



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order
ACP-323233-25

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 25/60464

Appeal by Patrick Fleming of Blossom Hill Cottage, Blossom Hill, Kilcornan, County Limerick against the decision made on the 11th day of July, 2025 by Limerick City and County Council in relation to an application by Tim Wrenn care of Frank Ross of Blossom Hill, Kilcornan, County Limerick for development comprising the retention and completion of a detached meeting room, including concrete base, the retention of the opening of an access/entrance in the existing stone wall, the retention of external lighting, and all associated site works, all at Kilcornan Catholic Church, Blossom Hill, Kilcornan, County Limerick which is within the curtilage of a protected structure (RPS Register Reference Number 183) which decision was to grant subject to condition permission for the retention of external lighting in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council and to refuse permission for the retention and completion of a detached meeting room, including concrete base, the retention of the opening of an access/entrance in the existing stone wall, and all associated site works.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that, by reason of its overall design and material finishes, the development proposed to be retained (the retention and completion of a detached meeting room, including concrete base, the retention of the opening of an access/entrance in the existing stone wall, and all associated site works) would negatively impact on the special character and appearance of the existing church which is listed as a protected structure (RPS Register Reference Number 183) in the development plan, and a building of interest on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH 21901124), and would be contrary to Objective EH O50 (Work to Protected Structures) of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028. The development proposed to be retained would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Furthermore, having regard to Policy Objective EH O3 (Ecological Impact Assessment) of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 and to the design and positioning of the lighting and flood lighting proposed for retention, in the absence of such an assessment and appropriate mitigation measures it has not been satisfactorily demonstrated the external lighting proposed for retention would not have a significant impact on species of conservation concern on the site.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission for the retention of external lighting, the Commission did not concur with the Inspector's rationale that possible behavioural avoidance of the development site over time by bats in order to avoid potential light pollution arising from the external lighting proposed for retention constitutes an acceptable basis for concluding no significant effects on the receiving environment having regard to the requirements of development plan policy set out above.

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**Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**



Dated this *25th* day of *November*, 2025.