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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (as amended)

<u>Application for a Section 5 Declaration</u> Development / Exempted Development

Applicant	TOM TOBIN	. Part d
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	posed Development:	=
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4. Development Details:

Please provide details of the proposed development for which an exemption under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act is applied for.

(Note: only works and uses listed and described under this section will be assessed under this Section 5 Application. Use additional sheets if required.

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WITH GREEN FINISH CLADDING ROOF AND SIDES	
SHEETED TO GROWND LEVEL ON THREE SIDE	s.
Proposed floor area of proposed works/uses:/62 sqm	

5. Legal Interest of Applicant in the Land or Structure:

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure	A. Owner	B. Occupier
	C. Other	
Where legal interest is 'Other', please expand further on your interest in the land or structure		
If you are not the legal owner, please state the name and address of the owner	Name: Address:	

Signature of Applican	Date:	16/4/25
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Note: If the proposed development consists of works to a (Proposed) Protected Structure and/or any structure within the curtilage of a (Proposed) Protected Structure, an application for a Section 57 Declaration may be more appropriate.

GUIDANCE NOTES

- (1) All queries on the form must be completed and the form must be accompanied by the relevant fee. The amount of the fee is currently €80.00.
- (2) This application should be accompanied by **TWO COPIES** of the following documentation
 - OSI Site Location Map with the site outlined clearly 1:1000 in urban areas and 1:2500 in rural areas
 - Floor Plans & Elevations at a scale of not less than 1:200
 - Site layout plan indicating position of proposed development relative to premises and adjoining properties
 - o Other details e.g. brochures, photographs if appropriate.

(All dimensions must be given in metric scale and drawings should be accompanied by a brief description outlining the use of the proposed development)

(3) Where a proper and complete application is received, a decision must be conveyed to the applicant within four (4) weeks except where additional necessary information is required.

This application form and relevant fee should be submitted to:

Planning Section, OR Planning Section, Tipperary County Council, **Tipperary County Council,** Civic Offices, Civic Offices. Limerick Road. **Emmet Street.** Clonmel. Nenagh, Co. Tipperary Co. Tipperary Enquires: Telephone 0818 06 5000 E-Mail planning@tipperarycoco.ie

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Additional Detail to Section 4 - Development Details

The proposed structure shall be constructed on the tree-lined site which formerly contained derelict pig houses. These were of block wall and metal roof construction. Roofing materials, e.g. metal, timber, etc., were removed to a recycling facility and concrete material was crushed to form a hard core yard.

Please also find enclosed letters of consent from owners of dwellings which are within one hundred metres of the proposed structure.

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PLANNING SECTION FILE NO. 55/25/42 Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Maurice Murphy, owner of property at Ballyneety, Ardfinnan, give my consent to Tom Tobin for the construction of an agricultural building on his farmyard at Marlhill, Ardfinnan.



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Dear Sir/Madam,

We, Bernard and Mary Coughlan, owners of property at Ballyneety, Ardfinnan, give our consent to Tom Tobin for the construction of an agricultural building on his farmyard at Marlhill, Ardfinnan.



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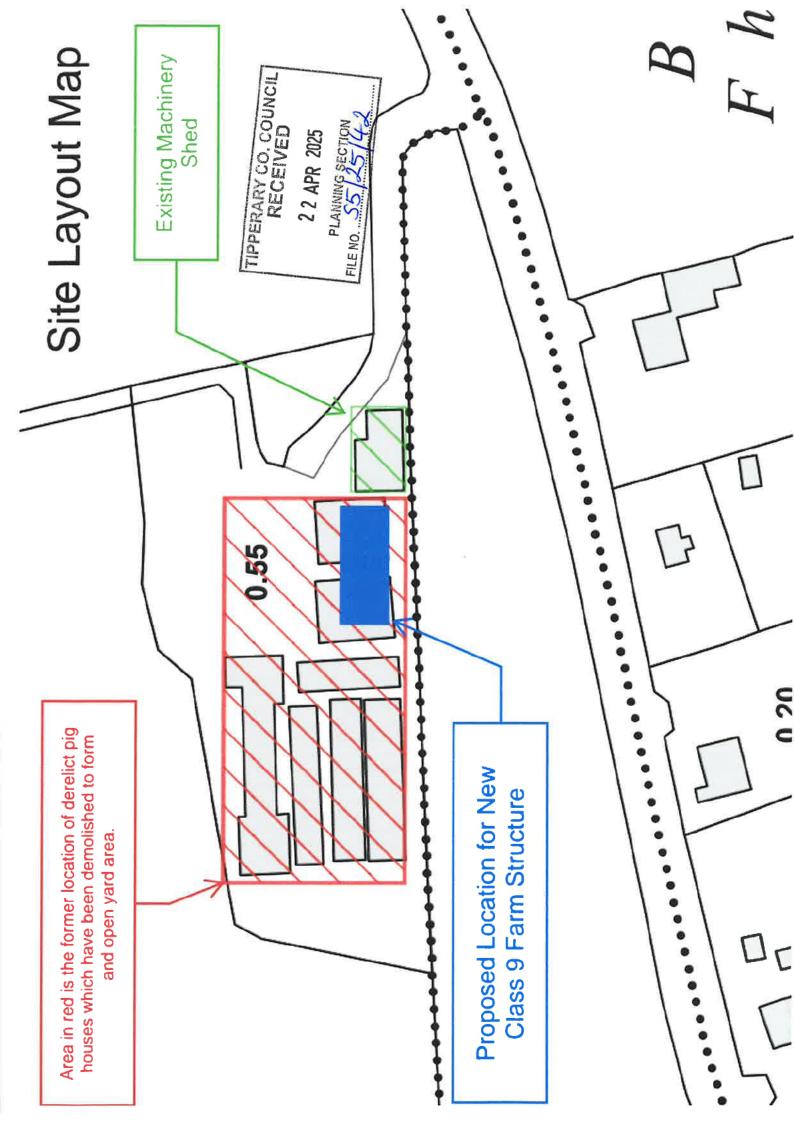
I, Robyn Keogh, owner of property at Ballyneety, Ardfinnan, give my consent to Tom Tobin for the construction of an agricultural building on his farmyard at Marlhill, Ardfinnan.

