

An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

Commission Order  
ACP-323842-25

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**Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended**

**Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council**

**Planning Authority Reference Number: EC/181/25**

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether the installation of 10 solar panels on the roof of a house at The Forge, Castle Street, Castleconnell, County Limerick is or is not development or is or is not exempted development,

**AND WHEREAS** Declan Carey care of M. Burke Associates requested a declaration on this question from Limerick City and County Council and the Council issued a declaration on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025 stating that the matter is development and is not exempted development,

**AND WHEREAS** Declan Carey care of M. Burke Associates referred the declaration to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025,

**AND WHEREAS** in considering the referral the Commission had regard to:

- (a) Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (b) Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (c) Section 82(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (d) Article 6(1) and Article 9(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (e) Parts 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (f) the planning history of the site, and
- (g) the context of the site within an Architectural Conservation Area,

**AND WHEREAS** An Coimisiún Pleanála has concluded that:

- (a) the installation of solar panels on the roof of a house at The Forge, Castleconnell, County Limerick constitute 'works' as interpreted under Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (b) the works constitute development within the meaning of Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (c) the works constitute exempted development pursuant to Article 6(1) and Class 2(c) of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and

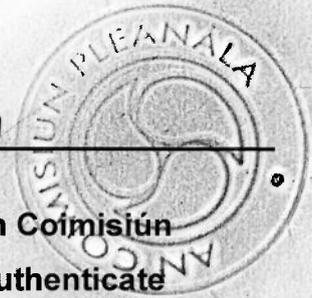
(d) notwithstanding that the site on which the development would be undertaken is located within an architectural conservation area, the development would not materially affect the character of the area at this specific location and, therefore, the exemption afforded pursuant to Article 6(1) and Class 2(c) of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, is not restricted pursuant to Article 9(1)(xii) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, or any other provision of Article 9 of the Regulations or Section 82(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,

**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 installation of 10 solar panels on the roof of a house at The Forge, Castle Street, Castleconnell, County Limerick is development and is exempted development.

*Patricia Calleary*

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



Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.