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28th February 2024

REF: D/319/23 LOCATION: Corrin. Fermoy, Co. Cork.

#### RE: DECLARATION OF EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 - 2010.

Dear Sir & Madam,

On the basis of the information submitted by you on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 the Planning Authority, having considered the question whether or not the temporary conversion of lands to hard standing to be used for the parking of vehicles and storage of equipment at **Corrin, Fermoy, Co. Cork** is or is not development and is or is not exempted development has declared that it **is development and is not exempted development**.

#### **Reason for Decision**

The Planning Authority in considering this referral had particular regard to:

- Sections 2(1), 3(1) and 4(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended),
- Articles 6(1) and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended),
- Class 16 of Part 1 Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), and,
- The particulars received by the Planning Authority on 18th December 2023 and 9th February 2024.

And Whereas Cork County Council has concluded that -

The temporary conversion of lands to hard standing to be used for the parking of vehicles and storage of equipment at Corrin, Fermoy, Co. Cork constitutes development that is not exempted development.





Please note that under Section 5 Subsection 3(a) where a declaration is issued under this section, any person issued with a declaration under subsection 2(a) may, on payment to the Board of such fee as may be prescribed, refer a declaration for review by the Board within 4 weeks of the date of the issuing of the declaration.

Yours faithfully,

KEVIN O' REGAN, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

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### Application for Declaration under Section 5 Planner's Report

Application Ref. No.:	D/319/23
Report From:	Peter O'Connor (AP)
Report To:	Louise Ahern (SEP)
Question/Description	Does the temporary conversion of lands to hard standing to be used
to which Declaration	for the parking of vehicles and storage of equipment constitute
relates:	development or exempted development within the meaning of the
	legislation?
Location:	Corrin, Fermoy, Co. Cork
Applicant:	Colman and Cathy O'Flynn
Date Submitted:	18/12/2023
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#### 1. Introduction

This report relates to the Further Information response as received under D/319/23 on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The specific further information which was sought from the Applicants is as follows:

- 1. The details which have been provided with your application are insufficient to enable the Planning Authority to issue a determination in regards to the question which has been presented. As such, you are required to provide comprehensive details of the junction cabinet which is to be installed in Corrin, including:
  - Details of its location relative to the subject site;
  - A detailed timeline for its installation; and
  - Details of any permission or licence which may authorise its installation.

#### 2. Assessment

#### Is or is Not Development

As per my preceding report on this application, the proposal, as currently presented, represents development in terms of the Act.

#### Is or is not Exempted Development

As stated in my previous report, Class 16 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 provides a general exemption for the temporary placing of structures, plant or machinery, or for the undertaking of works, on lands (or on adjoining lands) upon which development is occurring where:

- The works in question benefit from a permission or are exempted development;
- The works in question are not mining; and
- The structures, works, plant or machinery are "...needed temporarily in connection with that development during the period in which it is being carried out".

Noting the wording of Class 16, as summarised above, and the associated condition which applies to this exemption, the Applicants were requested to submit details of the cabinet upon which their compliance with Class 16 was based.

In response, the Applicants have confirmed that it is intended to make an application for a declaration under Section 5 of the Act in relation to this cabinet but that no such application has yet been made.

The Applicant has made reference to other similar declarations which have been made by other Planning Authorities in relation to the erection of such cabinets. However, it is evident that an assessment and determination in relation to whether such a cabinet in this specific location would or would not be exempted development has not been sought by the Applicants (or any other person) and has not been made by the Planning Authority.

Therefore, in the absence of confirmation that the use of the site which is the subject of this current application will occur in conjunction with works (i.e. the installation of the junction cabinet which has been referenced by the Applicants) undertaken pursuant to a permission under the Act or as exempted development, it must be concluded that the proposed development does not comply with the provisions of Class 16.

Given the limited scope of works which would be associated with the installation of a broadband cabinet of the type which is referred to within the FI response, it is considered that such works would not necessitate a compound of either the scale which is currently proposed or for the duration (2 years) which the Applicant has indicated is required.

Overall, I am satisfied that the proposed development, consisting of the use of what are currently undeveloped lands as a compound by a contractor engaged in works associated with the installation of rural broadband infrastructure does not represent exempted development.

#### 3. Conclusion and Recommendation

In considering this application for a declaration, regard has been had to:

- Section 2(1), Section 3(1), Section 4(1), Section 4(2) and Section 4(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
- Article 6(1) and Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)
- Class 16 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

And whereas, the Planning Authority has concluded that,

(a) The temporary conversion of lands to hard standing to be used for the parking of vehicles and storage of equipment is, development, that is not exempted development as set out Under Sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and under the provisions of Article 6(1) and the associated Class 16 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

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Peter O'Connor Executive Planner 27.02.2024



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8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

[By Post]

Dear Sir/Madam

#### RE: REF: D/319/23 -

#### DECLARATION OF EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000-2010.

#### INTRODUCTION 1.0

Tom Phillips + Associates<sup>1</sup> (TPA) are submitting this supplementary information on behalf of Colman & Cathy O'Flynn<sup>2</sup> in relation to a request from the Planning Authority (Cork County Council) to provide additional information in relation to an application for a Declaration of Exemption (reference D/319/23).