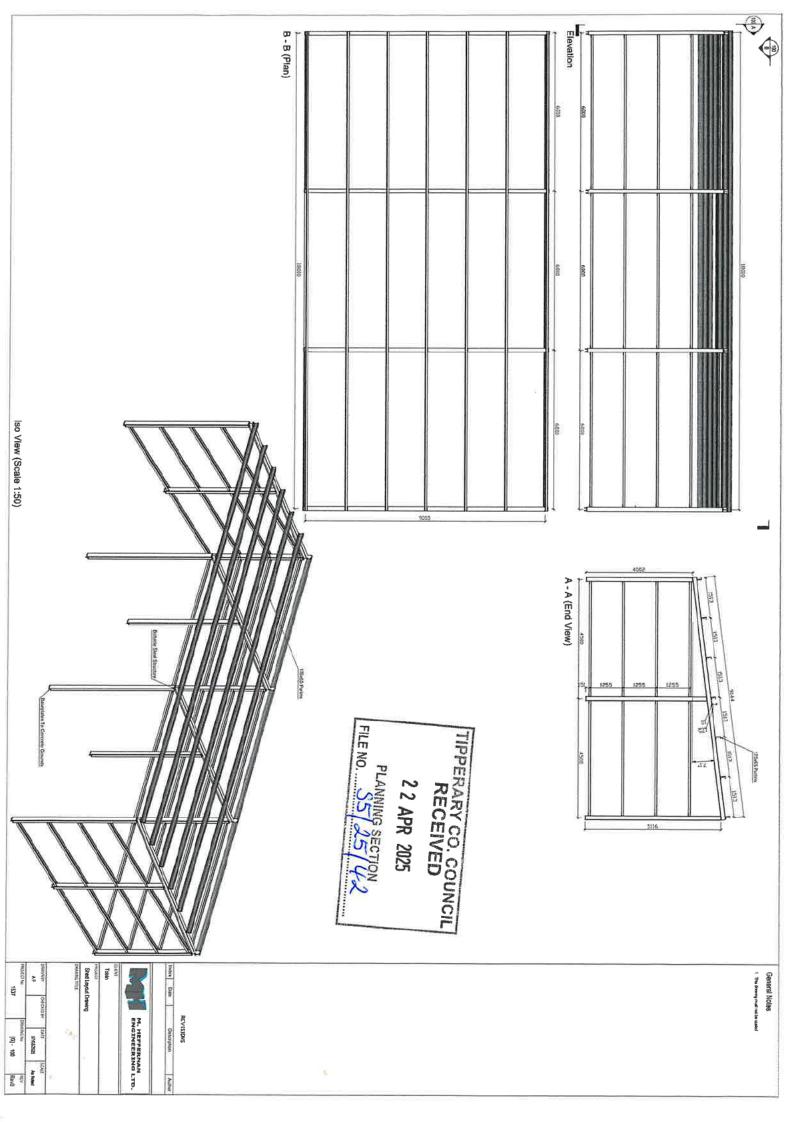
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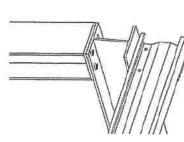
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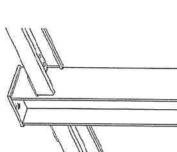




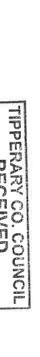


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Date: 22nd April, 2025 Our Ref: S5/25/42 Civic Offices, Clonmel

Tom Tobin
Castlekeale
Ardfinnan
Clonmel
Co. Tipperary

Re: Application for a Section 5 Declaration – Open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage at Marlhill, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Dear Mr. Tobin,

I acknowledge receipt of your application for a Section 5 Declaration received on 22nd April, 2025, in connection with the above.

I wish to advise that you will be notified of a decision on your application in due course.

Yours sincerely

for Director of Services

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

<u>Application for Declaration under Section 5</u>

Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended

Planning Ref.: S5/25/42

Applicant: Tom Tobin

Development Address: Marlhill, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Query: Is the construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for

machinery/straw storage exempted development under Class 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

1. **GENERAL**

On the 22nd of April 2025, a request was made for a declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) by Tom Tobin, as to whether or not the construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage is exempted development under Class 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

It is noted that the structure proposed is located on the site of a derelict pig farm. The querist has indicated that all the original structures on site have been demolished.

2. STATUTORY PROVISIONS

The following statutory provisions are relevant to this referral case;

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

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

Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, defines "works" as:-

"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.

Article 6 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended states:

Exempted Development.

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 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended sets out restrictions on exemptions and states:

- 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—
- (ii) endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users,
- (viii) consist of or comprise the extension, alteration, repair or renewal of an unauthorised structure or a structure the use of which is an unauthorised use.

Schedule 2 Part 3 CLASS 9 Planning and Development Regulations 2001

Works consisting of the provision of any store, barn, shed, glass-house or other structure, not being of a type specified in class 6, 7 or 8 of this Part of this Schedule, and having a gross floor space not exceeding 300 square metres.

- 1. No such structure shall be used for any purpose other than the purpose of agriculture or forestry, but excluding the housing of animals or the storing of effluent.
- 2. The gross floor space of such structures together with any other such structures situated within the same farmyard complex or complex of such structures or within 100 metres of that complex shall not exceed 900 square metres gross floor space in aggregate.
- 3. No such structure shall be situated within 10 metres of any public road.
- 4. No such structure within 100 metres of any public road shall exceed 8 metres in height.
- 5. No such structure shall be situated within 100 metres of any house (other than the house of the person providing the structure) or other residential building or school, hospital, church or building used for public assembly, save with the consent in writing of the owner and, as may be appropriate, the occupier or person in charge thereof.
- 6. No unpainted metal sheeting shall be used for roofing or on the external finish of the structure.

3. ASSESSMENT

a. Site Location

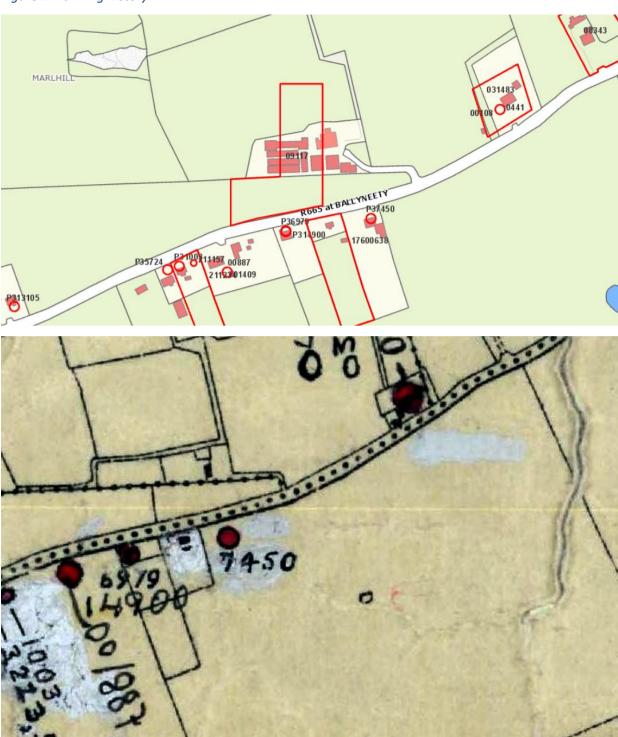
The site is located c. 1.4 kms to the north east of the village of Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary. It comprises of a former piggery that is set back c.30 metres from the R665 to the south of the site. The site is access from a private road off the R665.

There are a number of third party properties in the immediate vicinity of the site, which are less than 100 ms from the location of the structure proposed.

b. Relevant Planning History

09/117 – outline permission dwelling – Granted

Figure 1 Planning history



c. **Assessment**

The query relates to the construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage, measuring a 162sqms. The shed has a width of 9 metres (including canopy), a length of 12 metres and a height of 5.1 ms.

