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

**Planning Authority: Wexford County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 20250914W**

**Appeal** by Declan Cosgrove against the decision made on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025 by Wexford County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Development to Protected Structure (WCC0897) to consist of the removal of the thatching and replacing it with vernacular corrugated sheeting in the traditional manner, all at Hilltown, Ballymitty, County Wexford.

## **Decision**

**REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.**

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the Wexford County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, and in particular to Objective BH06, and to the “Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities”, issued by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in October, 2011, it is considered that the removal of the thatched, half-hipped roof would cause serious damage to the special character of this Protected Structure and based on the totality of the information on file has not been justified. It is considered, therefore, that the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

*Mary Gurrie*

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**Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún**

**Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate**

**the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this *27* day of *February* 2026.