We have sought additional clarity from TLI, who are the appointed statutory undertakers of the National Broadband rollout works in the area.

#### 2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The lands are located just over 3km south of Fermoy Town and just north of Corrin Cross Roads (where the R639 and L1517 meet), on the east side of the old N8 (R639) with some visibility from the M8 (Cork to Dublin motorway) which runs in a north-east to south-westerly direction to the west of the subject lands. The Corrin interchange is to the north-west of the site and leads to the M8 toll booth and onwards to Fermoy (R639).



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Figure 1: Location of proposed lands shaded in red. Source: Google Earth, cropped and annotated by TPA.

#### 3.0 REQUEST FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2024, the Local Authority requested that TPA provide comprehensive details regarding the junction cabinet, which was to be installed in Corrin, including:

- Details of its location relative to the subject site;
- A detailed timeline for its installation; and,
- Details of any permission or licence which may authorise its installation.

#### 3.1 RESPONSE TO PLANNING AUTHORITY'S REQUEST

Upon discussion with TLI, they have confirmed to us that the exact location of the fibre broadband cabin has yet to be determined, however it is intended that it will be located in the vicinity of the area shown in Figure 2 below. The typical cabin is generally green in colour and dimensions are 3m x 3m x 3m . The Planning Authority will note the Appendix to this letter which includes details of a Section 5 reference made to Clare County Council for a similar type of cabinet. The Planning Authority determined in that case that the proposal was development and was exempted development as defined withing eh Planning and Development Acts 2000. It is the intention of TLI to seek a similar declaration from Cork County Council once details of the exact siting of the cabin have been finalised.

Notwithstanding the above, TLI have issued a map of the vicinity showing the extent of upgrade works required (Figure 2). As outlined in Figure 3, existing telecommunications infrastructure in the area will undergo extensive upgrade work, including along the R639 adjoining the applicants lands.





Figure 2 - Potential location of Fibre Broadband cabin.

The rollout of broadband in the area is to go ahead as planned, in line with the National Broadband Plan (NBP) set out by the Government to deliver high speed broadband services to all premises in Ireland. It should be noted that TLI have to date, and will in future have a requirement for similar such storage compounds at various other locations around the country over the course of the rollout process.

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Figure 3: Extent of proposed broadband rollout works in the area surrounding the site.

#### 5.0 CONCLUSION

We consider the above to fully address the information sought by Cork County Council. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further queries. We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

Bernard Dwyer Senior Planner Tom Phillips + Associates

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Appendix A – Section 5 referral to Clare County Council





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NBI Infrastructure DAC T/a National Broadband (NBI) c/o Seán Greene, Entrust Ltd Unit 1D Deerpark Business Centre Oranmore, Co. Galway H91 X599

14th February 2023

Section 5 referral Reference R23-3 - NBI Infrastructure DAC T/a National Broadband (NBI)

is the construction of Fibre Broadband Cabin and Ancillary Development at Labasheeda (Shannon Gaels) GAA, Co. Clare development and if so, is it exempted development?

#### A Chara.

I refer to your application received on 23rd January 2023 under Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) in relation to the above.

The Planning Authority has considered the matter and I attach herewith the Council's findings in this matter.

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#### **CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### SECTION 5 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED

### DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND/OR EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

R23-3

Chief Executive's Order No:

81228

Reference Number:

Date Referral Received:

Name of Applicant:

23rd January 2023

NBI Infrastructure DAC T/a National Broadband (NBI)

Location of works in question:

Ballygeery East, Co. Clare

Section 5 referral Reference R23-3 – NBI Infrastructure DAC T/a National Broadband (NBI)

is the construction of Fibre Broadband Cabin and Ancillary Development at Labasheeda (Shannon Gaels) GAA, Co. Clare development and if so, is it exempted development?

## AND WHEREAS Clare County Council, in considering this referral, had regard in particular to -

- (a) Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended;
- (b) Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- (c) Classes 31(a), 31(e), 31(f) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- (d) Class 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- (e) The works as indicated in submitted documents from the referrer.

### AND WHEREAS Clare County Council has concluded:

- (a)The construction of a fibre broadband cabin and ancillary development at Labasheeda (Shannon Gaels) GAA grounds, Ballygeery East, County Clare constitutes "works" which come within the scope of section 2 (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended;
- (b)The said works constitute "development" which comes within the scope of section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended;
- (c) the said construction of a fibre broadband cabin and ancillary development at Labasheeda (Shannon Gaels) GAA grounds, Ballygeery East, County Clare is exempted development by virtue of Schedule 2, Part 1, Classes 11, 31(a), 31(e) and 31(f) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2000 (as amended)

- **ORDER:** Whereas by Chief Executive's Order No. HR 152 dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Pat Dowling, Chief Executive for Clare County Council, did, pursuant to the powers conferred on him by Section 154 of the Local Government Act 2001, delegate to Gareth Ruane, Senior Executive Planner, the powers, functions and duties as set out herein,
- NOW THEREFORE pursuant to the delegation of the said powers, functions and duties and under Section 5(2)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the various submissions and reports in connection with the referral described above, I, Gareth Ruane, Senior Executive Planner, hereby declare that the said construction of a fibre broadband cabin and ancillary development at Labasheeda (Shannon Gaels) GAA grounds, Ballygeery East, Co. Clare is considered <u>development</u> which is <u>exempted</u> <u>development</u>.

