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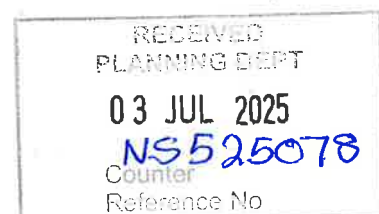
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APPLICATION FORM – DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT & EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

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

1. Name: **Kevin Mulvey**
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
Paul O'Neill Architects
Contact details: to be supplied at the end of this form (Question 14)
3. Location of Development and/or Subject Site: **10 St. Endas Villas, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 D5K8**
4. Description of Development:
The works have been completed and consist of the conversion of an existing garage to a bathroom and home office/bedroom, with associated internal modifications and a minor external alteration including a 450mm increase in roof height and the replacement of a garage door with a window.
5. Will the development take place within the curtilage of a dwelling house?
Please tick as appropriate: **YES**
6. Will / does development take place in / on a Protected Structure or within the curtilage of a Protected Structure?
Please tick as appropriate: **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: **N/A**
7. State overall height of structure if applicable: **2.74m**
8. State in square meters the floor area of the proposed development: **19sq.m**
9. List of plans / drawings etc. submitted:
 - **B100 - Floor Plans & Elevations - A1**
 - **H101 - 3D Impressions**
 - **Site Location Map**
10. Please state applicants interest in this site: **Applicant is owner of site**
If applicant is not the owner of site, please provide name & address of owner:



Avril Young

From: Kevin Mulvey
Sent: Wednesday 2 July 2025 17:42
To: Planning Enquiries
Cc: Paul O'Neill
Subject: Request for Confirmation of Exempted Development
Attachments: Site Location Map.pdf; Application for Exempted Development.pdf; B100 - Floor Plans & Elevations - A1.pdf; Cover Letter.pdf; H101 - 3D Impressions.pdf

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Request for Confirmation of Exempted Development – Garage Roof Replacement and Change of Use

All,

Please find attached all relevant information relating to development at 10 St. Enda's Villas, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 D5K8 including a detailed description of the works and the reasoning as to why the development qualifies as exempted development under the Planning and Development Act 2000 and associated Regulations.

The works involve the replacement of the flat concrete roof of an attached garage (which was in poor condition with multiple holes and significant water ingress), a 450mm increase in roof height to align with the adjacent utility roof, a change of use to a ground floor bathroom and home office/bedroom, and the replacement of the garage door with a window consistent in design with the existing dwelling.

I would be grateful if you could review the attached and advise if you require any additional information at this stage.

Kind regards,

Kevin Mulvey
Architectural Technician / Project Manager
BSc(Hons) Dist.

Paul O'Neill Architects

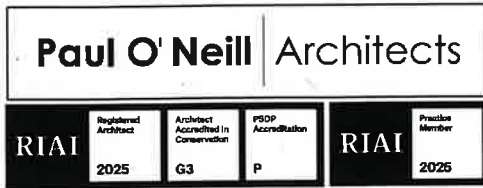
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Supporting Statement for Section 5 Application Completed Alterations and Change of Use



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(via email)

02.07.2025

Re: Supporting Statement for Section 5 Application - Completed Alterations and Change of Use – 10 St. Enda's Villas, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 D5K8

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed a submission in accordance with Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), seeking a declaration from Meath County Council as to whether the works described herein constitute exempted development.

The works have been completed and consist of the conversion of an existing garage to a bathroom and home office/bedroom, with associated internal modifications and a minor external alteration including a 450mm increase in roof height and the replacement of a garage door with a window.

This document sets out the details of the completed works and the basis on which they are considered to constitute exempted development under the Planning and Development Act 2000 and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Taking into account the limited scope of external changes, the modest roof height increase, and the internal use remaining incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling, the proposed development meets the criteria for exempted development under the Planning and Development Act 2000, Section 4(1)(h) and (j), and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 1.

