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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018**

**Planning Authority: Longford County Council.**

**Planning Register Reference Number: DC19/1**

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether the use of an existing permitted outdoor pursuits area (granted under planning register reference number PL03/419, An Bord Pleanála reference PL14.206562) for clay pigeon shooting at Cranleymore, Edgeworthstown, County Longford is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** the question was referred to An Bord Pleanála by Longford County Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019:

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

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

- (b) article 6 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (c) Class 33 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, and
- (d) the planning history of the site:

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

- (a) the use of the lands, to which planning register reference PL03/419 and An Bord Pleanála reference PL14.206562 refers is for a racing track as a kart facility and outdoor pursuits area,
- (b) clay pigeon shooting is not expressly permitted in the planning permissions granted in respect of the site,
- (c) clay pigeon shooting gives rise to impacts in relation to noise and environmental impacts and comprises a material change of use, and
- (d) clay pigeon shooting does not come within the scope of Class 33 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, Development for amenity or recreational purposes, as it involves the use of firearms.

**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 use of an existing permitted outdoor pursuits area (granted under planning register reference number PL03/419, An Bord Pleanála reference PL14.206562) for clay pigeon shooting at Cranleymore, Edgeworthstown, County Longford is development and is not exempted development.

### **Matters Considered**

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

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**Terry Prendergast**  
**Member of An Bord Pleanála**  
**duly authorised to authenticate**  
**the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this            day of            2019.**