

Date: 2nd April 2024. Our Ref: ED/1112.

St. James Resource Centres Ltd. c/o Jong Kim,
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Unit 6,
Kingswood Business Centre,
4075 Kingswood Road,
Citywest,
Dublin 24.
D24 A068.

RE: Application for a Declaration of Exempted Development under Section 5 of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for development at St. James Camino Centre, Cloncurry, Enfield, Co. Kildare.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your correspondence received on 8th March 2024 in connection with the above.

Please find attached declaration made under Section 5 of Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department.



Declaration of Development & Exempted Development under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

ED/1112.

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the repair of a fire damaged building and replacing four windows with three at St. James Camino Centre, Cloncurry, Enfield, Co. Kildare is exempted development,

AS INDICATED on the plans and particulars received by the Planning Authority on 8th March 2024

AND WHEREAS St. James Resource Centres Ltd. requested a declaration on the said question from Kildare County Council,

AND WHEREAS Kildare County Council as the Planning Authority, in considering this application for a declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), had regard to;

- (a) Sections 2, 3, and 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended);
- (b) Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended); and
- (c) The nature, extent and purpose of the works;

AND WHEREAS Kildare County Council has concluded that the development comprises works to which the provisions of the following applies:

- (a) Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
- (b) Section 3 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

NOW THEREFORE Kildare County Council, 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 repair of a fire damaged building and replacing four windows with three at St. James Camino Centre, Cloncurry, Enfield, Co. Kildare

constitutes development as defined in Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and is not exempt development as defined by the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Please note that any person issued with a declaration under subsection 2(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) may on payment to the Board of the prescribed fee, refer a declaration to An Bord Pleanála within 4 weeks of the issuing of the decision.

2nd April 2024.

Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL



PLANNING & STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Section 5 referral & declaration on development & exempted development

Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended)

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R	eference No. ED/1112.					
Name Of Applicant(s): St. James Resource Centres Limited.						
Address Of Development:	St. James Camino Centre, Cloncurry, Enfield,					
	Co. Kildare.					
Development Description:						
	drug/alcohol rehabilitation centre.					
Due date	5/4/2024.					

Introduction

This is a request for a **DECLARATION** under Section 5(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to establish whether under Section 5 of the Act the repair works to a fire damaged building is exempt development.

Under Section 5 of the Act if a question arises as to what, in any particular case is or is not development or is or not is exempted development within the meaning of the Act, any person may, on payment of the prescribed fee, request in writing from the planning authority a declaration on that question.

Site Location

The subject site is located in the townland of Cloncurry on the outskirts of Enfield. The Meath border is approx. 120m to the west of the site. Planning history shows that retention permission was previously refused at the site under file 21/1289.

Description of Proposed Development

The development is described in the application form as:

'Repairs'

In Section 4 (7) of the application form the applicant states that:

(1) It is proposed to repair a fire damaged building. The repairs consist of a reconstruction of internal walls, ceilings, doors, windows, plumbing, electrical, fire safety systems and repair all other fire damaged internal and external building elements such as roofs. (2) It is proposed to insert 3 no. Windows in the front elevation in place of 4 windows.



Fig 1: Site Location and context



Fig 2: Aerial view of subject site (Google Images)

Planning History

21/1289 & ABP – 312082-21: Retention permission refused to St James Resource Centres Limited to continue to use the building (when refurbished) for residential rehabilitation use. The building was previously in continuous use since 2001 as a rehabilitation facility until it was damaged by a fire in 2018. Planning Permission is sought to repair and rebuild the fire damaged building and provide a rear single storey extension of 60m2. The building comprises 8 double bedrooms, shower room, toilets, staff room, plant room, gym, kitchen/utility, reception/office, stores, day rooms and resident rooms. The works include new fire safety systems, emergency lighting and fire escape doors. The total floor area of the extended single storey building will be 582.9m2. The building footprint will be smaller than the fire damaged building.

<u>UD7782:</u> Rebuilding and extension of fire damaged former dwelling house the benefit of planning permission.