Figure 2 Site Layout

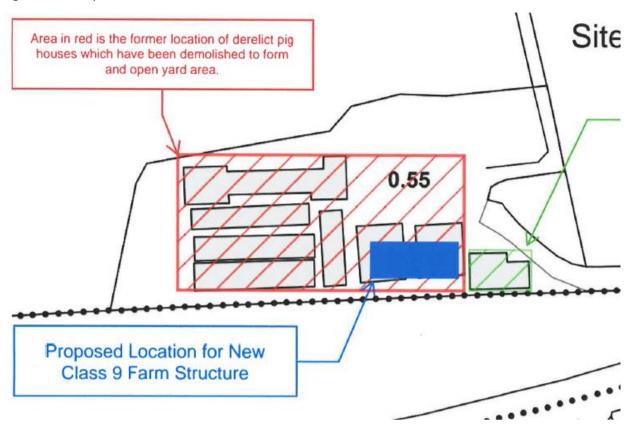
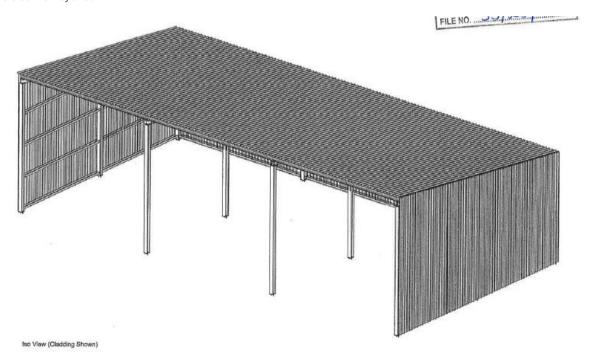


Figure 3 3d view of shed



A) "Is or is not Development"

Having considered all of the details and documentation on file with regards the question asked the Planning Authority is satisfied that the proposals involve "works" and such works would constitute "development" within the meaning of Section 3 of the 2000 Act.

B) "Is or is not Exempted Development"

Having regard to the conditions and limitations associate with Class 9, the following is noted;

- The applicant has indicated that structure will be used for agricultural purposes (storage
 of Machinery and straw). It is noted that the applicant has not quantified the size of the
 farm holding. It is unclear how the structure can be used for agricultural purposes if the
 querist does not appear to own a farm.
- The querist has indicated that there is one other storage shed at this location. The querist
 will need to clarify if the subject landholding represents the full extent of his landholding
 and if not, he will need to clarify what other Class 9 structures are located on that
 landholding.
- The structure is not within 10 metres of any public road (set c 30 ms from road).
- The structure does not exceed 8 ms in height.
- The structure is within 100ms of four third party properties. Three signed letters of consent have been submitted an Eircode from the corresponding properties is not detailed. The guerist is to be advised of this issue.

Figure 4 Residential properties within 100 ms of proposed structure



• The nature of the proposed material finish is unclear.

C) Is the exemption restricted under Article 9

The farm complex is served by an existing entrance onto the R-665. As set out above, there was a former piggery on site. There is no record of planning consent for same. The querist has indicated that the existing structures on site have been demolished. It is noted that the shed proposed is to be located at a point where the former piggery buildings were located.

The landholding is served by a farm entrance at a poorly aligned stretch of the R665. Details of the sightlines from this entrance ought to be provided to demonstrate that the entrance is safe and that the works will not give rise to a traffic concern.

Environmental Restrictions

Environmental Impact Assessment

Proposal has been screened as required for EIA and it has been determined that same is not required (See screening report attached).

Appropriate Assessment

Proposal has been screened as required for AA and it has been determined that same is not required (See screening report attached).

4. RECOMMENDATION

A question has arisen as to whether the following;

an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage exempted development under Class 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001,

constitutes development and if so does it constitutes exempted development. The works are located on an landholding in Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

Part 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires a Planning Authority to make a declaration on any question that arises as to what is or is not development. In determining this query, the Planning Authority had regard to:

- Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended),
- Article 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, (as amended)
- Class 9, Schedule 2 Part 3 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001,
- the details pertaining to the development as set out by the querist.

Determination

Accordingly, having considered the information received, the Planning Authority has determined that insufficient details has been provided to enable the Planning Authority determine this Declaration.

The following further information is required;

- It is indicated on the drawing submitted with the declaration that a number of derelict pig houses were demolished and removed from the subject site. There is no record of a planning consent for either the piggery or the removal of these structures. Please clarify the planning status of the works undertaken on site as they are not covered by the subject declaration.
- 2. In order to avail of an exemption for an agricultural structure under Schedule 2 Part 3 Class 9, the Planning Authority needs to be satisfied that the subject structure will be used for agricultural purposes. Having reviewed the details submitted, there is a lack of clarity pertaining to the extent of the agricultural landholding at this location. Please clarify same and the nature of the agricultural activities undertaken on site.

- 3. Condition 5 of Class 9 notes that no structure shall be situated within 100 metres of any house (other than the house of the person providing the structure) or other residential building or school, hospital, church or building used for public assembly, save with the consent in writing of the owner and, as may be appropriate, the occupier or person in charge thereof. A review of Geodirectory shows that there are 4 residential properties within 100 ms of the structure proposed. Three letters of consent were submitted. Letters of consent are required from all property owners within 100 ms of the site. The applicant is requested to clarity the Eircode pertaining to each letter of consent.
- 4. Having regard to the restrictions on exempted development as set out under Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, the Planning Authority require additional information in respect of the sightlines available at the entrance to the landholding so as to be satisfied that the intensification of the use of the entrance will not endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users.

Please submit a site layout drawing clearly indicating the sightlines available at the entrance from a 4.5m setback at the centre of the entrance.

5. Please clarify the intended finish of the shed proposed noting that as per Condition 6 of Class 9, no unpainted metal sheeting shall be used for roofing or on the external finish of the structure.

District Planner: Date: 12/05/25

Paul Killeen

Senior Executive Planner: Date: 12.5.2025

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Appendix 1

HABITATS DIRECTIVE APPROPERIATE ASSESSMENT (AA) SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1. Description of the project/proposal and local site characteristics:

(a) File Reference No:	S5/25/42
(b) Brief description of the project or plan:	Construction of proposed agricultural shed shed
(c) Brief description of site characteristics:	Rural location east of the village of Ardfinnan
(d) Relevant prescribed bodies consulted: e.g. DHLGH (NPWS), EPA, OPW	N/A
(e) Response to consultation:	N/A

STEP 2. Identification of relevant Natura 2000 sites using Source-Pathway-Receptor model and compilation of information on Qualifying Interests and conservation objectives.

European Site (code)	List of Qualifying Interest/Special Conservation Interest ¹	Distance from proposed development 2 (km)	Connection s (Source- Pathway- Receptor)	Considere d further in screening Y/N
Lower River Suir SAC 002137	https://www.npws.ie/protect ed-sites/sac/002137	c. 1.3 kms	Weak as surface water is discharged to ground.	yes
Blackwater River (Cork/Water ford) SAC 002170	https://www.npws.ie/protect ed-sites/sac/002170	12.4 kms	No due to distance and the lack of any relevant ex-situ factors of significance to these species.	No
Nier Valley Woodlands	https://www.npws.ie/protect ed-sites/sac/000668	14.5kms	No due to distance and	No

SAC 000668			the lack of any relevant ex-situ factors of significance to these species.	
Galtee Mountains SAC 000646	https://www.npws.ie/protect ed-sites/sac/000646	13.8 kms	No due to distance and the lack of any relevant ex-situ factors of significance to these species.	No

STEP 3. Assessment of Likely Significant Effects

(a) Identify all potential direct and indirect impacts that may have an effect on the conservation objectives of a European site, taking into account the size and scale of the project under the following headings:

Impacts: Possible Significance of Impacts: (duration/magnitude etc.)

