



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

**Direction**  
**ABP-319333-24**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 17/02/2026.

The Commission decided, as set out in the following Order, that

Commission Order as follows:-

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether or not the proposed increase in annual intake from 97,000 tonnes to 120,000 tonnes at the Glassco Recycling Facility, Unit 4, Osberstown Industrial Park, Caragh Road, Naas, County Kildare is or is not development or is or is not exempted development,

**AND WHEREAS** Glassco Recycling Limited care of Tom Phillips and Associates of 80 Harcourt Street, Dublin requested a declaration on the said question from Kildare County Council and the said Council issued a declaration on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 stating that the matter is development and is not exempted development,

**AND WHEREAS** Glassco Recycling Limited care of Tom Phillips and Associates of 80 Harcourt Street, Dublin referred the declaration for review to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020,

**AND WHEREAS** An Coimisiún Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to:

- (a) The States's obligations arising from Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/52/EU.
- (b) Section 2 (1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- (c) Section 3 (1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- (d) Article 6(1) & Article 9(1)(c) of the Planning and Development Regulation's 2001, as amended.
- (e) Schedule 5, Part 2, Article 13(a) (ii) of the Planning and Development Regulation's 2001, as amended.
- (f) The proposed increase in annual intake being 23,000 tonnes.
- (g) The evidence submitted by the referrer to Kildare County Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020 regarding potential impacts in planning terms in relation to storm water, dust, noise and traffic arising from the proposed increase in annual intake.
- (h) The evidence submitted by the referrer to An Coimisiun Pleanála on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2025 regarding potential impacts in planning terms in relation to storm water, dust, and noise arising from the proposed increase in annual intake.

**AND WHEREAS** An Coimisiún Pleanála has concluded that:

- Neither of the limitations cited under Schedule 5, Part 2, Article 13(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) have been exceeded and therefore the need for an environmental impact assessment has not been triggered.
- The restriction on exempted development pursuant to article 9(1)(c) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) does not apply as an environmental impact assessment is not required.
- The proposed increase in annual intake does not entail 'works' for the purposes of section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).
- The proposed increase in annual intake does not constitute a material change in the use of any of the structures on the land nor a material change in use of the land itself at this location.

**NOW THEREFORE** An Coimisiún Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, hereby decides that the proposed increase in annual intake from 97,000 tonnes per annum to 120,000 tonnes at the Glassco Recycling Facility, Unit 4, Osberstown Industrial Park, Caragh Road, Naas, County Kildare is not development.

**Planning**

**Commissioner:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Rabbette', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Tom Rabbette

**Date:** 20/02/2026