Relevant Legislative Background

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provides a definition of 'works':

'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.

Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) defines development:

In this Act, 'development' means, except where the context otherwise requires, the carrying out of any works on, in, over or under land or the making of any material change in the use of any structures or other land.

In this regard, the proposed development comprises 'work' and also therefore is considered 'development'.

Section 4(1)

The following shall be exempted development for the purposes of the 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;

Section 5(7) EIA Screening

The proposed development is not specified in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended). In any event, it is considered, having regard to nature, size and location, the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Therefore, EIA is not required.

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Article 6(1)

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.

Article 9 (1)(a)(i)

Restrictions on exemption.

- 9. (1) 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—....(15 items)

Assessment

Having regard to the planning history, it is noted that the use of the proposed development has been previously refused.

It is considered that the proposal would involve repair and alteration works to the exterior of the structure, which are considered to materially affect the external appearance of the structure.

Section 3 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) 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'.

"Works" are defined in Section 2 of the Act as '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 to exterior of a structure'.

(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;

It is considered that the external works proposed would materially affect the appearance of the structure, while the use of the structure is not permitted. Therefore, it is considered that the proposal would contravene Section 4(1)(h) of the

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and not be considered exempt development.

Conclusion

Having regard to:

- Sections 2, 3, and 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended);
- Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended); and
- The nature, extent and purpose of the works;

It is considered that the proposed works **constitutes development** as defined in Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and **is not exempt development** as defined by the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the applicant be advised that the development as described in the application constitutes development and is not exempt development.

Signed:

Daniel Waldron A/Assistant Planner 28/03/2024

Waldron

Kehinde Oluwatosin

Senior Executive Planner 28/03/2024

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Appendix 1: Appropriate Assessment Screening



APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT AND DETERMINATION

(A) Project Details			
Planning File Ref	ED112		
Applicant name	St James Resource Centres Limited		
Development Location	St James Resource Centres, Cloncurry, Enfield		
Site size	N/A		
Application	No		
accompanied by an EIS (Yes/NO)			
Distance from Natura 2000 site in km	River Boyne and Barrow is approx. 10km north of the site		
Description of the project/proposed development –			
Repairs			

	(B) Identification of Natura 2000 sites which may be impacted by the proposed development				
pro			Yes/No If answer is yes, identify list name of Natura 2000 site likely to be impacted.		
1	Impacts on sites designated for freshwater habitats or species. Sites to consider: River Barrow and Nore, Rye Water/Carton Valley, Pollardstown Fen, Ballynafagh lake	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include freshwater habitats and/or species, or in the catchment (upstream or downstream) of same?	No		
2	Impacts on sites designated for wetland habitats - bogs, fens, marshes and heath. Sites to consider: River Barrow and Nore, Rye Water/Carton Valley, Pollardstown Fen, Mouds Bog, Ballynafagh Bog, Red Bog, Ballynafagh Lake	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include wetland habitats (bog, marsh, fen or heath), or within 1 km of same?	No		
3	Impacts on designated terrestrial habitats. Sites to consider: River Barrow and Nore, Rye Water/Carton Valley, Pollardstown Fen, Ballynafagh Lake	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include woodlands, dunes or grasslands, or within 100m of same?	No		
4	Impacts on birds in SPAs Sites to consider: Poulaphouca Resevoir	Is the development within a Special Protection Area, or within 5 km of same?	No		

Conclusion:

If the answer to all of the above is ${f No}$, significant impacts can be ruled out for habitats and bird species.

No further assessment in relation to habitats or birds is required.

If the answer is **Yes** refer to the relevant sections of **C**.