No planning permission is required for the proposed works:

Description of Completed Works

The works carried out comprise the alteration and change of use of an existing attached single-storey garage structure located to the side of a two-storey domestic dwelling. The completed development includes the following:

Change of Use

- The original use of the structure was as a domestic garage.
- The internal space has been converted to accommodate a bathroom and a home office/bedroom.
- These rooms are now used for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the main dwelling and remain integrated with the residential function of the house.
- The layout provides internal access from the main house, ensuring the space functions as part of the overall dwelling and not as a separate or independent unit.

Internal Works

- Internal partitions were constructed to create a functional layout comprising:
- A bathroom (with WC, basin, and shower).
- A multi-purpose room designed for use as a home office / bedroom.
- Mechanical and electrical works were carried out, including:
 - Installation of sanitary ware and plumbing connections to existing services.
 - Installation of lighting, sockets, and heating consistent with residential use.

Roof Alteration

- The roof over the converted structure was raised by approximately 450mm to align with the height of the adjoining flat-roofed utility room and also to meet the 2.4m height required for habitable rooms
- The revised roof remains flat in form and incorporates matching finishes and detailing to ensure continuity with the existing structure.
- The modest increase in height was necessary for internal headroom and insulation requirements.

External Elevation Modifications

- The existing garage door to the front elevation was removed.
- A new window was installed in its place, matching the style, materials, and proportions of existing windows on the house to maintain visual coherence.
- No changes were made to the footprint of the building.
- External wall finishes and materials used in the alterations match the existing dwelling, ensuring consistency in appearance.

Site Context and Impact

- The alteration is fully within the existing building envelope.
- No part of the alteration extends forward of the principal elevation of the house.
- The external appearance remains compatible with both the main house and neighbouring structures, with no visual detriment to the streetscape or character of the area.

I hope you this outline and information is helpful but if you have any queries or concerns and wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Paul O' Neill MRIAI RIBA Architect

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul O' Neill', is written over the printed name and address.

Paul O' Neill Architects, Bective Street, Kells, Co. Meath
(Sent via email 2ND July 2025)

