

Borranstown, Ashbourne Count Meath

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An Bord Pheanala

64 Marlborough Street

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to appeal the decision of Fingal County Council in respect of the question "is the parking of a School bus overnight within the curtilage of a domestic dwelling development or Farm – Commercial yard development?"

Our dwelling is within the County of Fingal and is located circa.

One Kilometre from the hamlet of Ballymadun Fingal

Two Kilometres from the village of Garristown Fingal

Two Kilometres from the town of Ashbourne

The dwelling and associated shed stands on a site a One Hectares and was built in 1996.

The area is zoned Ru Rural in the County Development Plan. The provision of a School Bus Service is an essential service to the rural community. The parking of the Bus is similar to the Parking of any commercial or agricultural equipment operating to the economic welfare of the Rural Community.

I was employed as a haulier from 1995 to 2013 and during that time parked my commercial lorry in the yard and undertook its maintenance there. I also conducted a small construction materials distribution business servicing neighbours and adjacent farmers with supplies using the sheds as storage.

In 2014 due to ill health I was forced to discontinue both activities.

I am the holder of a current Certificate of Professional Competence as a driver for both Commercial And Public Transport While my wife holds a certificate of Professional Competence for Bus Transport Management.

Through my association in the Private Bus Hire Industry I permitted a bus to park overnight on my property. The bus owner is based in Stackallen, Navan, Co. Meath while the driver operative assigned to the Bus resides in Ardcath, Garristwon. The route serviced is a CIE School service and covers the local community to us children attending the National School in Garristown. By parking at Borranstown the bus is strategically placed to maximise its efficiency and minimises it journey thereby reducing its negative environment impact.

Fingal County Council the relevant planning authority commenced enforcement proceedings stating that the parking of a commercial vehicle overnight is development.

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This appears to me to be unreasonable and unsustainable with serious social environmental and commercial consequences for society. I therefore sought clarification if the parking of a commercial This appears to be unreasonable and creates serious precedent in respect of all commercial drivers who take their work vehicle home and park it within the curtilage of their home.

I am making this appeal as I believe that the decision of the Council is unreasonable in Planning terms and will have negative social and environmental impacts on our County.

Yours faithfully,

Eamon Keenan