Construction phase e.g.

- Vegetation clearance
- Demolition
- Surface water runoff from soil excavation/infill/landscaping (including borrow pits)
- Dust, noise, vibration
- Lighting disturbance
- Impact on groundwater/dewatering
- Storage of excavated/construction materials
- Access to site
- Pests

the site will be cleared and topsoil removed.

During the construction phase,

Operational phase e.g.

- Direct emission to air and water
- Surface water runoff containing contaminant or sediment
- Lighting disturbance
- Noise/vibration
- Changes to water/groundwater due to drainage or abstraction
- Presence of people, vehicles and activities
- Physical presence of structures (e.g. collision risks)
- Potential for accidents or incidents

there is no likelihood of any significant effects on European Sites in the wider catchment area

In-combination/Other

No significant in-combination effects are identified.

(b)Describe any likely changes to the European site:

Examples of the type of changes to give consideration to include:

- None.
- Reduction or fragmentation of habitat area
- Disturbance to QI species
- Habitat or species fragmentation
- Reduction or fragmentation in species density
- Changes in key indicators of conservation status value (water or air quality etc.)
- Changes to areas of sensitivity or threats to QI
- Interference with the key relationships that define the structure or ecological function of the site

(c) Are 'mitigation' measures necessary to reach a conclusion that likely significant effects can be ruled out at screening?					
☐ Yes ⊠ No					
STEP 4. Screenin	g Determi	natio	n Stateme	nt	
The assessment of significance of each Describe how the proposed development have significant effects on European significant	ent (alone o				_
The proposed development is not likely	to have si	gnific	ant effects.		
Conclusion:					
	Tick as Appropri	Recommendation:			
(i) It is clear that there is no likelihood of significant effects on a European site.			The proposal can be screened out: Appropriate assessment not required.		
(ii) It is uncertain whether the proposal will have a significant effect on a European site.			□ Request further information to complete screening□ Request NIS□ Refuse planning permission		
(iii) Significant effects are likely.			☐ Request NIS ☐ Refuse planning permission		
Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:	Paul Killeen Date: 12/05			12/05/25	

APPENDIX 2

EIA Pre-Screening Establishing a development is a 'sub-threshold development' File Reference: S5/25/42 **Development Summary:** Construction of an agricultural shed Was a Screening Determination Yes, no further action required carried out under Section 176A-C? No, Proceed to Part A A. Schedule 5 Part 1 - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)? (Tick as appropriate) Yes, specify class _____ **EIA** is mandatory No Screening required \boxtimes No Proceed to Part B B. Schedule 5 Part 2 - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and does it meet/exceed the thresholds? (Tick as appropriate) No, the development is not a project listed in Schedule No Screening 5, Part 2 required Yes the project is listed in Schedule 5, Part 2 and **EIA** is mandatory meets/exceeds the threshold, specify class (including threshold): No Screening required Proceed to Part C Yes the project is of a type listed **but** is *sub-threshold*: **C.** If Yes, has Schedule 7A information/screening report been submitted? Yes, Schedule 7A information/screening report has Screening **Determination** been submitted by the applicant required No, Schedule 7A information/screening report has not been submitted by the applicant

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Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:	Paul Killeen	Date:	12/05/25



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Date: 12th May, 2025 Our Ref: S5/25/42 Civic Offices, Nenagh

Tom Tobin
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Ardfinnan
Clonmel
Co. Tipperary

Re: Application for a Section 5 Declaration – Is the construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage exempted development under Class 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended at Marlhill, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Dear Mr Tobin,

I refer to an application received from you on 22nd April, 2025 requesting a Declaration from this Planning Authority as to whether or not certain works constitute development within the meaning of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Further information is requested as follows;

It is recommended to request the following further information pursuant to Section 5 (2) (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

 It is indicated on the drawing submitted with the declaration that a number of derelict pig houses were demolished and removed from the subject site. There is no record of a planning consent for either the piggery or the removal of these structures. Please clarify the planning status of the works undertaken on site as they are not covered by the subject declaration.

