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Tuesday 26th July 2022

Re: Ref: Case Number ABP-313950-22, Development At Derrylackey, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny

Dear Sirs,

Further to your letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 following the referral by Kilkenny County Council to determine whether the use of shed, containers and access laneway at Derrylackey, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny is or is not an exempted development. I wish to add the below points to my previously submissions;

As stated by myself in previous submissions the business is engaged in the growing and sale of potatoes to Fast Food Takeaways throughout the South East. I would also like to point out that this shed it not just used for storage of Potatoes but also for storage of Hay & Straw for our suckler cow herd. We have managed to achieve steady growth in Potato sales over the years which has been helped by Brexit because much or the Potatoes used by Fast Food Takeaways were traditionally imported from the U.K but following Brexit and the difficulties associated with importing and also as a result of promotion of Irish Growers by Bord Bia, we have grown sales and this has allowed us to employ additional staff from the local area. We are also Bord Bia approved growers. I note that Kilkenny County Council in Appendix 5 stated that my Grower number was not in use, which is incorrect. I attach a copy of my Grower Number issued by the Department of Agriculture.

I would like to point out that complaints made by Lorraine Maher are being made as a result of a long running family feud in the Maher family over the farmland at Derrylackey, and nothing to do with the use of the laneway or our agricultural buildings. Lorraine and her family are serial objectors and have also been strongly opposed to the erection of Wind Turbines in the local area. Not one of our other neighbours have any

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issue with our use of the Cul de Sac, the L7452 and the addition of the passing area and the use of our farm buldings. As previously outlined in my letter to Kilkenny County Council we constructed the internal farm roadway at Derrylackey to join our existing farm complex to Peter Mahers original farm complex which avoids us having to use a significant portion of the existing Cul de Sac which we thought would have helped Lorraine's concerns over use of the existing road. However she was still unhappy, our other neighbours were happy with this and in fact have asked us on numerous occasions to use our internal laneway to bring machinery down to their land as the existing Cul de Sac is so narrow and in bad repair.

It should also be noted that Lorraine Maher has now sold her house and moved away from the area. The new owners of the house have no issues with our Potato and Livestock Farming business being conducted from Derrylackey and our use of the roadway.

I continue to be of the view that the growing of agricultural produce and the subsequent storage, packaging and sale is an agricultural activity. Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss the above further.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Maguire





An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

4th October 2019

Mr. Thomas Maguire & Ms. Mary Maher Maguire Maher Enterprizes Ltd. Derrylackey Mullinavat Co. Kilkenny

## Registration under Potato Growers and Potato Packers Acts 1984 & 2004

Dear Mr. Kenny & Ms. Maher,

I wish to inform you that your registration number under the above legislation is **032689** 

This number should be quoted in any correspondence with this Department. You should note that both growers and packers registration numbers must be clearly and legibly displayed on every package of potatoes offered for sale.

A copy of the regulations governing potato growers and potato packers (S.I. No. 637 of 2001) and the main requirements for the sale of potatoes are enclosed for your information. Also enclosed is a copy of the potato grower's record book which must be kept up to date and made available to an authorised officer of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on request.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Martin

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