

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
ABP-320506-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 19/08/2026.

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

WHEREAS the following question has arisen as to whether:

The twelve external wall mounted lights at Tarmon National school at Tarmon, Co. Roscommon is or is not development or is or is not exempted development.

AND WHEREAS Roscommon County Council issued a declaration on the said question to the referrer on the 12th day of July 2024, stating that the wall mounted external lighting is development and is exempted development in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 (1) (h) of Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended.

AND WHEREAS Claire Larkin referred this declaration for review to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 8th day of August 2024.

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

- (a) Section 2 (1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) Section 3 (1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (c) Section 4 (1) (h) of Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (d) Section 4 (4) of Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended,

AND WHEREAS An Coimisiún Pleanála has concluded that –

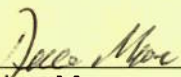
- (a) The erection of twelve wall mounted external lights is development for the purposes of Section 3 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.
- (b) The development is exempted development under Section 4 (1) (h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.
- (c) On the basis of the documentation on file, the development would not have a significant effect on the Bellanagare Bog SPA or the Bellanagare Bog SAC (000592), where the sole qualifying interest and Special Conservation Interest is A395: The Greenland White-fronted Goose. Likely significant effects are excluded and, therefore, Appropriate Assessment (Stage 2) under Section 177V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) is not required. An independent Appropriate Assessment screening exercise and an examination and identification of any potential significant effects of the development, alone, or in combination with other plans or projects on European sites has been completed. The screening is supported by a review of National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) datasets, Ordnance survey mapping and aerial photograph.

NOW THEREFORE An Comision Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5 (1) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that:

- (a) The erection of twelve wall mounted external lights is development: and
- (b) The erection of twelve wall mounted external lights is exempted development.

At Tarmon National School, Tarmon, Co. Roscommon

Planning Commissioner:


Declan Moore

Date: 21/08/2026