An Coimisiún Pleanála

Direction
ACP-324243-26

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 04/11/2026.

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

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the replacement of an existing natural grass soccer pitch with an artificial grass (astro) soccer pitch at Wilton United Park, Garrenedarragh, Cork is or is not development or is or is not exempted development,

AND WHEREAS Wilton United AFC requested a declaration on this question from Cork City Council and the Council did not issue a declaration on the matter,

AND WHEREAS Cork City Council referred the question to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 24th day of April, 2026,

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

(a) Sections 2(1), 3(1), 4(1) and 4(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,

(b) Articles 6(1) and 9(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,

(c) Class 33(c) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,

(d) the documentation on file,

(e) the planning history pertaining to the site,

(f) relevant precedent referrals, and

(g) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

AND WHEREAS An Coimisiún Pleanála has concluded that:

(a) the replacement of an existing natural grass soccer pitch with an all-weather (astro) soccer pitch is development as it involves the carrying out of works in, on, over or under land, and

(b) the works in question come within the scope of Class 33(c) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,

NOW THEREFORE An Coimisiún Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, hereby decides that the replacement of an existing natural grass soccer pitch with an artificial grass (astro) soccer pitch at Wilton United Park, Garrenedarragh, Cork is development and is exempted development.

Planning Commissioner:

Date: 05/11/2026

Mary Gurrie