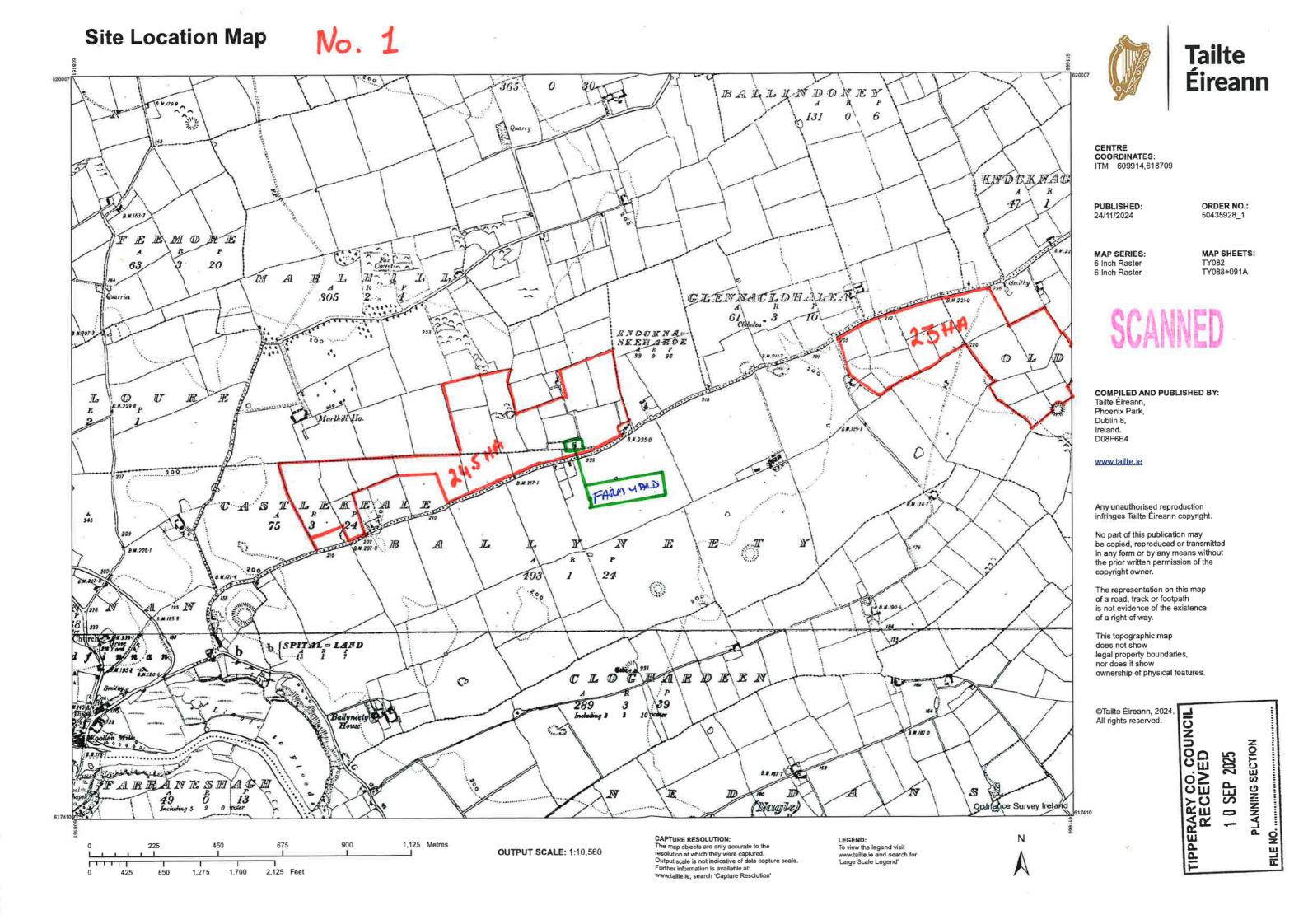
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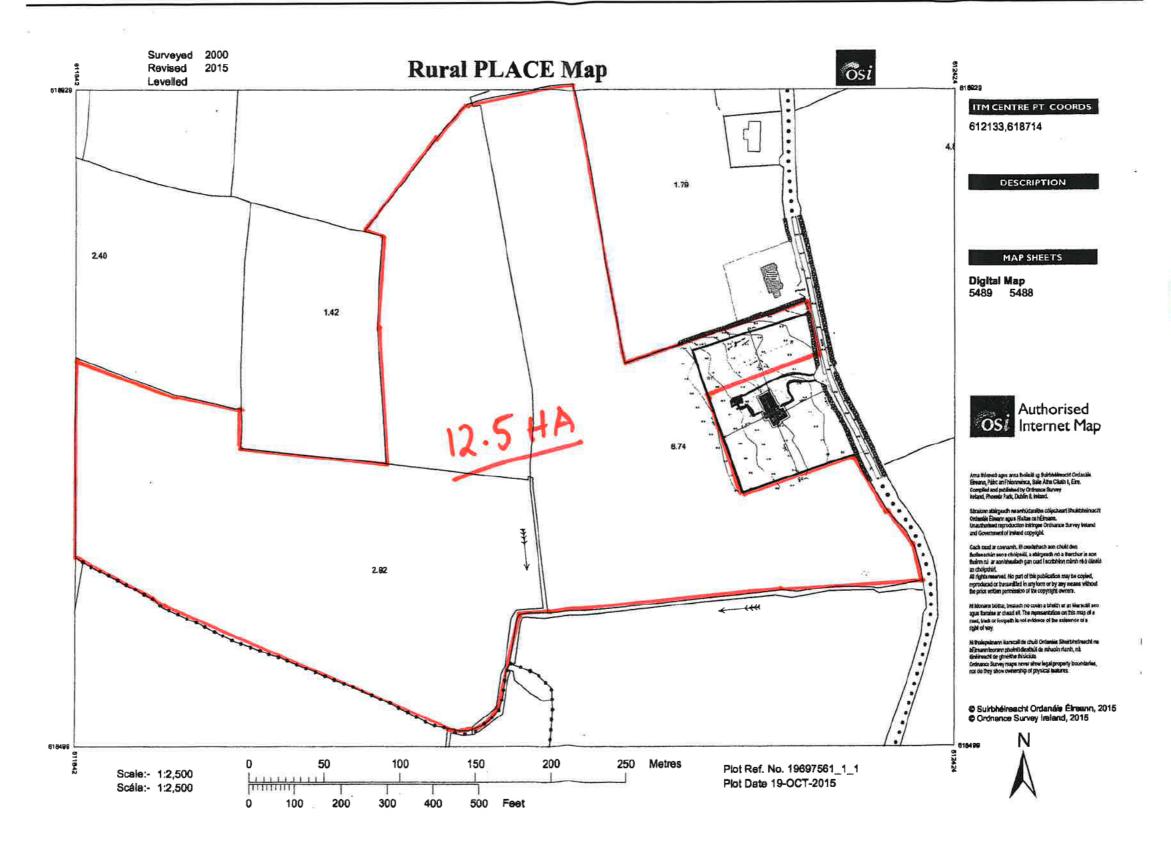
Further consideration of your request for a declaration cannot be considered until the above information is received.

Yours sincerely

for **Director of Services**

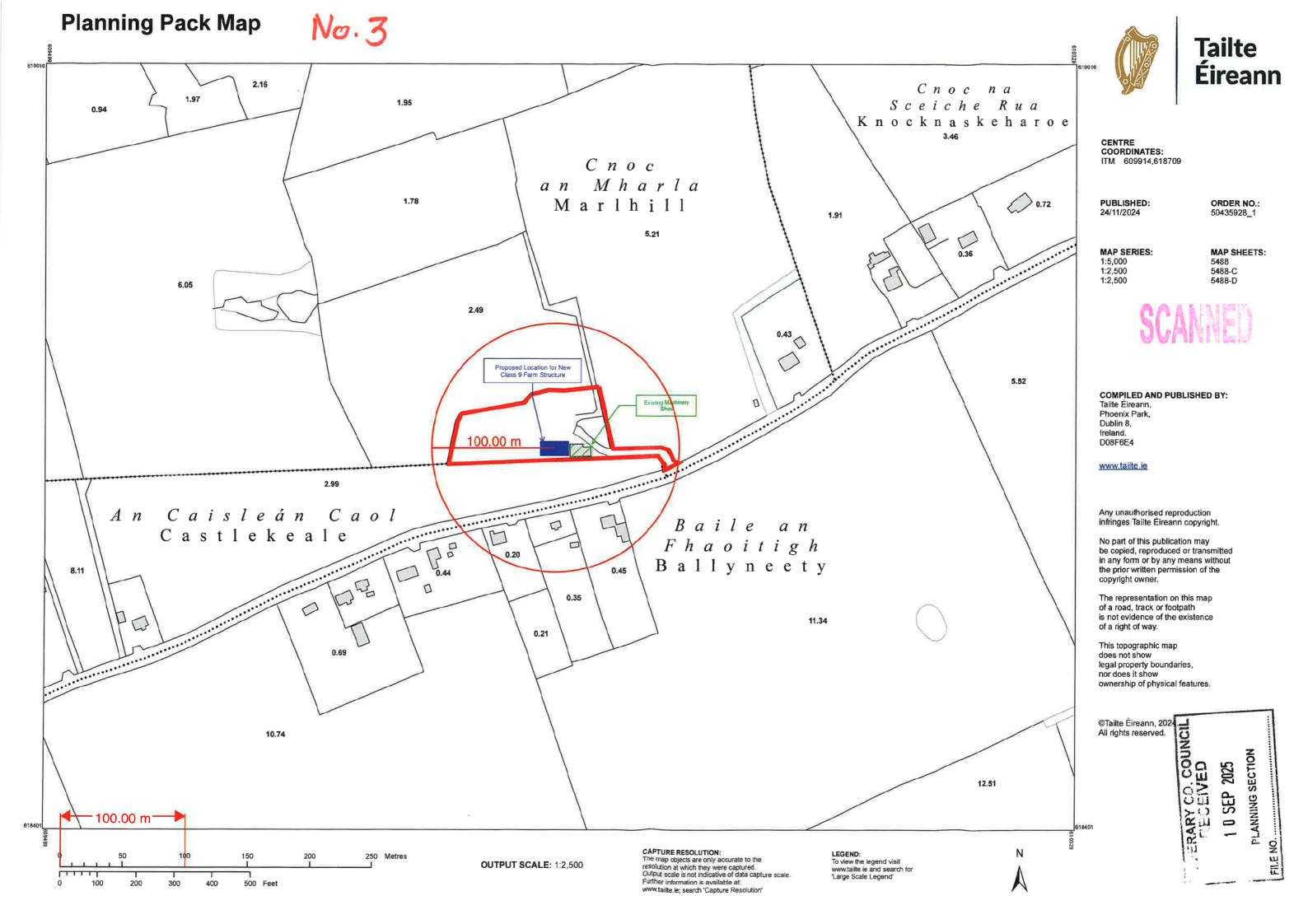
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Tom Tobin Castlekeale, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 Y2R6

