

Board Order ABP-312684-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: TAS52162

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the devaluation and vandalism of properties at lodges numbers 416, 424, 426, 427, 432 and 435 at the Johnstown House Estate, Enfield, County Meath is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Lefgem Limited care of Hughes Planning and Development Consultants of 85 Merrion Square, Dublin requested a declaration on this question from Meath County Council and the Council issued a declaration on the 13th day of January, 2022 stating that the matter was development and was not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Lefgem Limited referred the declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála on the 9th day of February, 2022:

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AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has decided to reformulate the question as follows -

whether the painting of the exterior facades of lodges numbers 416, 424, 426, 427, 432 and 435 as carried out, with this painting including slogans and words, at the Johnstown House Estate, Enfield, 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) Sections 2(1), 3(1) 4(1)(h), and 57(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) Article 9(1)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (c) the planning history of the site, in particular planning register reference number TA/40538, condition number 5(a), and
- (d) the character of the subject lodge development and its setting as part of the curtilage of Johnstown House, a Protected Structure,

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that the painting of the exterior facades of lodges numbers 416, 424, 426, 427, 432 and 435 as carried out, with this painting including slogans and words at the Johnstown House Estate is of a nature that materially impacts on the curtilage and setting of Johnstown House, a protected structure, and is in apparent contravention of condition 5 attached to permission granted under planning register

reference number TA/40538; and therefore the Board considers that this painting is development and is not exempted development

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 painting of the exterior facades of lodges numbers 416, 424, 426, 427, 432 and 435 as carried out, with this painting including slogans and words at the Johnstown House Estate, Enfield, County Meath is development and is not exempted development.

Stephen Brophy

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

Dated this 8th day of January

2024.