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**Board Direction**  
**BD-018776-25**  
**ABP-320887-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 29/01/2025.

The Board decided the referral as follows:

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether the laying of a football pitch at Tower Road, Mornington, County Meath is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** Eastern Gaels GAC requested a declaration on this question from Meath County Council and the Council issued a declaration on the 27th day of August, 2024 stating that the matter was development and was not exempted development

**AND WHEREAS** referred this declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála on the 23rd day of September, 2024:

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

(a) Sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, (b) Article 6(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,


- (c) Class 33(c), Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (d) Article 9(1) (a)(viiB) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (e) The planning history of the site and in the vicinity,
- (f) The documentation on file and the report of the Planning Inspector;

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

- (a) The football pitch constitutes a very minor development both in terms of works and use;
- (b) The laying of the football pitch falls within the scope of Class 33(c) of the Regulations; and
- (c) There is no requirement for appropriate assessment so that the restriction on exemption under Article 9(1)(a)(viiB) of the Regulations does not apply.

**NOW THEREFORE** An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (4) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that the laying of a football pitch at Tower Road, Mornington, County Meath is development and is exempted development

**Board Member**

  
Patricia Calleary

**Date:** 29/01/2025