5th September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed information as requested for Class 9 Exempted Development at Marlhill Ardfinnan Clonmel Co. Tipperary (Ref: S5/25/42). I trust all is in order.

Yours sincerely, Tom Tobin.







- 1. The derelict pig houses that were demolished were built pre-1963 and covered an area of approximately 95m².
- 2. This is a family tillage farm of approximately 60 hectares. It is a mix of organic and conventional tillage. We supply organic oats to Flahavan's and organic beans to local organic farmers. We also supply conventional grain to Brett Brothers. We carry out all of our own tillage work e.g. ploughing, sowing, harvesting, etc. The proposed development is intended to be used for the storage of this

machinery/equipment.

Please see attached maps (no. 1 & no. 2) with land farmed by us outlined in red.

3. Please see attached map (no. 3) showing proposed development and 100 metre radius, which encircles three houses as referenced.

The Eircodes are:

- Robyn Keogh: E91 KT04
- Mary & Bernard Coughlan E91 E283
- Maurice Murphy E91 XE13
- 4. This has always been a working farmyard consisting of pig production and tillage. The pig production finished in 2004 and we have continued since with tillage farming. Therefore there has been no intensification of the use of the entrance.
- 5. The intended finish of the proposed structure will be green painted metal cladding on the roof and sides.



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Date: 12th September, 2025 Our Ref: S5/25/42

Civic Offices, Clonmel

Tom Tobin Marlhill Ardfinnan Clonmel Co. Tipperary

Re: Application for a Section 5 Declaration – Is the construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage exempted development under Class 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended at Marlhill, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Dear Mr Tobin,

I acknowledge receipt of Further Information received on 10th September, 2025 in connection with the above.

I wish to advise that you will be notified of a decision on your application in due course.

Yours sincerely

for Director of Services



TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

<u>Application for Declaration under Section 5</u>

Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended

Planning Ref.: S5/25/42

Applicant: Tom Tobin

Development Address: Marlhill, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Query: Is the construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for

machinery/straw storage exempted development under Class 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

1. **GENERAL**

On the 22nd of April 2025, a request was made for a declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) by Tom Tobin, as to whether or not the construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage is exempted development under Class 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

It is noted that the structure proposed is located on the site of a derelict pig farm. The querist has indicated that all the original structures on site have been demolished.

2. STATUTORY PROVISIONS

The following statutory provisions are relevant to this referral case;

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

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

Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, defines "works" as:-

"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.

Article 6 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended states:

Exempted Development.

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 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended sets out restrictions on exemptions and states:

- 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—
- (ii) endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users,
- (viii) consist of or comprise the extension, alteration, repair or renewal of an unauthorised structure or a structure the use of which is an unauthorised use.

Schedule 2 Part 3 CLASS 9 Planning and Development Regulations 2001

Works consisting of the provision of any store, barn, shed, glass-house or other structure, not being of a type specified in class 6, 7 or 8 of this Part of this Schedule, and having a gross floor space not exceeding 300 square metres.

- 1. No such structure shall be used for any purpose other than the purpose of agriculture or forestry, but excluding the housing of animals or the storing of effluent.
- 2. The gross floor space of such structures together with any other such structures situated within the same farmyard complex or complex of such structures or within 100 metres of that complex shall not exceed 900 square metres gross floor space in aggregate.
- 3. No such structure shall be situated within 10 metres of any public road.
- 4. No such structure within 100 metres of any public road shall exceed 8 metres in height.
- 5. No such structure shall be situated within 100 metres of any house (other than the house of the person providing the structure) or other residential building or school, hospital, church or building used for public assembly, save with the consent in writing of the owner and, as may be appropriate, the occupier or person in charge thereof.
- 6. No unpainted metal sheeting shall be used for roofing or on the external finish of the structure.

3. ASSESSMENT

a. Site Location

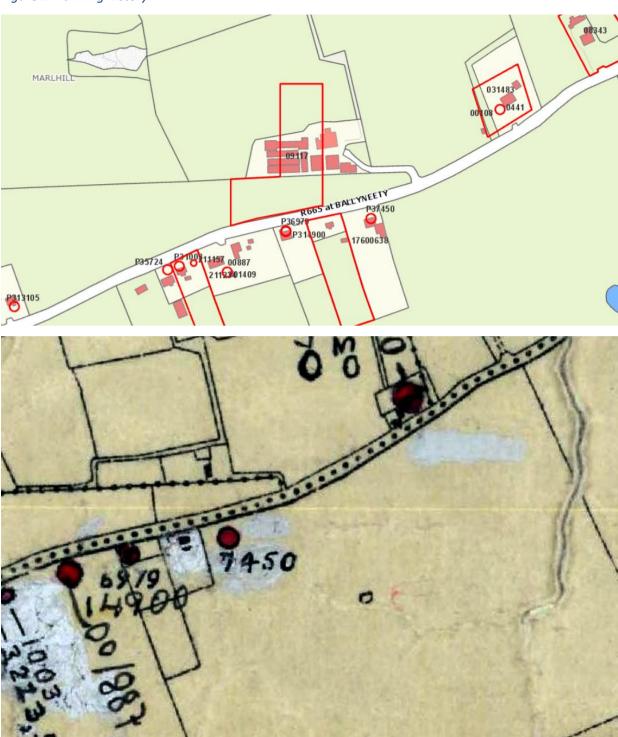
The site is located c. 1.4 kms to the north east of the village of Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary. It comprises of a former piggery that is set back c.30 metres from the R665 to the south of the site. The site is access from a private road off the R665.

There are a number of third party properties in the immediate vicinity of the site, which are less than 100 ms from the location of the structure proposed.

b. Relevant Planning History

09/117 – outline permission dwelling – Granted

Figure 1 Planning history



c. **Assessment**

The query relates to the construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage, measuring a 162sqms. The shed has a width of 9 metres (including canopy), a length of 12 metres and a height of 5.1 ms.

