



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-308601-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: RA/S52056

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the replacement of farm buildings on existing farm yard site at Hilltown, Dunboyne, County Meath is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Seamus Lonergan care of Latimer Architects of The Old Dispensary, Duleek, County Meath requested a declaration on the question from Meath County Council and the Council issued a declaration on the 13th day of October, 2020 stating that the matter is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Seamus Lonergan referred the declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála on the 6th day of November, 2020:

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has reconfigured the question as follows -

whether the construction of a cattle shed with a gross external area of 120 square metres, a hay and feed shed with a gross external area of 170 square metres, a machinery shed with a gross external area of 170 square metres, and a workshop with a gross external area of 66 square metres at Hilltown, Dunboyne, County Meath is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS An Bord 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,
- (c) Articles 6(1) and 9(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (d) Part 3 of Schedule 2 to those Regulations,
- (e) the planning history of the site, and
- (f) the pattern of development in the area:



AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that -

- (a) the construction of a cattle shed with a gross external area of 120 square metres would come generally within the scope of the exempted development provisions of Class 6 of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (b) the construction of a hay and feed shed with a gross external area of 170 square metres, a machinery shed with a gross external area of 170 square metres, and a workshop with a gross external area of 66 square metres would come generally within the scope of the exempted development provisions of Class 9 of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to those Regulations, and
- (c) the construction of the sheds would not endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users and would not be restricted by any other provision of Article 9 of those Regulations:

NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (3) (a) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that the construction of a cattle shed with a gross external area of 120 square metres, a hay and feed shed with a gross external area of 170 square metres, a machinery shed with a gross external area of 170 square metres, and a workshop with a gross external area of 66 square metres at Hilltown, Dunboyne, County Meath is development and is 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.



John Connolly

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

Dated this 7th day of MAY 2021.