

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
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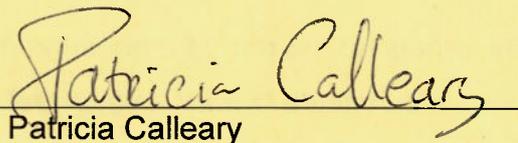
The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 06/02/2026.

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

Planning

Commissioner:

Date: 06/02/2026


Patricia Calleary

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the installation of solar panels on the roof of a house at the Forge, Castleconnell, County Limerick is or is not development or is or is not exempted development.

AND WHEREAS Declan Carey requested a declaration on this question from Limerick City and County Council, and the Council issued a declaration on 20th day of October 2025 stating that the matter is development and is not exempted development.

AND WHEREAS Declan Carey referred this declaration for review to An Coimisiún Pleanála, on the 30th day of October 2025;

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 82(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (d) Article 6(1) and Article 9(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (e) Parts 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (f) The planning history of the site,
- (g) The context of the site within an Architectural Conservation Area,

AND WHEREAS An Coimisiún Pleanála has concluded that:

- (a) The installation of solar panels on the roof of a house at the Forge, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick constitute 'works' as interpreted under Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended;
- (b) The works constitute development within the meaning of Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended;
- (c) The works constitute exempted development pursuant to Article 6(1) and Class 2(c) of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- (d) Notwithstanding that the site on which the development would be undertaken is located within an architectural conservation area, the development would not materially affect the character of the area at this specific location and therefore the exemption afforded pursuant to Article 6(1) and Class 2(c) of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended is not restricted pursuant to Article 9(1)(xii) of the Planning and Development Regulations, as amended or any other provision of Article 9 of the regulations or Section 82(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

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 installation of solar panels on the roof of a house at the Forge, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick is development and is exempted development.