Signed: **GARETH RUANE** A. SENIOR EXECUTIVE PLANNER

Date: 14th February 2023



#### DECLARATION ISSUED UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)

Reference No.: R23-3



Comhairle Contae an Chláir Clare County Council

#### Section 5 referral Reference R23-3

Is the construction of Fibre Broadband Cabin and Ancillary Development at Labasheeda (Shannon Gaels) GAA, Co. Clare development and if so, is it exempted development?

AND WHEREAS, NBI Infrastructure DAC T/a National Broadband (NBI) has requested a declaration from Clare County Council on the said question.

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**THEREFORE**: The Planning Authority in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), hereby decides that:

The proposed development consisting of the said construction of a fibre broadband cabin and ancillary development at Labasheeda (Shannon Gaels) GAA grounds, Ballygeery East, Co.

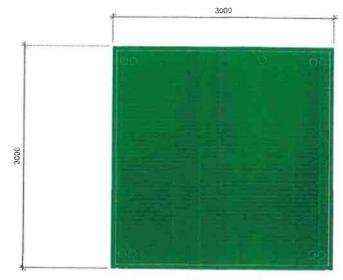
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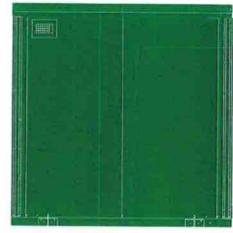
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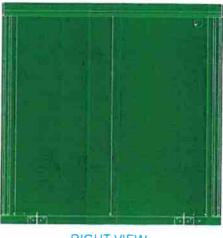
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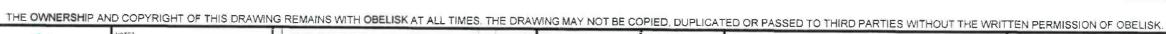


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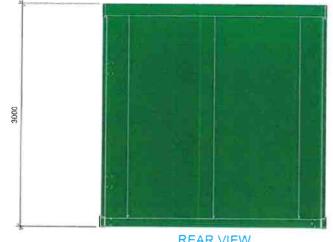




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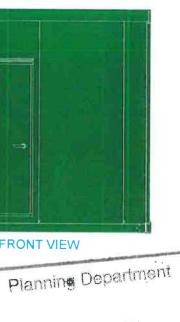


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FRONT VIEW

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## PROPOSED NBI CABIN DETAILS SCALE 1:50

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18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

Our Ref.: D/319/23

## **RE:** Declaration of Exempted Development under Section 5 of The Planning and Development Act 2000 – 2010.

# Whether the temporary conversion of lands to hard standing to be used for the parking of vehicles and storage of equipment constitute development or exempted development within the meaning of the legislation on lands at Corrin, Fermoy, Co. Cork.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your application for a Declaration of Exemption in relation to the above. In respect of the proposal submitted, the Planning Authority has concluded that the details which have been provided with your application are insufficient to enable the Planning Authority to issue a determination with regard to the question which has been presented. As such, you are required to provide comprehensive details of the junction cabinet which is to be installed in Corrin, including:

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Yours faithfully,

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	legislation?
Location:	Corrin, Fermoy, Co. Cork
Applicant:	Colman and Cathy O'Flynn
Date Submitted:	18/12/2023

#### 1. Introduction

This report relates to an application which has been made under Section 5(4) of the *Planning and Development Act 2000* (as amended) relating to the use of lands located at Corrin, Fermoy, Co. Cork. The Applicants are seeking a declaration from the Planning Authority as to whether the specified use of lands is or is not development and/or is or is not exempted development.

#### 2. Question

The question which has been presented to the Planning Authority within the submitted application form is as follows:

Does the temporary conversion of lands to hard standing to be used for the parking of vehicles and storage of equipment constitute development or exempted development within the meaning of the legislation?

The application is supported by a comprehensive set of drawings which illustrate the full scope of the works which are the focus of the foregoing question.

### 3. Site Location and Description

The subject site is located in the townland of Corrin approximately 3 kms south of Fermoy, as illustrated within Figure 1 below. The site is situated in a rural location and consists of part of an existing farmyard complex and previously undeveloped agricultural lands all of which adjoin a large logistics complex (occupied by Southcoast Logistics, Veolia Environmental Services and Specto Limited).

The following images provide a visual context for the site and its immediate setting (additional photos are available within Appendix A, below).