Planning Pack Map

Application Site in Red

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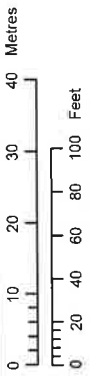
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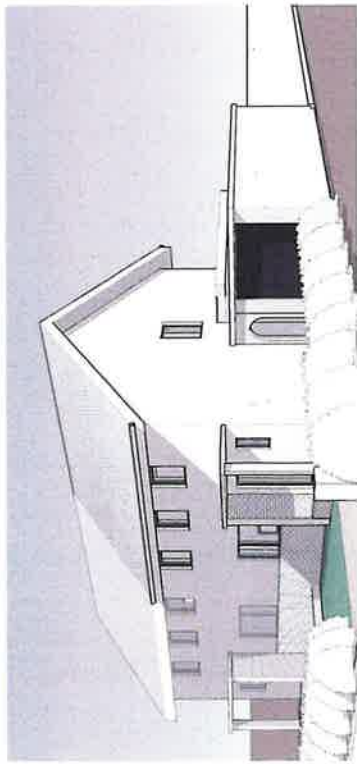
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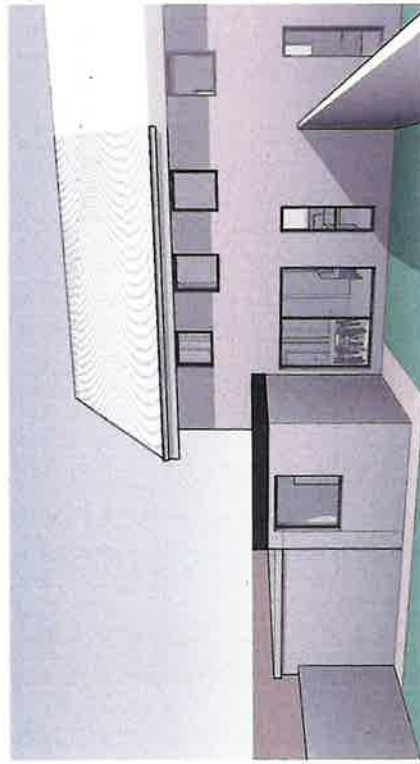
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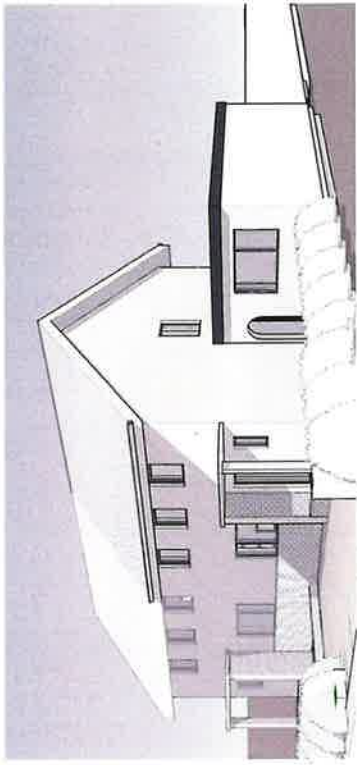
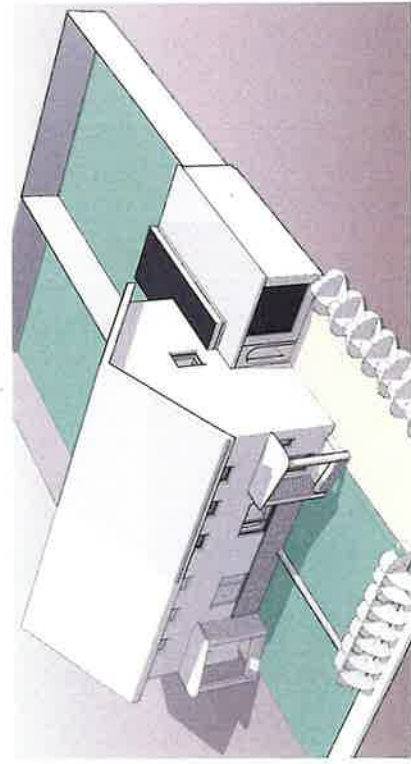
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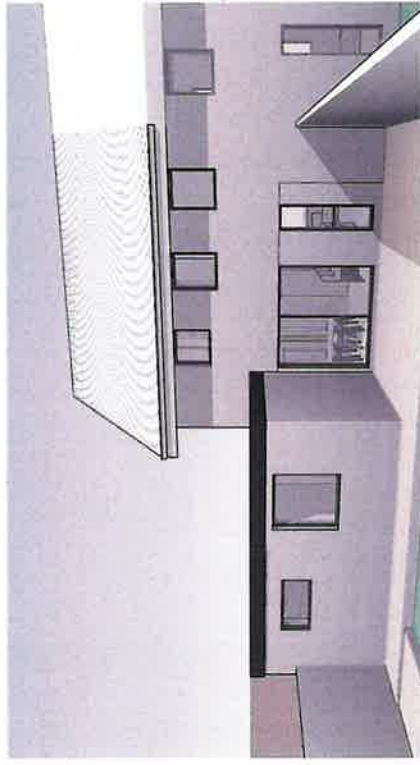
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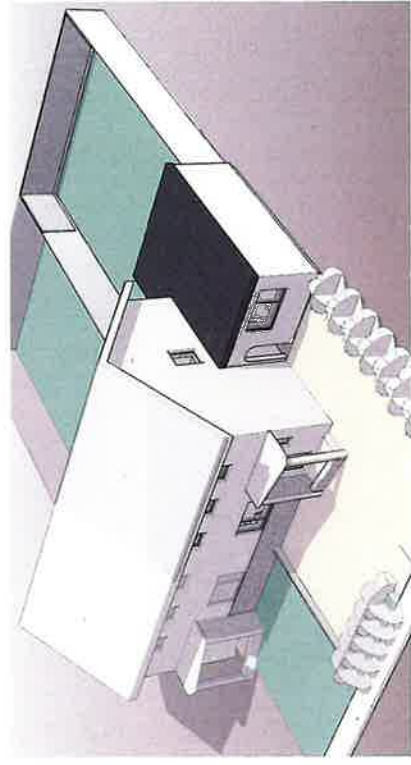
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PROJECT	10 St. Endas Villas, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 D5K8
TITLE	3D Visual Impressions
CLIENT	Kevin Mulvey
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MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE ORDER