Figure 2 Site Layout

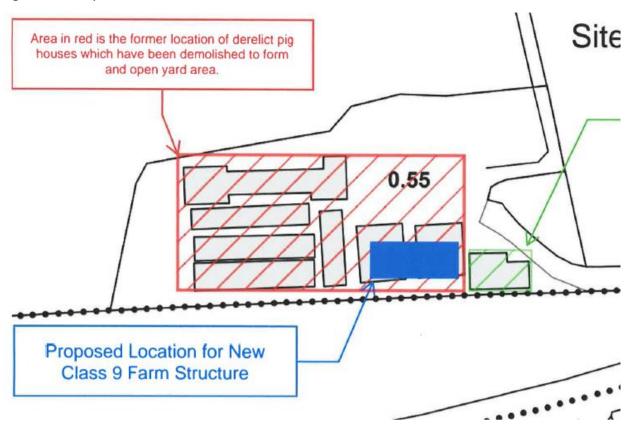
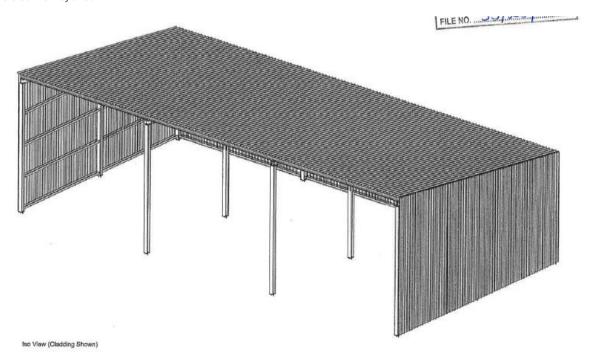


Figure 3 3d view of shed



A) "Is or is not Development"

Having considered all of the details and documentation on file with regards the question asked the Planning Authority is satisfied that the proposals involve "works" and such works would constitute "development" within the meaning of Section 3 of the 2000 Act.

B) "Is or is not Exempted Development"

Having regard to the conditions and limitations associate with Class 9, the following is noted;

- The applicant has indicated that structure will be used for agricultural purposes (storage
 of Machinery and straw). It is noted that the applicant has not quantified the size of the
 farm holding. It is unclear how the structure can be used for agricultural purposes if the
 querist does not appear to own a farm.
- The querist has indicated that there is one other storage shed at this location. The querist
 will need to clarify if the subject landholding represents the full extent of his landholding
 and if not, he will need to clarify what other Class 9 structures are located on that
 landholding.
- The structure is not within 10 metres of any public road (set c 30 ms from road).
- The structure does not exceed 8 ms in height.
- The structure is within 100ms of four third party properties. Three signed letters of consent have been submitted an Eircode from the corresponding properties is not detailed. The guerist is to be advised of this issue.

Figure 4 Residential properties within 100 ms of proposed structure



• The nature of the proposed material finish is unclear.

C) Is the exemption restricted under Article 9

The farm complex is served by an existing entrance onto the R-665. As set out above, there was a former piggery on site. There is no record of planning consent for same. The querist has indicated that the existing structures on site have been demolished. It is noted that the shed proposed is to be located at a point where the former piggery buildings were located.

The landholding is served by a farm entrance at a poorly aligned stretch of the R665. Details of the sightlines from this entrance ought to be provided to demonstrate that the entrance is safe and that the works will not give rise to a traffic concern.

Environmental Restrictions

Environmental Impact Assessment

Proposal has been screened as required for EIA and it has been determined that same is not required (See screening report attached).

Appropriate Assessment

Proposal has been screened as required for AA and it has been determined that same is not required (See screening report attached).

4. FURTHER INFORMATION

The following further information was requested on the 12th of May 2025.

- 1. It is indicated on the drawing submitted with the declaration that a number of derelict pig houses were demolished and removed from the subject site. There is no record of a planning consent for either the piggery or the removal of these structures. Please clarify the planning status of the works undertaken on site as they are not covered by the subject declaration.
- 2. In order to avail of an exemption for an agricultural structure under Schedule 2 Part 3 Class 9, the Planning Authority needs to be satisfied that the subject structure will be used for agricultural purposes. Having reviewed the details submitted, there is a lack of clarity pertaining to the extent of the agricultural landholding at this location. Please clarify same and the nature of the agricultural activities undertaken on site.
- 3. Condition 5 of Class 9 notes that no structure shall be situated within 100 metres of any house (other than the house of the person providing the structure) or other residential building or school, hospital, church or building used for public assembly, save with the consent in writing of the owner and, as may be appropriate, the occupier or person in charge thereof. A review of Geodirectory shows that there are 4 residential properties within 100 ms of the structure proposed. Three letters of consent were submitted. Letters of consent are required from all property owners within 100 ms of the site. The applicant is requested to clarity the Eircode pertaining to each letter of consent.
- 4. Please clarify the intended finish of the shed proposed noting that as per Condition 6 of Class 9, no unpainted metal sheeting shall be used for roofing or on the external finish of the structure.
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The applicant replied on the 10th of September 2025.

Appraisal

Point 1

The applicant has indicated that the existing structure on site were small scale pre 1963 structures. There is no record of the structures on the Planning enquiry system.

The applicant has indicated that these structures had a floor area of 95 sqms. A review of aerial photography would suggest that this is a reasonable assumption.

As set out under Class 50 of Schedule 2 Part 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, the demolition of a building, or buildings, within the curtilage of (iv) a farmyard complex is exempt provided it does not exceed 100 sqms. The works undertaken on site therefore do not constitute unauthorized development.

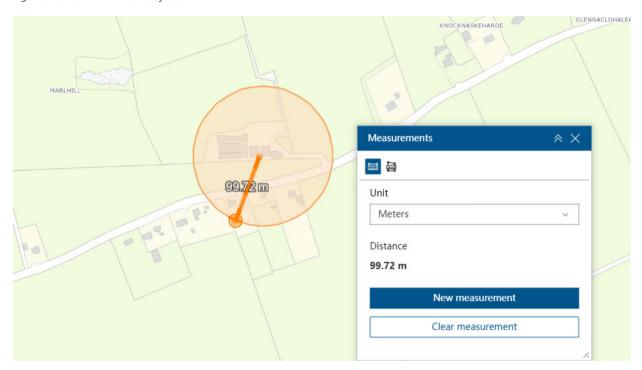
Point 2

The applicant has clarified that the site forms part of a tillage farm of 60 hectares. Landholding maps were provided. The only farm structures on the landholding are at this location.

Point 3

When measured from the location of the works proposed, there are three houses within 100 ms of the site.

Figure 5 Units within 100 ms of site



Letters of consent from the impacted properties were submitted.

Point 4

The applicant has not provided details of the sightlines at the entrance. It is noted that the applicant has indicated that there always was a farm at this location. It is reasonable to assume that the previous use as a pig production facility would have likely generated traffic demands above the current tillage use. On the basis that he works proposed are not going to give rise to a material intensification in the use of the exiting entrance, the Planning Authority is satisfied that he subject proposal is not restricted by the provisions of Art 9(1)(a)(ii) or (iii) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Point 5

The applicant has indicated that the shed will be finished in green painted metal cladding.

5. **RECOMMENDATION**

A question has arisen as to whether the following;

an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage exempted development under Class 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001,

constitutes development and if so does it constitutes exempted development. The works are located on a landholding in Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

Part 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires a Planning Authority to make a declaration on any question that arises as to what is or is not development. In determining this query, the Planning Authority had regard to;

- Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended),
- Article 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, (as amended)
- Class 9, Schedule 2 Part 3 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001,
- the details pertaining to the development as set out by the querist.
- The details submitted by way of further information on the 10th of September 2025.

