



Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Kildare County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: ED/00780

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether or not the proposed increase in annual intake from 97,000 tonnes to 120,000 tonnes at the Glassco Recycling Facility, Unit 4, Osberstown Industrial Park, Caragh Road, Naas, County Kildare is or is not development or is or is not exempted development,

AND WHEREAS Glassco Recycling Limited requested a declaration on the said question from Kildare County Council and the said Council issued a declaration on the 11th day of March, 2020 stating that the matter is development and is not exempted development,

AND WHEREAS Glassco Recycling Limited referred the declaration for review to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 19th day of May, 2020,

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

- (a) the States's obligations arising from Environmental Impact Assessment Directive 2011/52/EU;
- (b) sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- (c) articles 6(1) and 9(1)(c) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- (d) Schedule 5, Part 2, article 13(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- (e) the proposed increase in annual intake being 23,000 tonnes;
- (f) the evidence submitted by the referrer to Kildare County Council on the 13th day of February 2020 regarding potential impacts in planning terms in relation to storm water, dust, noise and traffic arising from the proposed increase in annual intake; and
- (g) the evidence submitted by the referrer to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 31st day of January 2025 regarding potential impacts in planning terms in relation to storm water, dust and noise arising from the proposed increase in annual intake.

AND WHEREAS An Coimisiún Pleanála has concluded that:

- (a) neither of the limitations cited under Schedule 5, Part 2, article 13(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, have been exceeded and, therefore, the need for an environmental impact assessment has not been triggered;

- (b) the restriction on exempted development pursuant to article 9(1)(c) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, does not apply as an environmental impact assessment is not required;
- (c) the proposed increase in annual intake does not entail 'works' for the purposes of section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended; and
- (d) the proposed increase in annual intake does not constitute a material change in the use of any of the structures on the land nor a material change in use of the land itself at this location.

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 proposed increase in annual intake from 97,000 tonnes per annum to 120,000 tonnes at the Glassco Recycling Facility, Unit 4, Osberstown Industrial Park, Caragh Road, Naas, County Kildare is not development.



Tom Rabbette

**Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún
Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this 23rd day of FEB. 2026.

