

Board Order ABP-321043-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: RA/S52466

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the alterations of columns at front/side windows from steel to concrete blockwork on four holiday home pods at Shanks Mare, Collegelands and Arodstown, Summerhill, County Meath is or is not development or is or is not exempted development,

AND WHEREAS Collegelands Forge Limited care of William Doran of 7 St. Mary's Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin requested a declaration on the matter from Meath County Council on the 13th day of September, 2024,

AND WHEREAS the said question was referred to An Bord Pleanála by Meath County Council on the 10th day of October, 2024,

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 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,

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- (c) Section 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (d) Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.
- (e) Schedule 2, Part 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.
- (f) the planning history of the site, and
- (g) the pattern of development in the area,

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that:

- the alterations of columns at front/side windows from steel to concrete blockwork is development,
- (b) the construction of the concrete columns forms part of an overall development which was authorised by and the subject of a grant of planning permission under planning register reference number 22/629 subject to conditions and the documentation submitted with the planning application and the conditions attached to the permission do not preclude the construction of the said concrete columns, and
- (c) notwithstanding the conclusion, as set out in (b), the concrete blockwork on four holiday pods is exempted development having regard to the provisions of Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,

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NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, hereby decides that the alterations of columns from steel to concrete blockwork at front/side windows on four holiday home pods is development and is exempted development.

Marie O'Connor

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

Dated this 14 day of 4ebruare 2025.