Conditions and Limitations:

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



- (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.
- (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.
- 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.
- (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.
- (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.
- 3) Any above ground floor extension shall be a distance of not less than 2 metres from any party boundary.
- 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.
- (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.
- (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.
- 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.
- 6) (a) Any window proposed at ground level in any such extension shall not be less than 1 metre from the boundary it faces.
- (b) Any window proposed above ground level in any such extension shall not be less than 11 metres from the boundary it faces.
- (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.
- 7) The roof of any extension shall not be used as a balcony or roof garden.

5. Assessment

The question has arisen as to whether or not the construction of a *“The proposed development will consist of a single storey extension to the rear of the property as per the address above with a flat roof construction and roof light. Façade materials are to match that of the existing building”* at 14 The Heath, Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne, Co. Meath comprises development or is exempted development. In this regard it is necessary to consider the question of “development” and “exempted development” as provided for in statute and summarised above.



Development:

Having regard to the definition of 'development' within the PDA 2000-2023, "*the carrying out of works on, in, over or under lands or the making of any material change in the use of any structures or other land*"; It is considered the proposal detailed would constitute development in accordance with Section 3(1) of the PDA 2000-2023.

Exempted Development:

Based on the information submitted, the Applicant is proposing a rear, single storey extension of 27.5m². This would not trigger the limitations as per Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 1 of the PDR 2001-2024. There are some minor alterations proposed as part of the application, these are internal to the existing dwelling and are not likely to impact the character of the dwelling or constitute any material changes as per Section 4(1)(h) of the PDA 2000-2023. The development can be considered exempted development under Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 1 of the PDR 2001-2024.

6. Appropriate Assessment

Article 6(3) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC (the Habitats Directive) compels competent authorities to undertake an appropriate assessment of any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a Natura 2000 site but likely to have a significant effect thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects.

'Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects, Guidance for Planning Authorities' (2009) provide advice to planning authorities on their obligations under the Habitats Directive. The document, "Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland: Guidance for Planning Authorities", states that where, from the nature, size, and location of the development, it is unclear if the proposal will have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 site(s), a Natura Impact Statement will be required.

The site is not within or directly adjoining any Natura 2000 site. There are several Natura 2000 sites situated within a 15-kilometre (approximate) distance of the application site as set out below. There are no apparent direct hydrological links from the subject site to a Natura 2000 site.

- Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC (001398)

The Planning Authority considered the nature, scale and location of the proposed development and other plans and projects (where there could be potential for cumulative or in-combination effects), the conservation objectives/ qualifying interests of European Sites within the vicinity of the site and the distance to European Sites, any protected habitats or species, the WFD catchment location, the underlying aquifer type and vulnerability and the excavation works, emissions, transportation requirements and duration of construction and operation and cumulative impacts associated with the proposal.

The Planning Authority's Screening for Appropriate Assessment has considered the potential effects including direct, indirect and in-combination effects of the proposed development, individually or in combination with the permitted developments and cumulatively with other plans or projects on European Sites. The Planning Authority concludes that the proposed development (entire project), by itself or in combination with other plans and developments in



the vicinity, would not be likely to have a significant effect on European Site(s). In light of this, it is considered that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment (Natura Impact Statement) is not required in this instance.

7. Environmental Impact Assessment

The Planning Authority is required to determine if the proposed development requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This determination is based on the requirements set out in Schedule 5 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001-2025, Schedule 5 requirements.

The Planning Authority is required to determine if the proposed development requires an EIA. The proposed development which involves the permission for the development does not equal or exceed a threshold or represent a category of project listed in Schedule 5 of the PDR 2001-2025. Having regard to the small scale and nature of the development and the site location, the proposal would not require sub-threshold EIA.

8. Conclusion & Recommendations

It is therefore recommended that a declaration with respect as to whether or not the *"The proposed development will consist of a single storey extension to the rear of the property as per the address above with a flat roof construction and roof light. Façade materials are to match that of the existing building"* at "14 the Heath, Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne, Meath." be issued to state that the proposal is **development** which is **Exempted Development**.

Having regard to-

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to;

whether or not *"the proposed development will consist of a single storey extension to the rear of the property as per the address above with a flat roof construction and roof light. Façade materials are to match that of the existing building"*, comprises development or is exempted development?

at 14 the Heath, Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne, Meath, is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS the Planning Authority in consideration of this question has had regard particularly to:

- 1) Section 2, 3, 4, 5, 32 and 177U of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2023.
- 2) Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025.
- 3) Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025.
- 4) Plans and particulars of the Section 5 application submitted.

NOW THEREFORE Meath County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2023, hereby decides that the said development as detailed on plans and particulars submitted on 09/04/2025 **is development** and is considered **exempted development**.

Section 5 Exemption Certificate



Ryan Keleghan

Assistant Planner

Date: 29/04/2025



Peadar McQuaid

A/Senior Executive Planner

Date: 02/05/2025

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APPLICATION FORM – DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT & EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

Part 1 Section 5 of Planning and Development Act 2000-2021, as amended

1. Name: Andrew Lonergan

Contact details: to be supplied at the end of this form (Question 13)

2. Name of person/ agent acting on behalf of the applicant, if applicable

N/A

Contact details: to be supplied at the end of this form (Question 14)

3. Location of Development and/or Subject Site: 14 The Heath, Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne, Co. Meath, A86 WP94

4. Description of Development: The proposed development will consist of a single storey extension to the rear of the property as per the address above with a flat roof construction and roof light. Façade materials are to match that of the existing building.

5. Will the development take place within the curtilage of a dwelling house?

Please tick as appropriate: YES ☒ NO ☐

6. Will / does development take place in / on a Protected Structure or within the curtilage of a Protected Structure?

Please tick as appropriate: YES ☐ NO ☒

6(b) If "YES", has a Declaration under Section 57 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 – 2014, as amended, been requested or issued for the property by the Planning Authority?

Please tick as appropriate: YES ☐ NO ☐

7. State overall height of structure if applicable: 3.1m

8. State in square metres the floor area of the proposed development:

27.5 sqm



9. List of plans / drawings etc. submitted:

25001-BDA-XX-XX-DR-A-0001 – Site Location Map

25001-BDA-XX-XX-DR-A-0002 – Site Plan

25001-BDA-XX-XX-DR-A-0010 – General Arrangement Drawings

10. Please state applicants interest in this site

The applicants are owners of the site / dwelling and are resident in the dwelling as per the address above.

If applicant is not the owner of site, please provide name & address of owner:

N/A

11. Are you aware of any enforcement proceedings connected to this site?

Please tick as appropriate: YES ☐ NO ☒

11 (b), If "YES" please supply details:

12. Are you aware of any previous planning application/s on this site?

Please tick as appropriate: YES ☐ NO ☒

12 (b), If "YES" please supply details:

SIGNED:

Andrew Loneragan
James Mc Carrae

DATE:

1/4/25
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NOTES

1. Application Fee of €80

2. Application shall be accompanied by:

- **2 copies of site location map to scale 1:2500** clearly showing the site outlined in red and the extent of the site boundaries, the position of existing structures, etc., and the proposed work.
- **2 drawings to scale (1:200)** of the proposed development (including floor plan and elevations), if appropriate.
- **Two site layout plans to scale 1:500** if appropriate. Please submit 2 copies of any additional plans/reports etc. you may wish to include as part of the application.

Application shall be forwarded to: Meath County Council, Planning Department, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath.

Contact Details: Phone: 046 9097500 Fax: 046 9097001

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