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(G) SCREENING CONCLUSION STATEMENT					
Sele	Selected relevant category for project assessed by ticking box.				
1	AA is not required because the project is directly connected				
	with/necess	ary to the conservation management of the site	to the conservation management of the site		
2	No potential	potential significant affects/AA is not required X			
3	3 Significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain.				
	Seek a Natu	ura Impact Statement			
	Reject proposal. (Reject if potentially damaging/inappropriate)				
Justify why it falls into relevant category above (based on information					
in above tables)					
Having regard to the proximity of the nearest SAC and given the location, nature and					
extent of the proposed development it is not considered there would be potential to					
affect the ecological integrity and conservation objectives of the site.					
Nam	Name: Daniel Waldron				
Pos	Position: A/Assistant Planner				
Date	Date: 28/03/2024				

Planning Report

Planning Referral

Camino Cloncurry Enfield Kildare

06 March 2024



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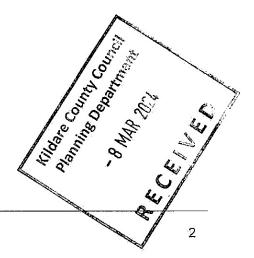
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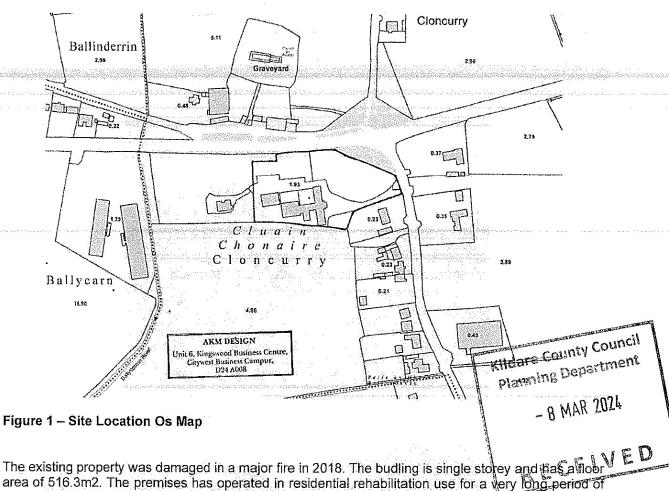


1.0 Introduction

This Planning Report has been prepared by AKM Design to accompany a planning referral for works at Camino, Cloncurry, Enfield, Kildare. The purpose of this report is to provide background information on the site and provide a context for the planning assessment.

2.0 **Site Context**

The subject site is located at Camino, Cloncurry, Enfield, Kildare. The subject site (red line) for the planning application is c.1 hectare. The site accessed from the L1007 road to the east. The site is bound to the north by the R148 Road. The existing vehicular access to the site is shared with the bungalow to the west. The site has mature hedging and trees at the boundaries that shelter the entire site from the surrounding area.



area of 516.3m2. The premises has operated in residential rehabilitation use for a very long period of time since 2001.

3.0 **Planning History**

Prior to its current use the premises was formerly in commercial use as a leisure facility. The building had a gym, pool, and various other cellular spaces for related leisure use matters. The dwelling to the west of the site was formerly owned by the operators of the leisure centre.

The current use (rehabilitation) has been operating on the site since 2001. The premises has operated continuously as a alcohol / drug addiction centre since this time. Residential users have fived in a 'two bed' buddy co-dependent system. The building does not have the benefit of planning permission.

Permission was refused under 211289 to continue to use the building (when refurbished) for residential rehabilitation use. The building was previously in continuous use since 2001 as a rehabilitation facility until it was damaged by a fire in 2018. Planning Permission is sought to repair and rebuild the fire damaged building and provide a rear single storey extension of 60m2. The building comprises 8 double bedrooms, shower room, toilets, staff room, plant room, gym, kitchen/utility, reception/office, stores, day rooms and resident rooms. The works include new fire safety systems, emergency lighting and fire escape doors. The total floor area of the extended single storey building will be 582.9m2. The building footprint will be smaller than the fire damaged building. Permission was refused on appeal under ABP312082-21.

4.0 Planning Enforcement History

No planning enforcement action was taken during the last 2 decades. The premises was formerly a leisure facility and there no history of planning approval for a change of use. The planning authority have asked the applicant to regularise the planning situation.