Figure 1: Location of the Subject Site (in red)



Figure 2: Aerial Image of the Subject Site and the Existing Adjacent Development

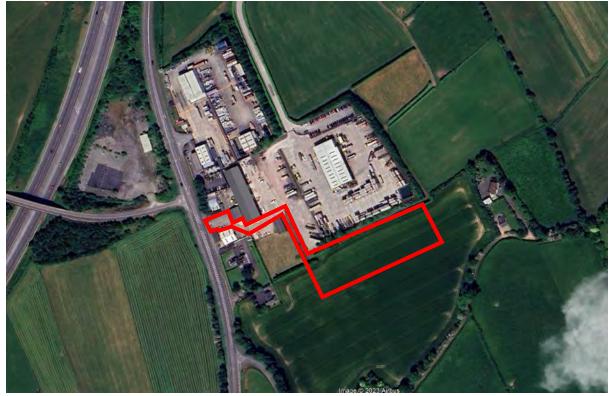


Figure 3: Site Entrance from the R-639





Figure 4: Access Route through the Existing Yard towards the Proposed Compound



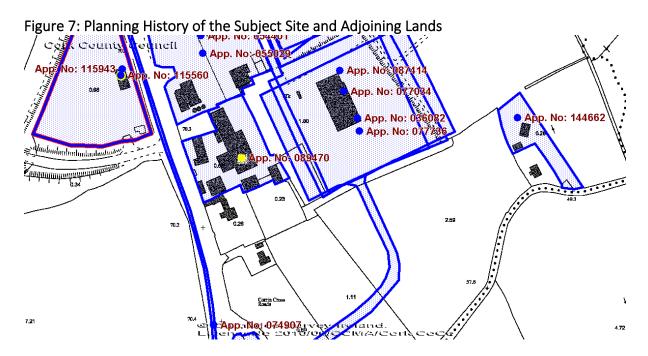
Figure 5: The Undeveloped Agricultural Lands which are the Subject of the Proposed Use

Figure 6: View of the Subject Lands from the South East



#### 4. Planning History

As illustrated within Figure 7, below, parts of the site have been the subject of a previous planning applications.



#### **On-Site Planning History**

08/9470 – Permission for haybarn/farm machinery building & ancillary works (refused).

03/6082 – Outline permission for Car/truck parking and container handling facility including new access road, weighbridge and diesel pumps/storage (withdrawn).

98/1013 – Permission for the Retention of advertising sign, change of use of agricultural units to light industrial units, ancillary storage and office accommodation (granted).

90/3922 – Specific details of this permission are lost but the Planning Register indicates that that permission granted on the 25/2/91 for 'Erection of farm buildings'

### 5. Planning Policy Framework

The site occurs within a rural area and is subject to the *Greenbelt 1* land use zoning designation under the provisions of the *Cork County Development Plan 2022*. The Development Plan also confirms that this area carries a Flood Zone C designation and that no site specific objectives or amenity designations (ACA, scenic routes, etc.) are applicable.

### 6. Legislative Framework

<u>Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)</u> Section 2(1) of the *Planning and Development Act 2000* (as amended) states:

In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires -

"works" includes any act or operation of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal and, in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes any act or operation involving the application or removal of plaster, paint, wallpaper, tiles or other material to or from the surfaces of the interior or exterior of a structure.

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

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.

Section 4 (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) states:

Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (i), (ia) and (l) of subsection (1) and any regulations under subsection (2), development shall not be exempted development if an environmental impact assessment or an appropriate assessment of the development is required.

<u>Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)</u> Article 6 (1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) states:

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 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) includes the following restrictions to the available exemptions:

- (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—

(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 4m in width.(iii) Endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users.

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(vii) Consist of or comprise the excavation, alteration or demolition (other than peat extraction) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological, geological, historical, scientific or ecological interest, the preservation, conservation or protection of which is an objective of a development plan or local area plan for the area in which the development is proposed or, pending the variation of a development plan or local area plan, or the making of a new development plan or local area plan or local area plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the local area plan or the draft development plan or draft local area plan.

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(viiB) Comprise development in relation to which a planning authority or ABP is the competent authority in relation to appropriate assessment and the development would require an appropriate assessment because it would be likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of a European site.

(viiC) Consist of or comprise development which would be likely to have an adverse impact on an area designated as a natural heritage area by order made under Section 18 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000.

....

(d) if it consists of the provision of, or modifications to, an establishment, and could have significant repercussions on major accident hazards.

Having regard to the specific proposal for which the declaration has been sought, Class 16 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to of the Regulations is relevant, stating that:

The erection, construction or placing on land on, in, over or under which, or on land adjoining which, development consisting of works (other than mining) is being or is about to be, carried out pursuant to a permission under the Act or as exempted development, of structures, works, plant or machinery needed temporarily in connection with that development during the period in which it is being carried out.

The foregoing exemption is accompanied by the following condition:

Such structures, works, plant or machinery shall be removed at the expiration of the period and the land shall be reinstated save to such extent as may be authorised or required by a permission under the Act.

### 7. Other Considerations

### Appropriate Assessment

The potential for this development to have significant impacts on any Natura 2000 site has been ruled out because the development is of a type and scale which will not result in any impact on the habitats or species for which any nearby Natura 2000 site has been designated.

### Environmental Impact Assessment

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development, and to the nature of the receiving environment, there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. The need for environmental impact assessment can, therefore, be excluded at preliminary examination and a screening determination is not required.