Chief Executive Order Number: 1159/25

Reference Number: NS525078

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

Name of Applicant: Kevin Mulvey

Address: c/o Paul O'Neill, Paul O'Neill Architects Ltd, Bective Street, Kells, Co Meath

Nature of Application: The works have been completed and consist of the conversion of an existing garage to a bathroom and home office/bedroom, with associated internal modifications and a minor external alteration including a 450mm increase in roof height and the replacement of a garage door with a window

Location of Development: 10 St Endas Villas, Navan, Co Meath, C15 D5K8

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

DECLARATION:

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:

09/07/2025

MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning Department

Buvinda House

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Planning & Development Act 2000- 2022

DECLARATION

To:

**Kevin Mulvey
c/o Paul O'Neill
Paul O'Neill Architects Ltd
Bective Street
Kells
Co Meath**

PLANNING REFERENCE NUMBER: NS525078

APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE: 03/07/2025

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 09/07/2025 decided to Declare the proposed development is **EXEMPT**, in accordance with the documents submitted namely: The works have been completed and consist of the conversion of an existing garage to a bathroom and home office/bedroom, with associated internal modifications and a minor external alteration including a 450mm increase in roof height and the replacement of a garage door with a window at 10 St Endas Villas, Navan, Co Meath, C15 D5K8

Date: 09/07/2025

Triona Keating

On Behalf of Meath County Council

NOTE:

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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.

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Meath County Council



Planning Report

To:	Wendy Bagnall, Senior Executive Planner
From:	Ryan Keleghan, Assistant Planner
File Number:	NS525078
Applicant:	Kevin Mulvey
Development Address:	10 St. Enda's Villas, Navan, Co. Meath. C15 D5K8.
Application Type:	Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2023: Declaration on Development/Exempted Development.
Date of Report:	08/07/2025
Date Decision Due:	31/07/2025
Development Description:	The works have been completed and consist of the conversion of an existing garage to a bathroom and home office/bedroom, with associated internal modifications and a minor external alteration including a 450mm increase in roof height and the replacement of a garage door with a window.



1. Site Location & Description

The site measures approximately 0.03ha and is located within the townlands of Blackcastle, within the settlement boundary of Navan. The site is located within the 'St. Enda Villas' residential housing estate off the R-162-170. There is a residential semi-detached dwelling 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). 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 'North Navan Lowlands', which has a moderate landscape character value and a moderate landscape character sensitivity.