The planning authority have recently (2021) issued a warning letter in relation to the current use of the site and the current condition of the building. A closure notice was issued by the KCC Fire Department.



Photo: photo of the 'Camino' (date sometime prior to 2018)



Photo: The building was severely damaged by fire in 2018.



5.0 Description of Proposed Development

We ask the planning authority to make a determination to confirm the proposed works are Exempt Development.

The applicant seeks to repair a fire damaged building that was severely damaged by a fire in 2018. The intention of the repair works is to put the building back to the original condition. No other new works or extension of the building is proposed.

The applicant seeks to insert 3 no. windows in the front elevation in place of 4 windows.

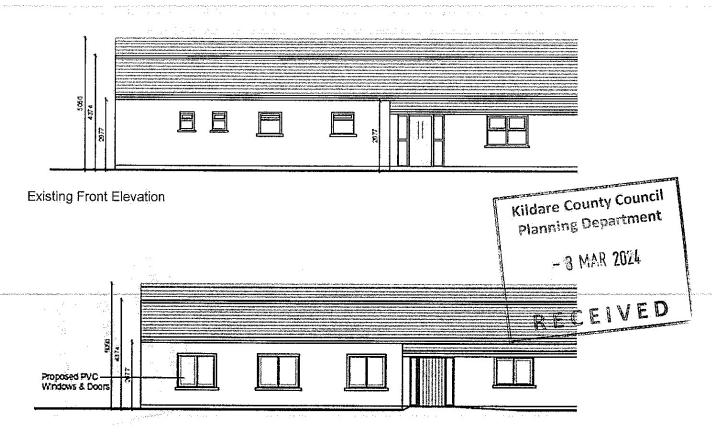
5.1 Repair Works

It is proposed to repair a fire damaged building back to its previous condition prior to the fire. The building repairs consist of reconstruction of internal floor, walls, ceilings, doors, windows, plumbing, electrical and fire safety systems. The repairs include repair of all other internal and external building elements such as roofs. Please see enclosed existing plans.

We note that the applicant had previously begun to extend the building (see room 18). We note this extension was only partly constructed. It not permitted by any planning permission and shall be removed.

5.2 Change to Windows Front Elevation

It is proposed to insert 3 no, windows in the front elevation in place of 4 windows. Please see enclosed proposed changes to the windows in the front elevation below.



Proposed Front Eelvaiton with 3 no. new windows

6.0 Impact on Adjoining Residential Amenity

The repairs of the building does not have any impact on adjoining residential properties.

Having regard to the limited scale and nature of the proposed development (repair works), and the location of the existing residential development, it is considered that the proposed development will not have any significant impact on the residential amenity of nearby residential properties.

7.0 Car Parking

There are no changes proposed to the existing car parking on site.

8.0 Existing Site Services

Please see enclosed Site layout for the proposal showing the site services that are already in place on the site. The site benefit from an existing foul wastewater treatment system, surface water drainage (soakaways) and an existing well. All sites services were in place and fully functional before the fire.

9.1 Surface Water Drainage System

There are existing surface water sewers within the site. It is proposed to connect back into this surface water network. It is proposed to discharge surface water from the roof in a controlled manner to the soakaways on site.

9.2 Foul Water Drainage System

The building has an existing wastewater treatment system and percolation. This system is shown on the site layout plans. The applicant proposes to reconnect back to the existing system.

9.3 Water Supply

The site has an existing well that supplies water to the building. The applicant proposes to reconnect back to the existing system.



10.0 Conclusions

The building was severely fire damaged in the 2018.

The applicant proposes to repair the building and wants to confirm the repair works are 'Exempt Development'.

The applicant requests confirmation from the planning authority that inserting 3 no. windows in the front elevation does not require any planning permission.

We consider the proposed works and the insertion of 3 no. windows in the front elevation are 'Exempt Development'.

We respectfully request that the Planning Authority issue a declaration on the proposed works.