#### <u>Flooding</u>

The subject site is located within Flood Zone C. The site is located in an inland location and away from any low-lying coastlines and, as such, the likelihood of coastal flooding can be ruled out. The nearest watercourse is located in excess of 150 metres from the site and is at a lower topographical level. Therefore, it is considered that the likelihood of fluvial flooding is very low.

The ground conditions of both the site itself and the adjacent lands appear to indicate good quality drainage characteristics with no evidence of waterlogging or standing water and it is considered that there is a low potential for ground water flooding. The available mapping sources indicate that the site is not at risk of flooding and there have been no historic flooding events within its immediate vicinity. On the basis of the foregoing, it is considered a site specific flood risk assessment is not required in this instance.

#### 8. Assessment

<u>Is or is Not Development</u> The presented question is as follows:

Does the temporary conversion of lands to hard standing to be used for the parking of vehicles and storage of equipment constitute development or exempted development within the meaning of the legislation?

It is evident from the foregoing that the question at hand relates to the use of lands for the parking of vehicles. It would also appear to include the importation of material to create a hardstanding area upon which this parking of vehicles would occur. Although this is not clearly set out within the question, as presented, the documentation which accompanies the application does state that the proposal includes works in the form of the creation of a temporary hardstanding area on lands which are currently in agricultural use.

Given the foregoing, it is apparent that the proposal includes both works (in the form of the importation of material and the creation of a hardstanding area) and a material change in the use (for the parking of vehicles and storage of equipment) of what are currently agricultural lands.

Section 3(1) of the Act confirms that both works and the material change in the use of lands represent development for the purposes of the Act. Therefore, I am satisfied that the proposal, as currently presented, represents development in terms of the Act.

#### Is or is not Exempted Development

Class 16 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 provides a general exemption for the temporary placing of structures, plant or machinery, or for the undertaking of works, on lands (or on adjoining lands) upon which development is occurring. However, this exemption is only applicable to lands where:

- The works in question benefit from a permission or are exempted development;
- The works in question are not mining; and
- The structures, works, plant or machinery are "...needed temporarily in connection with that development during the period in which it is being carried out".

The condition attached to Class 16 also provides that, unless otherwise permitted, any structures, plant or machinery placed under this exemption must be removed and the land reinstated "...at the expiration of the period...".

The documentation which accompanies the application states that the proposed development is intended to be used by a contractor engaged in works associated with the installation of rural broadband infrastructure (under the National Broadband Ireland Plan) in the North Cork area (specifically in the areas of Fermoy, Mitchelstown and Killavullen). The Applicant states that the proposed development will be required for a period of 2 years.

According to the submitted documentation, the specific compound which is the focus of the application "...is located directly adjacent to..." what is described as "...key junction cabinet..." that forms part of the broadband infrastructure works in this area. Therefore, the Applicant's understanding that the proposed development may be exempted under the provisions of Class 16 is based upon the adjacency of the subject site to this "...key junction cabinet...".

However, no other details of this cabinet are provided with the application and, as such, the location (and, crucially, its specific relationship to the subject site) and extent of the cabinet, any permission or licence which may authorise its installation, or the duration of the installation works are currently unclear.

Given the requirement of Class 16 that any structures, plant or machinery placed under this exemption must be removed and the land reinstated "...*at the expiration of the period*...", the duration of the works for the installation of this cabinet is a key consideration.

Having regard to the foregoing, it is worth noting that the submitted documentation clearly indicates that the proposed development is intended to act as a localised base of operations for the broadband works throughout North Cork and not just the adjacent junction cabinet. It is considered that, within the context of the specific works which are indicated as being intended to occur adjacent to the subject site (i.e. the junction cabinet), the use of the subject site as a localised base of operations for works throughout the North Cork area may be beyond the scope of the exemption which is provided by Class 16.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is considered that a determination on whether the proposed development represents exempted development in terms of Class 16 cannot currently be made in the absence of comprehensive details in relation to junction cabinet which is to be installed adjacent to the site.

### 9. Conclusion and Recommendation

Having regard to the foregoing, it is considered that Further Information is required to enable a determination in relation to the Applicants' question. As such, the Applicants are requested to submit the following further information:

- 1. The details which have been provided with your application are insufficient to enable the Planning Authority to issue a determination in regards to the question which has been presented. As such, you are required to provide comprehensive details of the junction cabinet which is to be installed in Corrin, including:
  - Details of its location relative to the subject site;
  - A detailed timeline for its installation; and
  - Details of any permission or licence which may authorise its installation.

Peter O'Connor Executive Planner 17.01.2024



### <u>CORK COUNTY COUNCIL APPLICATION</u> FOR SECTION 5 DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION

#### APPLICANT CHECKLIST

4 No. Copies of Application Form: 1 No. Copy of Contact Details: 4 No. Copies 6" O.S. Maps: 4 No. Copies 25" O.S. Maps: 4 No. Copies of Site Layout Plan: 4 No. Copies Scaled Drawings of Development: 680 Application Fee:

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You should make sure that you are satisfied that any information/documentation that you submit is appropriate to be viewed by the public. Please do not submit any information that you do not want 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to view.

