

## Board Order ABP-320887-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: LBS52451

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the laying out of a football pitch at Tower Road, Mornington, County Meath is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** Eastern Gaels GAC requested a declaration on this question from Meath County Council and the Council issued a declaration on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024 stating that the matter was development and was not exempted development

**AND WHEREAS** Eastern Gaels GAC referred this declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2024:

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

- (a) Sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) Article 6(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (c) Class 33(c), Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (d) Article 9(1) (a)(viiB) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (e) the planning history of the site and in the vicinity, and
- (f) the documentation on file and the report of the Planning Inspector;

## AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that:

- (a) The football pitch constitutes a very minor development both in terms of works and use;
- (b) The laying out of the football pitch falls within the scope of Class 33(c) of the Regulations; and
- (c) There is no requirement for Appropriate Assessment so that the restriction on exemption under Article 9(1)(a)(viiB) of the Regulations does not apply.

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NOW THEREFORE An Bord 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 laying out of a football pitch at Tower Road, Mornington, County Meath is development and is exempted development

Patricia Calleary

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

Dated this of day of February 2025

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