Determination

Accordingly, having considered the information received, the Planning Authority has determined that the construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage at Marlhill, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary constitutes development and is considered to be "exempted development.

District Planner: Date: 22/09/25

Paul Killeen

Senior Executive Planner: Date: 23.9.2025

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Appendix 1

HABITATS DIRECTIVE APPROPERIATE ASSESSMENT (AA) SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1. Description of the project/proposal and local site characteristics:

(a) File Reference No:	S5/25/42		
(b) Brief description of the project or plan:	Construction of proposed agricultural shed shed		
(c) Brief description of site characteristics:	Rural location east of the village of Ardfinnan		
(d) Relevant prescribed bodies consulted: e.g. DHLGH (NPWS), EPA, OPW	N/A		
(e) Response to consultation:	N/A		

STEP 2. Identification of relevant Natura 2000 sites using Source-Pathway-Receptor model and compilation of information on Qualifying Interests and conservation objectives.

European Site (code)	List of Qualifying Interest/Special Conservation Interest ¹	Distance from proposed development 2 (km)	Connection s (Source- Pathway- Receptor)	Considere d further in screening Y/N
Lower River Suir SAC 002137	https://www.npws.ie/protect ed-sites/sac/002137	c. 1.3 kms	Weak as surface water is discharged to ground.	yes
Blackwater River (Cork/Water ford) SAC 002170	https://www.npws.ie/protect ed-sites/sac/002170	12.4 kms	No due to distance and the lack of any relevant ex-situ factors of significance to these species.	No
Nier Valley Woodlands	https://www.npws.ie/protect ed-sites/sac/000668	14.5kms	No due to distance and	No

SAC 000668			the lack of any relevant ex-situ factors of significance to these species.	
Galtee Mountains SAC 000646	https://www.npws.ie/protect ed-sites/sac/000646	13.8 kms	No due to distance and the lack of any relevant ex-situ factors of significance to these species.	No

STEP 3. Assessment of Likely Significant Effects

(a) Identify all potential direct and indirect impacts that may have an effect on the conservation objectives of a European site, taking into account the size and scale of the project under the following headings:

Impacts: Construction phase e.g. Vegetation clearance Demolition Demolition Possible Significance of Impacts: (duration/magnitude etc.) During the construction phase, the site will be cleared and topsoil removed.

- Dust, noise, vibration
- Lighting disturbance
- Impact on groundwater/dewatering
- Storage of excavated/construction materials

excavation/infill/landscaping (including borrow pits)

- Access to site
- Pests

Operational phase e.g.

- · Direct emission to air and water
- Surface water runoff containing contaminant or sediment
- Lighting disturbance
- Noise/vibration
- Changes to water/groundwater due to drainage or abstraction
- · Presence of people, vehicles and activities
- Physical presence of structures (e.g. collision risks)
- Potential for accidents or incidents

there is no likelihood of any significant effects on European Sites in the wider catchment area

In-combination/Other

No significant in-combination effects are identified.

(b)Describe any likely changes to the European site:

Examples of the type of changes to give consideration to include:

- None.
- Reduction or fragmentation of habitat area
- Disturbance to QI species
- · Habitat or species fragmentation
- Reduction or fragmentation in species density
- Changes in key indicators of conservation status value (water or air quality etc.)
- · Changes to areas of sensitivity or threats to QI
- Interference with the key relationships that define the structure or ecological function of the site

(c) Are 'mitigation' measures necessary to reach a conclusion that likely significant effects can be ruled out at screening?					
☐ Yes ⊠ No					
STEP 4. Screening Determination Statement					
The assessment of significance of effects: Describe how the proposed development (alone or in-combination) is/is not likely to have significant effects on European site(s) in view of its conservation objectives.					
The proposed development is not likely to have significant effects.					
Conclusion:					
	Tick as Appropriate:	Recomm	nendation:		
(i) It is clear that there is no likelihood of significant effects on a European site.		The proposal can be screened out: Appropriate assessment not required.			
(ii) It is uncertain whether the proposal will have a significant effect on a European site.		 □ Request further information to complete screening □ Request NIS □ Refuse planning permission 			
(iii) Significant effects are likely.		☐ Request NIS☐ Refuse planning permission			
Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:	Paul Killeen	een Date: 12/05		12/05/25	

APPENDIX 2

File Reference:	S5/25/42				
Development Summary:	Construction of an agricultural shed				
Was a Screening Determination carried out under Section 176A-C?	☐Yes, no further action required			ed	
	⊠No, Proceed to	Part	Α		
A. Schedule 5 Part 1 - Does the development 5, Part 1, of the Planning and Development (Tick as appropriate)					
Yes, specify class		EIA is	A is mandatory		
		No So	o Screening required		
⊠No	Proceed to Part B			art B	
B. Schedule 5 Part 2 - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and does it meet/exceed the thresholds?					
(Tick as appropriate)					
No, the development is not a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2			No Screening required		
Yes the project is listed in Schedule 5, Part 2 and meets/exceeds the threshold, specify class (including threshold):			A is mar	ndatory	
			Screen	ing required	
Yes the project is of a type listed but is <i>sub-threshold</i> :			oceed to	Part C	
C. If Yes, has Schedule 7A information/screening report been submitted?					
☐Yes, Schedule 7A information/screening report has been submitted by the applicant		De	Screening Determination required		
			Preliminary Examination required		
Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:	Paul Killeen	Da	ite:	12/05/25	



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Date: 24th September, 2025 Our Ref: S5/25/42 Civic Offices, Nenagh

Tom Tobin
Castlekeale
Ardfinnan
Clonmel
Co. Tipperary

Re: Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Dear Mr Tobin,

I refer to your application for a Section 5 Declaration received on 22nd April, 2025, and Further Information received on 10th September, 2025 in relation to the following proposed works:

The construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage at Marlhill, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the proposed development is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Tipperary County Council, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to –

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Determination

Accordingly, having considered the information received, the Planning Authority has determined that the construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage at Marlhill, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary constitutes development and is considered to be "exempted development".

NOTE: Any person issued with a Declaration of a Planning Authority may refer the Declaration for review to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, within four (4) weeks of the date of issue of the Declaration and on payment of the prescribed fee.

Yours sincerely

for **Director of Services**

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TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

DELEGATED EMPLOYEE'S ORDER

File Ref: S5/25/42	Delegated Employee's Order No:	

SUBJECT: Section 5 Declaration

I, Dave Carroll, A/Director of Services, Tipperary County Council, by virtue of the powers delegated to me in accordance with the provisions of Section 154 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Schedule 1, Part 1 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 under Chief Executive's Order No. 41983 dated 17th April, 2025, hereby order that pursuant to the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that an application under Section 5 from Tom Tobin, Castlekeale, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, re: The construction of an open fronted lean-to type shed for machinery/straw storage at Marlhill, Ardfinnan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary is development and is exempted development.

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Signed:

Dave Carroll

A/Director of Services

Planning and Development (including Town Centre First),

Date: 24/09/2025

Emergency Services and Emergency Planning and

Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District