In the case of a Declaration of Exemption for Land Reclamation, the following additional information is required:

- A copy of the details submitted to the Council's Environment Department (Inhiscarra) for a Waste License Permit
- Correspondence from Teagasc (detailing how the land reclamation would benefit the land in question for agricultural nurnoses)

<ul> <li>Details of existing and proposed levels</li> <li>Details of fill material and duration of fill.</li> </ul>	Planning Department
<b>DATA PROTECTION</b> The planning process is an open and public one. In that context, all applicat made available for public inspection.	18 DEC 2023 Cork County Goungion are ons for Declaration to Goungion are County Hall Cork

Personal information collected by Cork County Council is done so in order for us to process your application for a Section 5 Declaration of Exemption. Legally we can process this information as it is necessary for us to comply with our statutory/legal obligations. The protection of our personal data is a key priority for the Council and your data will be processed in line with our Privacy policy which is available at

<u>http://www.corkcoco.ie/Privacy-Policy</u> or hardcopy from our offices at County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, Ireland. Should you have any questions about our privacy policy or the information we hold about you, please contact us by email to <u>dpo@corkcoco.ie</u> or write to us at Data Protection Officer, Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, Ireland.

#### 1. NAME OF APPLICANT: (ADDRESS TO BE SUPPLIED AT QUESTION A – CONTACT DETAILS)

Colman and Cathy O'Flynn

## 2. POSTAL ADDRESS OF LAND OR STRUCTURE FOR WHICH DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION IS SOUGHT:

Corrin, Fermoy, Co. Cork.

#### **3. QUESTION/DECLARATION DETAILS:**

Please state the specific question for which a Declaration of Exemption is sought Note: Only works listed and described under this section will be assessed under the Section 5 Declaration of Exemption

'Does the temporary conversion of lands to hard standing to be used for the parking of vehicles and storage of equipment constitute development or exempted development within the meaning of the legislation?'

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#### **APPLICATION DETAILS:**

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## Answer the following if applicable. Note: Floor areas are measured from the inside of the external walls and should be indicated in square metres $(m^2)$

(a) Floor area of existing/proposed structure(s):	n/a
<ul> <li>(b) If a domestic extension is proposed, have any previous extensions/structures been erected at this location after 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1964 (including those for which planning permission has been obtained):</li> </ul>	Yes No $$ If yes, please provide floor areas (m <sup>2</sup> ) and previous planning reference(s) where applicable:
(c) If a change of use of land and/or building(s) is proposed, please state the following: Existing/Planning Dependented	Proposed use
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(d) Are you aware of any enforcement proceedings connected to this site?	Yes No $$ If yes, please state relevant reference number(s):

#### 5. LEGAL INTEREST OF APPLICANT IN THE LAND/STRUCTURE:

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	A. Owner B. Other
Where legal interest is "Other", please state your interest in the land/structure:	n/a
<b>If you are not the legal owner</b> , please state the name of the owner/s (address to be supplied at Question C in Contact Details):	n/a

### 6. PROTECTED STRUCTURE DETAILS / ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA:

Is this a Protected Structure/Proposed Protected Structure or within the curtilage of a Protected Structure: Yes No V
If yes, has a Declaration under Section 57 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 been requested or issued for the property by the Planning Authority: Yes $No \sqrt{100}$
If yes, please state relevant reference No. <u>n/a</u>
Is this site located within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA), as designated in the County Development Plan? Yes No $$

#### 7. APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT:

Would the proposed development require an appropriate assessment because it would	be lik	ely to
have a significant effect on the integrity of a European site (SAC, SPA etc.)? Yes	No	
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#### 8. DATA PROTECTION DECLARATION:

In order for the Planning Authority to process the personal data you have provided, your consent is required. By ticking the box below, you consent to the Planning Authority processing the personal data provided by you in line with the terms of Cork County Council's Privacy Policy available at <a href="http://www.corkcoco.ie/privacy-statement-cork-county-council">http://www.corkcoco.ie/privacy-statement-cork-county-council</a> or in hardcopy from any Council office; and to having your information processed for the following purposes:

#### Processing of your Declaration of Exemption application by the Planning Authority

I give permission for my personal information to be processed for the purpose stated above

Signed (By Applicant Only)	Cortago Payme
Date	15/12/2023

### **GDPR Special Categories of data / Sensitive Personal data - Explicit Consent**

Where Special Categories of personal data / sensitive personal data are provided as part of / in support of a declaration application, **explicit consent** to the processing of the special categories of data must be given by the person to whom the data refers, namely the Data Subject.

Special Categories of data / Sensitive Personal data include:

- Race
- Ethnic origin
- Political opinions
- Religion
- Philosophical beliefs
- Trade union membership
- Genetic data
- Biometric data
- Health data
- Concerning a natural person's sex life
- Sexual orientation

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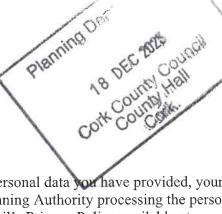
### Sensitive personal data being submitted in support of Declaration of Exemption Application

 $\Box$  I give permission for my sensitive personal data submitted to the Planning Authority to be processed for the purpose stated above.