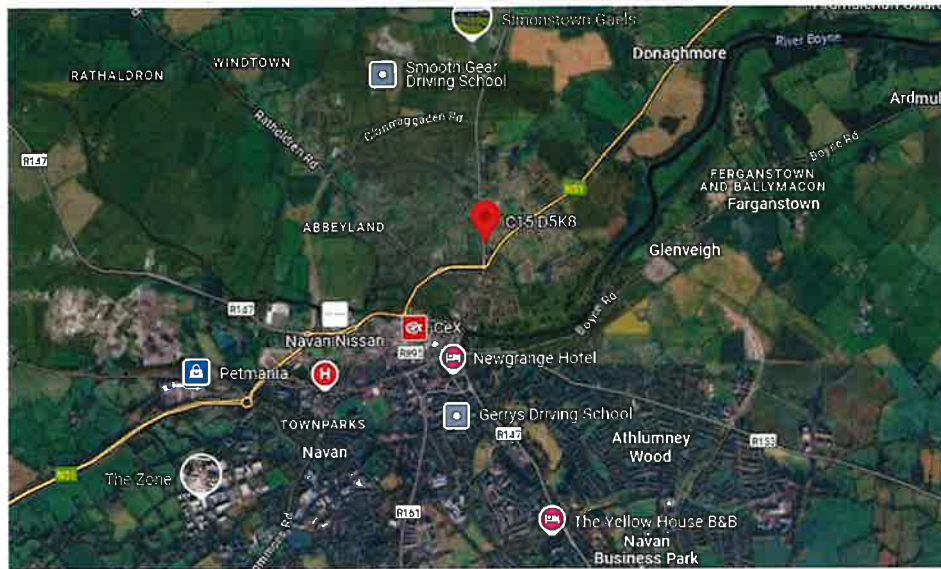


Figure 1: Site Location (Red Pin) (Source: Google Maps, 2025)



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 works have been completed and consist of the conversion of an existing garage to a bathroom and home office/bedroom, with associated internal modifications and a minor external alteration including a 450mm increase in roof height and the replacement of a garage door with a window"*.

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;

"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 Planning and Development Act), 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 Planning and Development Act], 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:



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"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:

- 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



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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. Article 10(1) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2025

Change of Use. ‘Development which consists of a change of use within any one of the classes of use specified in Part 4 of Schedule 2, shall be exempted development for the purposes of the Act, provided that the development, if carried out would not—

(a) involve the carrying out of any works other than works which are exempted development,

(b) contravene a condition attached to a permission under the Act,

(c) be inconsistent with any use specified or included in such a permission, or

(d) be a development where the existing use is an unauthorised use, save where such change of use consists of the resumption of a use which is not unauthorised and which has not been abandoned’.

4.10. 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



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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 the following; *"The works have been completed and consist of the conversion of an existing garage to a bathroom and home office/bedroom, with associated internal modifications and a minor external alteration including a 450mm increase in roof height and the replacement of a garage door with a window"* at 10 St. Enda's Villas, Navan, Co. Meath. C15 D5K8 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 garage conversion of 19m². The proposed height of the finished structure is 2.74m. The garage is existing and with no evidence of the contrary, has the benefit of planning permission. 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



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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.

- River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (002299)
- River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (004232)

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-



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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 works have been completed and consist of the conversion of an existing garage to a bathroom and home office/bedroom, with associated internal modifications and a minor external alteration including a 450mm increase in roof height and the replacement of a garage door with a window"* at 10 St. Enda's Villas, Navan, Co. Meath. C15 D5K8" 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 works have been completed and consist of the conversion of an existing garage to a bathroom and home office/bedroom, with associated internal modifications and a minor external alteration including a 450mm increase in roof height and the replacement of a garage door with a window"*, comprises development or is exempted development?

at 10 St. Enda's Villas, Navan, Co. Meath. C15 D5K8, 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:

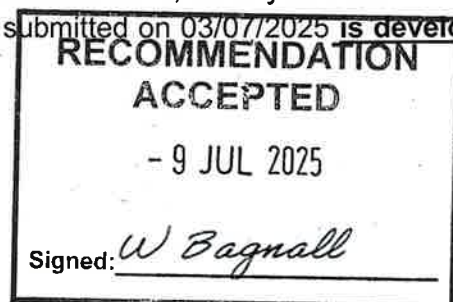
- 1) Section 2, 3, 4, 5, 32 and 177U of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2023.
- 2) Articles 6, 9 and 10 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025.
- 3) Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2025.
- 4) Plans and particulars of the Section 5 application 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 03/07/2025 ~~is development~~ and is considered **exempted development**.

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