Jong Kim MIPI AKM Design



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Declaration of Exempt Development under Section 5, of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended

Incomplete application forms will be deemed <u>invalid</u> and <u>returned</u>



All responses must be in <u>block</u> <u>letters</u>

Section 1	Details of Applicants
	oplicant(s) St James Resource Centres Limited
Section 2	Person/Agent acting on behalf of applicant (if applicable)
	Phone No014796234 Fax No
Section 3	Company Details (if applicable)
3. Address	Phone No Fax No
Section 4	Details of Site
	Story of Site211289 & ABP-312082-21 Proposed Development St James Camino Centre, Cloncurry, Enfield, Kildare, A83TK66
3. Ordnance S 4. Please state	the Applicants interest in the siteOwner
5. Please state	the extent of the proposed developmentRepairs - see enclosed report for details

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	(Pleas	se Tick)
1.	Site Location Map (1:2500 Rural Areas) (1:1000 Urban Areas)	X
2.	A Site Layout Plan (Scale 1:500) in full compliance with Article 23 of Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended	Х
3.	Drawings of the development (Scale 1:50) in full compliance with Article 23 of Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended	Х
4.	All drawings to differentiate between the original building, all extensions and proposed development	x
5.	Fee of 80 Euro	Х

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Section 6	Declaration		10 11

I, Jong Kim certify that all of the above information is correct and I have submitted all the required documents as outlined at Section 6 above.

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Signature:

Date: 04/03/2024____

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Data Protection Act 2018 PRIVACY STATEMENT

Who are we?

Kildare County Council (the Council) is the democratically elected unit of Local Government in County Kildare and is responsible for providing a range of services to meet the economic, social and cultural needs of the people of our County. In order to provide the most effective and targeted services to meet the needs of the citizens, communities and businesses of County Kildare we will be required to collect, process and use certain types of information about people and organisations. Depending on the service being offered, information sought may include 'personal data' as defined by the Data Protection Acts and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and may relate to current, past and future service users; past; current and prospective employees; suppliers; and members of the public who may engage in communications with our staff. In addition, staff may be required, from time to time, to collect process and use certain types of personal data to comply with regulatory or legislative requirements or to carry out functions in the public interest.

Why do we have a Privacy Statement?

This privacy statement has been created to demonstrate the Council's commitment that personal data you may be required to supply to us, to enable us to provide services, is;

- Obtained lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner
- Obtained for only specified, identified and legitimate purposes
- Processed for purposes which we have identified or purposes compatible with the purposes that
 we have identified.
- Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for purpose for which it was obtained
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- Kept only for as long as is necessary for the purposes for which it was obtained.
- Processed in a manner that ensures the appropriate security of the personal data including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing.

More detail is available in our Data Protection Policy at http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/DataProtection/ or you can request a hard copy at 045 980 200.

What is the activity referred to in this Privacy Statement?

Kildare County Council performs the role of Planning Authority for the County. The planning application process is a statutory requirement which allows for the relevant parties and public to participate in the proper development of the lands in the County.



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St James Camino Centre, Cloncurry, Enfield, Kildare, A83TK66 Stage: Planning Referral

To whom it may concern,

Please find enclosed the documentation required for submission for referral. I herewith enclose the following in relation to the above:

- 1. Completed application form,
- 2. Plans and elevations.
- 3. Planning report.

Please consider our referral on its merits and we look forward to a positive reply in due course.

We make the enclosed referral on behalf of the applicant who is a Voluntary and not for profit community organisation.

We wish to request a fee waiver for the Referral fee (€80) on the following grounds below.