Signed	
Date	

You have the right to withdraw your consent by contacting the Planning Department, Ground Floor, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork. Tel: (021) 4276891 Email: <u>planninginfo@corkcoco.ie</u> or by contacting the Planning Department, Norton House, Cork Road, Skibbereen, Co. Cork. Tel: (028) 40340 Email: <u>westcorkplanninginfo@corkcoco.ie</u> However if consent to the use of personal data is withdrawn during the declaration of exemption decision-making process this information cannot be considered as part of the decision making process. Once a decision has been made, an applicant is not entitled to withdraw consent, as the right of erasure does not apply to a situation where processing is required for compliance with a legal obligation or for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest.

## Please note that all information / supporting documentation submitted will be available publicly to view at the Planning Authority offices.



#### **ADVISORY NOTES:**

The application must be accompanied by the required fee of €80

The application must be accompanied by a site location map which is based on the Ordnance Survey map for the area, is a scale not less than 1:1000 and it shall clearly identify the site in question.

Sufficient information should be submitted to enable the Planning Authority to make a decision. If applicable, any plans submitted should be to scale and based on an accurate survey of the lands/structure in question. The application should be sent to the following address:

The Planning Department, Cork County Council, Floor 2, Co. Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC; or for applications related to the Western Division, The Planning Department, Cork County Council, Norton House, Cork Road, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, P81 AT28.

- The Planning Authority may require further information to be submitted to enable the authority to issue a decision on the Declaration of Exemption application.
- The Planning Authority may request other person(s), other than the applicant; to submit information on the question which has arisen and on which the Declaration of Exemption is sought.
- Any person issued with a Declaration of Exemption may on payment to An Bord Pleanála refer a Declaration of Exemption for review by the Board within 4 weeks of the date of the issuing of the Declaration of Exemption decision.
- In the event that no Declaration of Exemption is issued by the Planning Authority, any person who made a request may on payment to the Board of such a fee as may be prescribed, refer the question for decision to the Board within 4 weeks of the date that a Declaration of Exemption was due to be issued by the Planning Authority.

The application form and advisory notes are non-statutory documents prepared by Cork County Council for the purpose of advising the type of information which is normally required to enable the Planning Authority to issue a Declaration of Exemption under Section 5. This document does not purport to be a legal interpretation of the statutory legislation nor does it state to be a legal requirement under the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, or Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

# 9. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct, accurate and fully compliant with the <u>Planning and Development Acts 2000.</u> <u>as amended</u> and the Regulations made thereunder:

Signed (Applicant or Agent as appropriate)	Red Duzo
	Bernard Dwyer, Tom Phillips + Associates
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> Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 [By Post]

#### Dear Sir / Madam

#### SECTION 5 DECLARATION – Temporary use of land for storage of vehicles and equipment Re: related to National Broadband Rollout.

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Colman and Cathy O'Flynn<sup>1</sup>, have retained Tom Phillips + Associates<sup>2</sup>, Town Planning Consultants to seek a Declaration from Cork County Council (CCC) as per the provisions of Section 5(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 as amended.

We are seeking this Declaration in order to establish whether the temporary use of the applicant's lands by TLI Group Ltd for purposes relating to the National Broadband Rollout works in the area is or is not development and is, or is not, exempted development within the meaning of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 as amended and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended. The question to be determined by CCC is as follows:

'Does the temporary conversion of lands to hard standing to be used for the parking of vehicles and storage of equipment constitute development or exempted development within the meaning of the legislation?'

The works are described in greater detail below. This referral letter is also accompanied by a supporting letter from TLI Group, outlining their requirements. The requisite fee of €80 has been paid in advance (Receipt enclosed). A completed and signed Section 5 Application Form is included.



#### <sup>1</sup> Corrin, Fermoy, Co. Cork.

<sup>2</sup> 80 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 & Suites 425 + 455, 1 Horgan's Quay, Waterfront square, Cork, T23 PP 18

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#### 2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION AND CONTEXT

The lands are located just over 3kms south of Fermoy Town and just north of Corrin Cross Roads (where the R639 and L1517 meet), on the east side of the old N8 (R639) with some visibility from the M8 (Cork to Dublin motorway) which runs in a north-east to south–westerly direction to the west of the subject lands. The Corrin interchange is to the north-west of the site and leads to the M8 toll booth and onwards to Fermoy (R639).

The surrounding lands are characterised by existing and established industrial and general employment uses, with logistics and haulage activities to the south-west of the site, some accessed directly from the R639 (Flyco Engineering; and Veolia, the current operator of a waste management facility present at the site for over 25 years) and some accessed from a private road to the north from the L1516 (Southcoast Logistics Limited and Specto). Southcoast Logistics has been operating at the adjacent site for many years and the development comprises logistic buildings and car parking. The site of the proposal would be accessed from the same access point as Southcoast Logistics.



Figure 1 - Location of proposed lands shaded in red (source Google Earth)

#### 3.0 PROPOSAL TO BE ASSESSED

The proposed works would involve the creation of a temporary area of hard standing as outlined in figure 1 above. The area of hard standing would be used by TLI group to park operational vehicles and store various equipment and plant associated with the broadband rollout works. We refer to the enclosed letter from Jimmy Mulcaky, Telecoms Construction Manager with TLI Group, confirming this requirement. TLI group have various other locations

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throughout the country for this purpose. The nearest storage location to Fermoy is currently in County Tipperary. This results in a significant time overhead for contractors who have to travel to and from this location each day. With the benefit of the Corrin, Fermoy site, TLI will accrue significant time and energy savings during the rollout of broadband in the Fermoy area, followed by Killavullen and Mitchelstown. The site occupies a key central location with convenient access to these surrounding areas from the national road network. It is intended that the temporary storage area would be required for a period of no more than 2 years. There are no proposed structures or other infrastructural works associated with the proposal.

#### 1.0 National Broadband Ireland Rollout plan

The National Broadband Plan (NBP) is the Irish government's initiative to deliver high speed broadband services to all premises in Ireland and includes the following:

- A high-speed fibre and future proofed broadband network within the Intervention Area which covers 1.1 million people living and working in almost 564,000 premises, including almost 100,000 businesses and farms along with some 679 schools.
- The largest telecommunications project ever undertaken by the Government of Ireland, and indeed the largest of its kind in Europe.
- Around 146,000 kilometres of fibre to connect over half a million homes, stretching across 96% of Ireland's landmass.
- Up to 1,800 employed on the rollout.

TLI Group are the principal contractor involved in the Broadband rollout and have provided the accompanying letter of support.

#### 4.0 ASSESSSMENT

#### 2.0 Use qualifies under Class 16 of the Exempted Development Classes

We consider that the proposed works constitute development within the meaning of same, as defined in the Planning and Development Act. It is our opinion that this development can be considered exempt under the provisions of Class 16 of the Exempted Development classes contained in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

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The Broadband rollout works by their nature, will take place over a wide area. However, TLI Group, the contractors of the scheme have confirmed that a key junction cabinet is to be located directly adjacent to the site at Corrin, as indicated on figure 2 below. This is considered a critical element of the existing infrastructure in the area and will be central to the rollout in this vicinity of Fermoy. The Corrin site, therefore, occupies a central position in terms of the planned works in this area and has been identified as a suitable site for the proposed storage facilities by TLI Group.

As outlined above, the National Broadband Rollout is extensive in its scope and its geographical reach. The works involved in the rollout are themselves exempted development as defined under Class 31 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. Defining the area of these works is challenging due to their dispersed nature. It is clear that the intention behind Class 16 was to ensure clear linkages between permitted / exempted works and any attendant lands used for temporary support purposes.

However, we consider that the proposal for which a Section 5 declaration is being sought, accords with the spirit of Class 16. The lands adjoin a key element of the proposed telecommunications infrastructure and occupy a central and accessible location that allows for convenient access to carry out the broadband rollout works in the wider Fermoy area.

It is the intention of TLI to make use of the proposed area of hard standing for a period of no more than 2 years during which the rollout works in the area will be carried out. Following this period of time, it is intended that the area will be reinstated to agricultural field, as is the case at present, and in accordance with the provisions of Class 16.

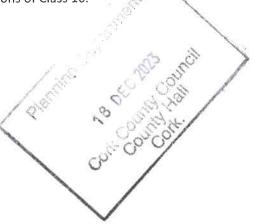




Figure 2 - Location of proposed junction cabinet in relation to the subject lands.

#### 3.0 **De-exemptions**

We have reviewed the restrictions on exemptions as identified in Part 2, Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and we are satisfied that none of these apply to the proposed works described in this submission.

#### 4.0 **Appropriate Assessment Screening**

Given that the proposal comprises temporary works only adjacent to existing industrial lands, with no proposed structures, it is considered that significant effects are not likely to arise, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects that will result in significant effects to the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. A Natura Impact Statement is participative quired.

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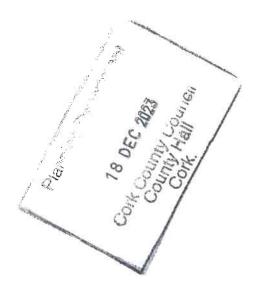
#### 5.0 Conclusion

It is our assertion that the temporary use of lands at Corrin, Fermoy by TLI Group for a period of 2 years constitutes development, and exempted development as per the provisions of Class 16 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. The lands are intended to be used as a storage facility to facilitate the rollout of broadband in the area in accordance with the National Broadband Rollout Plan. We are hereby seeking a declaration from Cork County Council to this effect.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries on the above.

Bernard Dwyer Senior Planner

Tom Phillips + Associates





To whom it may concern.

TLI needs a parking and storage facility for approximately 2 years on 2 acres in Corrin, Fermoy at a location which has easy accessibility to the Motorway and many rural road routes to facilitate expansion of National Broadband rollout in the Cork area.

This is an infrastructural requirement for TLI and having searched for suitable land and storage facilities in the area, we visited Colman O Flynn's land and feel this site has all the requirements we need to provide the vital Broadband infrastructure to the surrounding areas.

Fermoy is the next deployment area in the National Broadband rollout followed by Killavullen, Mitchelstown and Grenagh. We believe we can use Mr Flynn's land as a base for these areas over the next two years due.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Thanks in advance.

Jimmy Mulcahy Telecoms Construction Manager

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