Where a planning application consists of or comprises development which, in the opinion of the planning authority, is development proposed to be carried out by or on behalf of a voluntary organisation, and which in the opinion of the planning authority—

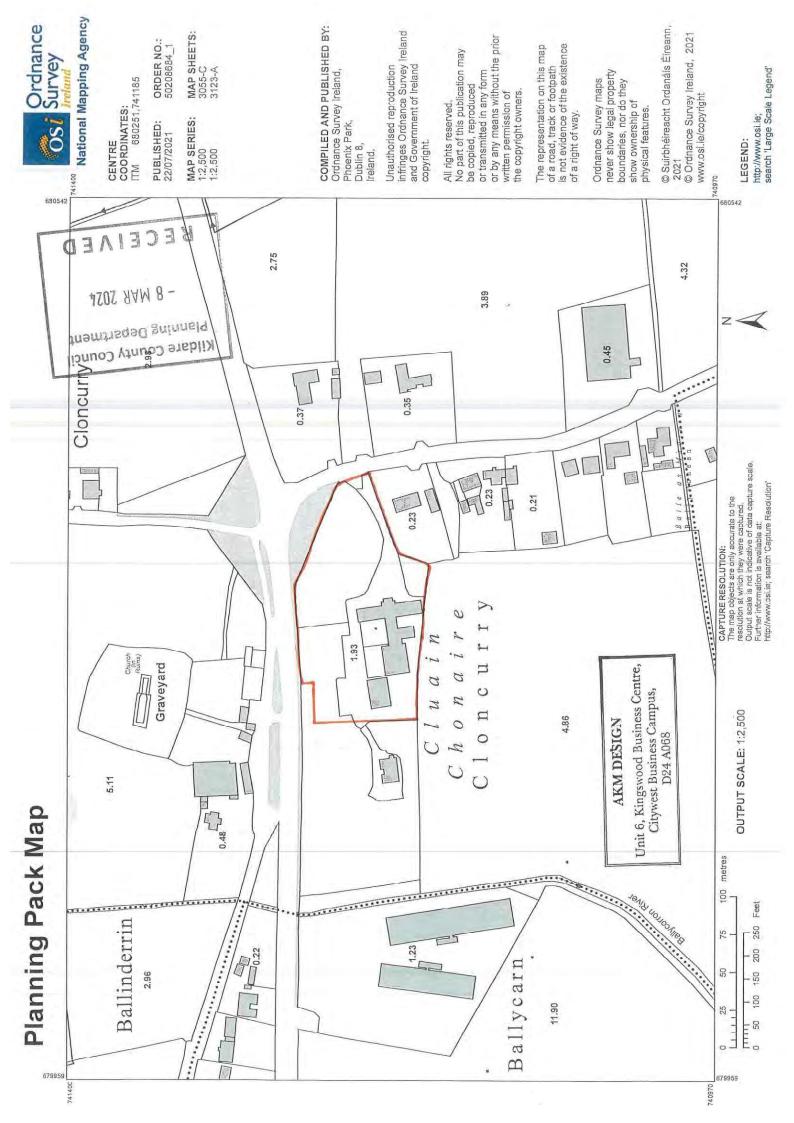
(a) is designed or intended to be used for social, recreational, educational or religious purposes by the inhabitants of a locality, or by people of a particular group or religious denomination, and is not to be used mainly for profit or gain,

(b) is designed or intended to be used as a workshop, training facility, hostel or other accommodation for persons with disabilities and is not to be used mainly for profit or gain, or (c) is ancillary to development referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), a fee shall not be payable when making any such application.

Yours Sincerely,

Jong Kim MIPI **AKM Design**

Architectural Design | Town Planning | Civil & Structural Engineering | Development Consultants | Building Surveying



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHILL DARA

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL



Director of Services Order

I, Alan Dunney, Director of Services, am duly authorised and delegated by Chief Executive's Order number: CE48043 to make the following Order in accordance with Section 154 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.

ORDER NO:

DO51943

Section:

Planning

SUBJECT:

ED1112.

Application for a Declaration of Exempted Development under Section

5 of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for

development at St. James Camino Centre, Cloncurry, Enfield, Co.

Kildare.

SUBMITTED:

File Ref. ED1112 with recommendation from the A/Senior Planner and

reports from the Council's Technical Officers.

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ORDER:

I hereby order the following Kildare County Council, 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 proposed development is development and is not exempted

development.

MADE THIS 2nd DAY

YEAR 2024

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES