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28th September 2023

An Bord Pleanála 64 Mariborough Street Dublin 1 D01 V902

F.A.O. The Secretary,

Dear Sir/Madam.

Re: Section 5 Exemption Ref: \$5/23/90

Upper Burncourt, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary

With reference to the above I wish to appeal the decision to grant the above exemption, this exemption was applied for on top of the existing exemption S5/23/16, the exemptions were granted by Tipperary County Council. Please find attached folder containing completed application form and supporting documentation.

The works on the section 5 gateway has not yet commenced, however the exempted new road development has started, the roadway has been excavated, but no further works have begun. We are concerned that should further works be undertaken, further damage will be inflicted to the trees located at the bounds of our property as the works is not compliant with BS5837:2012 and the RPA has obviously not been calculated. There is also Health and Safety issue with serious risk to life as a tree will require taking down on the location of the Section 5 gateway, the tree is dangerously close to ESB powerlines and works is not being completed by a qualified arborist.

As a matter of urgency we would ask if it was possible for the representatives of An Bord Pleanála, to ask the owner of the exempted roadway and Section 5 gateway to cease and desist any further works until a full and final decision of Appeal is made, as we are heading into the winter months and do not want any further unnecessary damage to our property or treeline, as we aware that a decision can take up to 18 weeks.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kind Regards,

James Joseph Keamey

and

Sharon Duke

Sharon Duke and J Kearney Upper Burncourt, Burncourt, Cahir, Co Tipperary Section 5 Appeal S5/23/90 on existing section 5 S5/23/16

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Your details

1. /	Appellant's details (person making the appeal)				
,	You	r full details:			
((a)	Name	Sharon Duke and James Joseph Kearney		
((b)	Address	Upper Burncourt, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary E21 A890		
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. /	Agent's details (if applicable)				
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Postal address for letters

3.	During the appeal we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this appeal, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only.)
	You (the appellant) at the ✓ The agent at the address in □ address in Part 1 Part 2
eta	ils about the proposed development
4.	Please provide details about the planning authority decision you wish to appeal. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the appeal details.
(a)	Planning authority
()	(for example: Ballytown City Council)
	Tipperary County Council
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own the house and farm on folios TY67200F and TY20504, that it will come out directly oposite

Appeal details

Please describe the grounds of your appeal (planning reasons and arguments).You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

Prior to our purchasing Upper Burncourt, the previous owner Mr Danny Fortune applied for a Section 5 gateway and roadway development for his neighbour Mr Cusack to come out onto the narrow roadway that leads to our property, this narrow laneway is charged to the council. The application was made falsely by Danny Fortunes engineer as it describes him as the owner of the lands that required the development, however this is not the case, it is owned by a Mr Cusack a neighbouring dairy farmer. The Section 5 (S5/23/16) was granted on 31st March 2023.

Once we moved into the property Mr Cusack began works on the roadway. He has started to excavate the road development, prior to installing the gateway, however there is a turn in the new roadway to come out onto the existing roadway and this is not in the correct location of the drawings submitted for the section 5 and is now closer to our property. The enforcement officer at our request came to site, he took drone footage of the property and declared it a mess and he went away to looked into it, he advised us that the current works are within the granted section 5.

However he advised us to apply for a Section 5 (S5/23/90) on top of the existing Section 5 and to bring it to yourselves.

The reason we are bringing this to your attention is the following Health and Safety Issues:

- Our property is at the end of a narrow laneway, that is charged to the council.
- The laneway is very narrow and in poor condition with grass growing up through it (Refer to photo's provided). The road in its current condition could not sustain the additional heavy traffic of tractors, trailers and bailers etc from the neighbouring farm or contractors.

- Please describe the grounds of your appeal (planning reasons and arguments).You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.
 - There is a blind bend halfway down the narrow laneway and there is no
 where to pull over. Both sides of the laneway are banked as the fields on
 either side are higher than the laneway with one side having an original old
 stone wall in it. I enclose images of my husbands jeep and trailer on the
 laneway to confirm the width of the laneway and lack of space to pass.
 - To allow vehicles to turn at the bottom of the laneway, the council have basically granted the use of our farm entrance as a turning circle and to facilitate the neighbour when pulling out of his property. Allowing him the ability to straighten up his vehicle across our property before exiting the laneway.
 - If a jeep with a cattle trailer is coming down the lane and a tractor with a
 trailer is coming up the lane who reverses back. Because one way you are
 reversing back to our property and the other way you are reversing out on
 to the adjoining road which is equally as narrow. Either way the distance is
 long, sloped and dangerous.
 - There are two other farmers that have bounds on this laneway and the council has now provided them with the opportunity to apply for a Section 5 on to the lane way.
 - The location of the new gateway and new road development is directly opposite our main farm entrance. Our farm is a working farm. The new roadway will also run directly parallel with our house entrance and gateway and then runs around the back of our property, directly along the bounds of the two properties. We now have no privacy and the new development is affecting our own property value.
 - Another concerning and dangerous issue is the power cables that run on the bounds between the two properties. At the last ESB pole closest to our house the cables go underground to our property. The new road

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development is going in extremely close vicinity to this, if not on top of the buried cables as we do not know where they are located. Where the proposed new Section 5 gateway will go is directly under the overhead power cables. The cables at this point are at there lowest with the risk of being struck while excavating the entrance or when bringing bail trailers and loaders out. Also not taking into account that the field is around a metre higher than the existing laneway, they are even lower on the field side. There are four cables running to the pole the bottom two are electricity and the top two are safety cables as further up the existing laneway going over the top of these cables and across our property into the Mr Cusack's property is a high voltage line, of which I had an ESB representative on site to confirm this.

Also with regards to the electricity there is a tree that will require cutting down prior to joining the new roadway development with the existing laneway. How can this be done safely, as there are only two ways, one is limb by limb which could result in the tree being hooked in the cables and endangering lives and pulling down the power lines or the other way is to fell the tree and this is only possible if you put the tree down across the existing laneway and on to my front lawn.

• Our property is close to the mountains and we are at the bottom of hill with the existing laneway charged to council running down the hill towards our property. Due to the amount of surface water there is, the property has an existing storm drain going across the laneway to stop the house from flooding. The new road development will come out directly on top of this and could damage the storm drain and stop it working effectively. Also because the neighbours field is higher than the laneway and our property,

- Please describe the grounds of your appeal (planning reasons and arguments).You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.
 - the field. The storm drain is connected to a very old french drain system, while this system is working adequately at the moment protecting our home, if this development is allowed to proceed we believe that the old french drain system will not be able to handle the additional hydraulic flow and also with risk of additional mud, clay and silt washing into the old french drain system clogging it and in return flooding our property making the whole system protecting our home redundant.
 - Where the new exempt roadway has been excavated, we are finding because the road way is higher than our property we are getting muddy wash out from the excavation running into our backyard and flooding the yard when it rains. Before this partial excavation commenced, our property never flooded in the back yard. Our property is now exposed to flooding at the front and the back, if this allowed to continue, we will be left with the financial burden of desilting drains and upgrading the existing system, due to the hydrology being altered directly adjacent to our property. With the natural fall of the neighbours field, the level of stone will act as a drain and its only outlet is directly into our property, both front and back.
 - This existing laneway is the only entry point into our property, there is no
 other access route, Mr Cusack's lands are all joined together and his field
 is not a satellite farm, so the use of this gateway is not essential to his
 farming and will not affect his livelihood. The farmer has owned the folio
 TY59356F since 2016 and there has been no gateway or access on to this
 laneway since then.
 - If the neighbouring farmers machinery or a contractor with there excessively large machinery breaks down in the existing laneway and we have an

- Please describe the grounds of your appeal (planning reasons and arguments).You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.
 - emergency that requires a ambulance or fire engine how do they access our property, as we are at the end of a very narrow cul-de-sac.
 - The new exempt roadway development is not compliant with BS5837:2012 and no RPA can have been calculated. Although works have been started, but not completed our property has suffered irrevocable damage, with specific reference to the Leylandii tree at the back of property, the works has not been carried out by qualified Arborists and the ESB have not been contacted as I have spoken with them directly on the 26/07/23.
 - The new development of gate and roadway is leading to no where, so what
 is its use or hidden purpose. If this is allowed will there be additional
 development of sheds or residential in the coming years/months ahead.

I have referred all of my concerns to the Planning Office in the Council in numerous emails see attached and have referred to Planning Leaflet 9

Agricultural and Farm Development as this section 5 does not seem to be in compliance with this document. I can only assume that the Section 5 because the nature of which it was completed assumes there was only one individual involved in the application, which is untrue.

If this Section 5 remains approved, we will be in a position where our property is devalued and our home is at risk of flooding, who is responsible and will the council up grade the laneway, upgrade the drainage system or pay for flood damage to our property. This is an unnecessary development, we brought the property because of it being out of the way with both outstanding views of the mountains at both the front and back of the property, we are between the Galtee's and Knockmealdown mountain range, so went it rains it rains quite heavily. The flora and fawna is outstanding in this area we even have Hawkes nesting nearby.

Please describe the grounds of your appeal (planning reasons and arguments).You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage document Page 5 refers:

"The exemptions do not apply if the development may interfere with sites, features etc. listed for preservation in the development plan or draft plan. In addition, as with all categories of exempted development, exempted status does not apply in the following situations: • where the development is contrary to a planning condition attached to a planning permission relating to the site; • where the development involves creating a new access or significantly widening an existing access onto a public road that is more than four metres wide or where it would create a traffic hazard; • where the development would interfere with the character of a landscape, view or prospect designated of special amenity value in the development plan;"

I agree that this public road is less than 4 meters wide, however can one emphatically say the entrance won't create a traffic hazard. - of course not.

Supporting material

- 6. If you wish you can include supporting materials with your appeal.
 Supporting materials include:
 - photographs,
 - plans,
 - surveys,
 - drawings,
 - digital videos or DVDs,
 - technical guidance, or
 - other supporting materials.

Acknowledgement from planning authority (third party appeals)

7. If you are making a third party appeal, you must include the acknowledgment document that the planning authority gave to you to confirm you made a submission to it.

Fee

8. You must make sure that the correct fee is included with your appeal.

You can find out the correct fee to include in our Fees and Charges Guide on our website.

Oral hearing request

9.	If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing on your appeal, please tick the "yes, I wish to request an oral hearing" box below.
	Please note you will have to pay an additional non-refundable fee of €50. You can find information on how to make this request on our website or by contacting us.
	If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the "No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing" box.
	Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing
	No. I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary

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Date: 20 September 2023 Our Ref: S5/23/90 Civic Offices, Nenagh

Sharon Duke and JJ Kearney
Upper Burncourt
Burncourt
Cahir
Co. Tipperary

Re: Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your application for a Section 5 Declaration received on 25 August 2023, in relation to the following proposed works:

Construction of an agricultural entrance onto the L-33115, the construction of a new field passage, the erection of fencing and the erection of a field gate at Upper Burncourt, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary

A question has arisen as to whether

- the construction of an agricultural entrance onto the L-33115
- the construction of a new field passage (same measured to be 3m in width),
- the erection of fencing
- and the erection of a field gate

at Upper Burncourt, Burncourt, Co. Tipperary is or is not exempted development.

Part 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires a Planning Authority to make a declaration on any question that arises as to what is or is not development. In determining this query, the Planning Authority had regard to;

 Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended),

- Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended and,
- Classes 9, 11 and 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- the nature and scale of the proposed use, as outlined in submissions on file by the owner/occupier.

Having considered the information received, the Planning Authority has determined that the works, as detailed in Section 4.1.1 above, at Upper Burncourt, Burncourt Co. Tipperary, constitutes development and are "exempted development".

NOTE: Any person issued with a Declaration of a Planning Authority may refer the Declaration for review to An Bord Pleanala, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, within four (4) weeks of the date of issue of the Declaration and on payment of the prescribed fee.

Yours sincerely

for Director of Services



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Our Ref: S5/23/90 Date: 28th August 2023 Civic Offices, Clonmel

E91 N512

Sharon Duke and JJ Kearney, Upper Burncourt, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.

Re: Application for a Section 5 Declaration – for the construction of a field access and associated roadway on to a cul-de-sac at Upper Burncourt, Burncourt, Co. Tipperary.

Dear Sir/Madam

I acknowledge receipt of your application for a Section 5 Declaration received on 25th August 2023 in connection with the above.

I wish to advise that you will be notified of a decision on your application in due course.

Yours faithfully,

For A/Director of Services



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (as amended)

<u>Application for a Section 5 Declaration</u> Development / Exempted Development

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2. Agent's (if any) address:

Agent	NONE
Address	
Telephone No.	
E-mail	
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Applicant [/]	Agent []

3. Location of Proposed Development:

Postal Address <u>or</u> Townland <u>or</u>	Field next to Upper Buncount,
	Burncourt, Co. Tipperary
Location	Jan Mondy Co. Tepperary
(as may best	F21 A890
identify the land or	E21 A890
structure in	
question)	

4. Development Details:

Please provide details of the proposed development for which an exemption under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act is applied for.

(Note: only works and uses listed and described under this section will be assessed under this Section 5 Application. Use additional sheets if required.

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Proposed floor area of proposed works/uses: sqm

5. Legal Interest of Applicant in the Land or Structure:

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structure	C. Other	
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If you are not the legal owner, please state the name and address of the owner	Name: Pacrice C Address: Burncou Carin, Co	rt

Signature of Applicant(s)

Date: 24/05/23

Note: If the proposed development consists of works to a (Proposed) Protected Structure and/or any structure within the curtilage of a (Proposed) Protected Structure, an application for a Section 57 Declaration may be more appropriate.

GUIDANCE NOTES

- (1) All queries on the form must be completed and the form must be accompanied by the relevant fee. The amount of the fee is currently €80.00.
- (2) This application should be accompanied by TWO COPIES of the following documentation
 - OSI Site Location Map with the site outlined clearly 1:1000 in urban areas and 1:2500 in rural areas
 - Floor Plans & Elevations at a scale of not less than 1:200
 - Site layout plan indicating position of proposed development relative to premises and adjoining properties
 - o Other details e.g. brochures, photographs if appropriate.

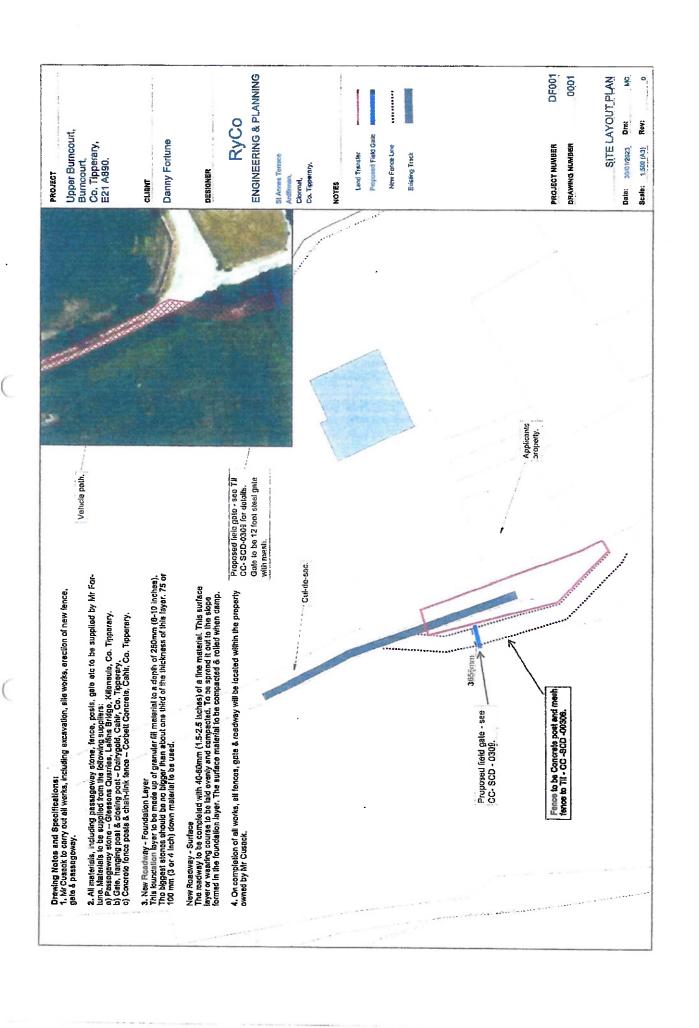
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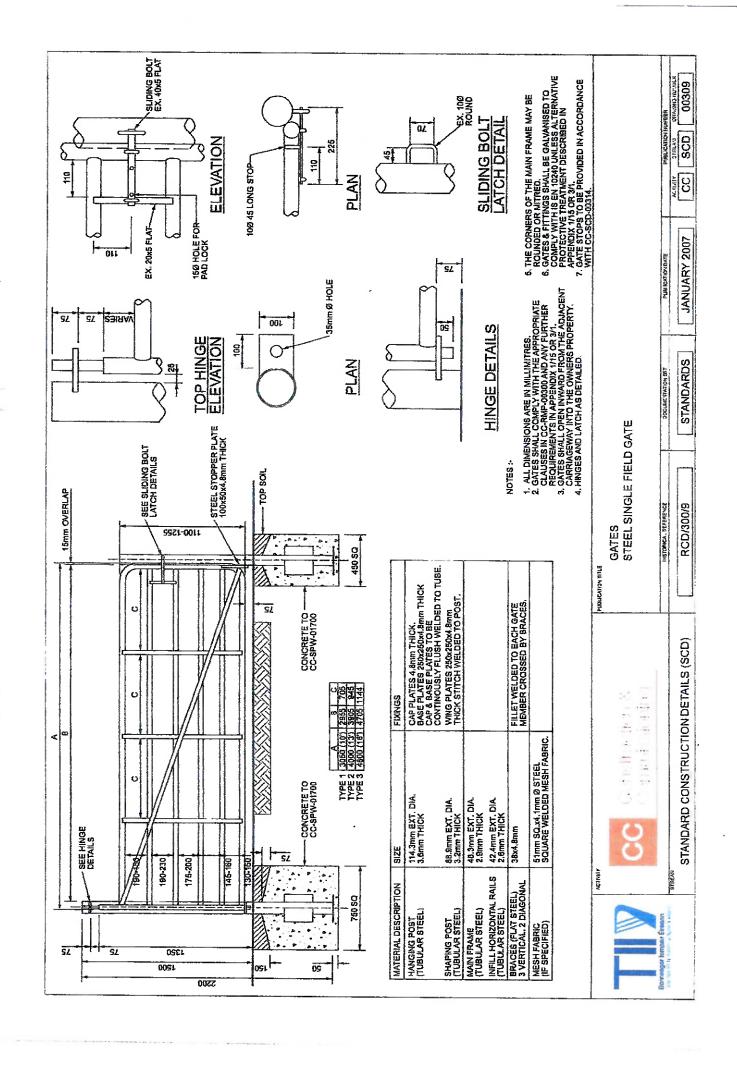
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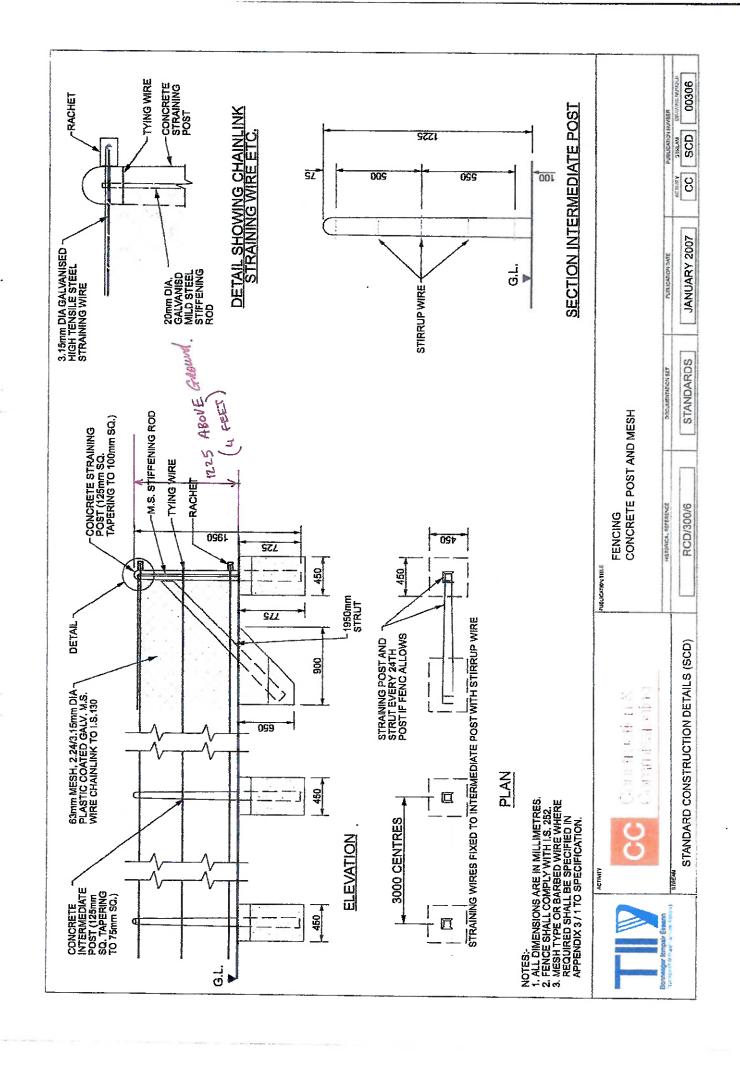
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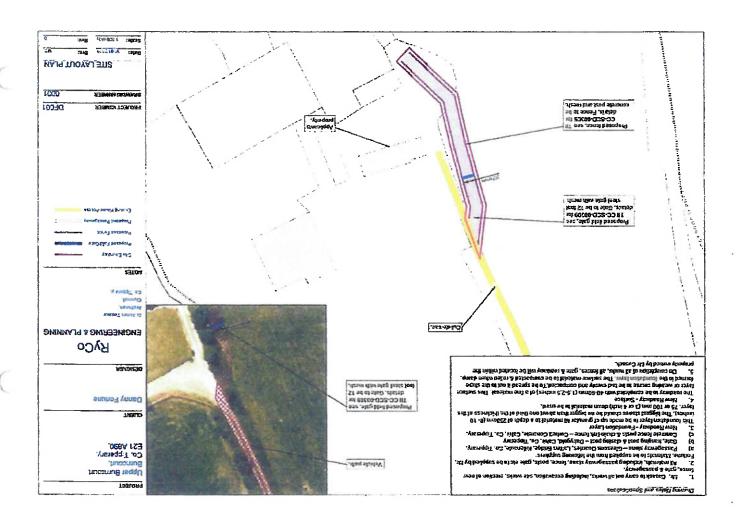
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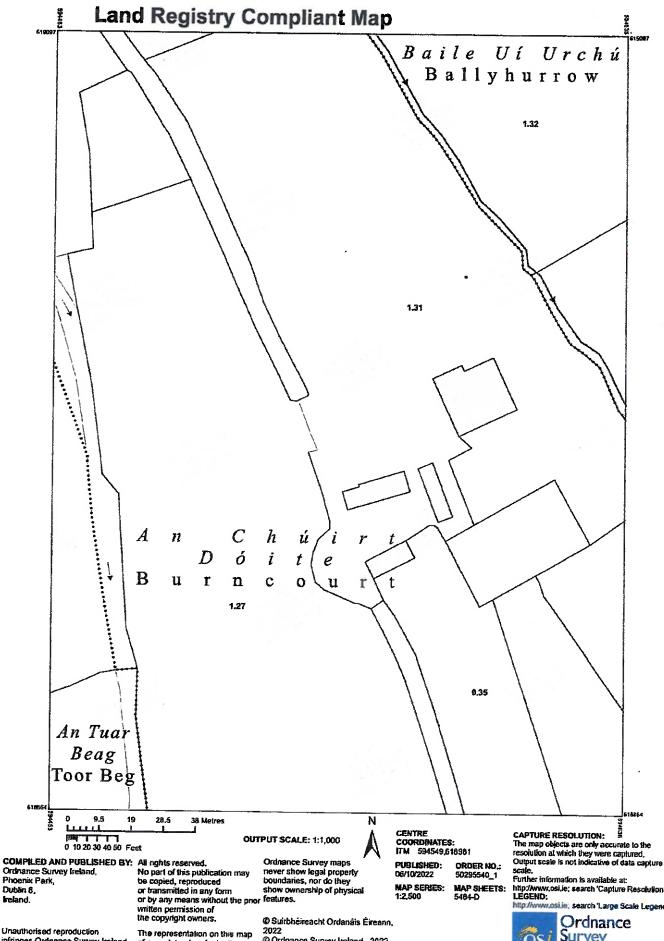
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Date: 31st March, 2023

Our Ref: S5/23/16

Civic Offices, Nenagh

Danny Fortune, C/o John Ryan, 2 Ascaill Breen, Dún Chormaic, Cashel, Co. Tipperary

Re: Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000

Dear Mr. Fortune,

I refer to your application for a Section 5 Declaration received on 1st March, 2023, in relation to the following proposed works:

Construction of field access on a cul-de-sac at Upper Burncourt, Burncourt, Co. Tipperary, E21 A890

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the proposed development is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Tipperary County Council, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to –

- Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended),
- Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended and,
- Class 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,

AND WHEREAS Tipperary County Council has concluded that the proposed development as presented on the drawings and details provided with the Declaration application constitutes "development" within the meaning of the Planning and Development Act 2000, and:

- i) The formation of an entrance onto the L-33115, the erection of a gate and fencing is exempted development.
- ii) The formation of a new passageway is <u>not exempted development</u> as it does not satisfy the requirements of Class 13, Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

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Yours sincerely

for Director of Services



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (as amended)

<u>Application for a Section 5 Declaration</u> Development / Exempted Development

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7.	Applicant S	auuress/co	ntact detai	IS:

licant	Danny Fortune
ress	Upper Burncourt, Burncourt, Co. Tipperary, E21 A890
phone No.	
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2. Agent's (if any) address:

Agent	John Ryan	
Address	2 Ascaill Breen, Dún Chormaic, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.	
Telephone No.	087 906 4389	
E-mail	john@rycoengineering.ie	
Please advise where all correspondence in relation to this application is to be sent;		
Applicant []	Agent [x]	

3. Location of Proposed Development:

Postal Address or	
Townland or	Upper Burncourt, Burncourt, Co. Tipperary, E21 A890
Location	
(
identify the land or	
structure in	
question)	

4.	Deve	lopment	Details:
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Please provide details of the proposed development for which an exemption under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act is applied for.

(Note: only works and uses listed and described under this section will be assessed under this Section 5 Application. Use additional sheets if required.

The construction of a field access on a cul-de-sac.		
Proposed floor area of proposed works/uses: NA sqm	_	

5. Legal Interest of Applicant in the Land or Structure:

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure	A. Owner	X	B. Occupier
	C. Other		
Where legal interest is 'Other', please expand further on your interest in the land or structure			
If you are not the legal owner, please state the name and address of the owner	Name: Address:		

Signature of Applicant(s)	Date:	30/01/2023
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o Floor Plans & Elevations at a scale of not less than 1:200

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Other details e.g. brochures, photographs if appropriate.

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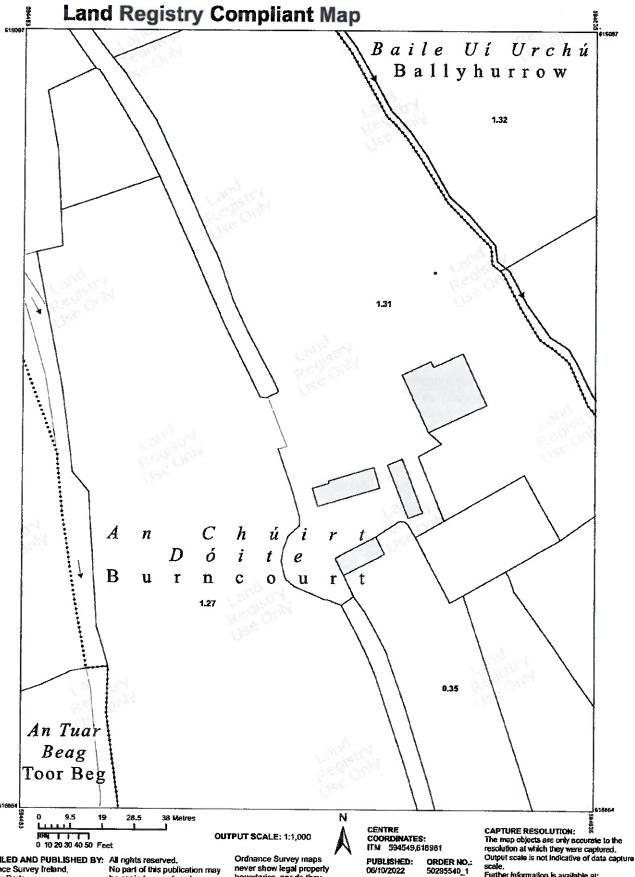
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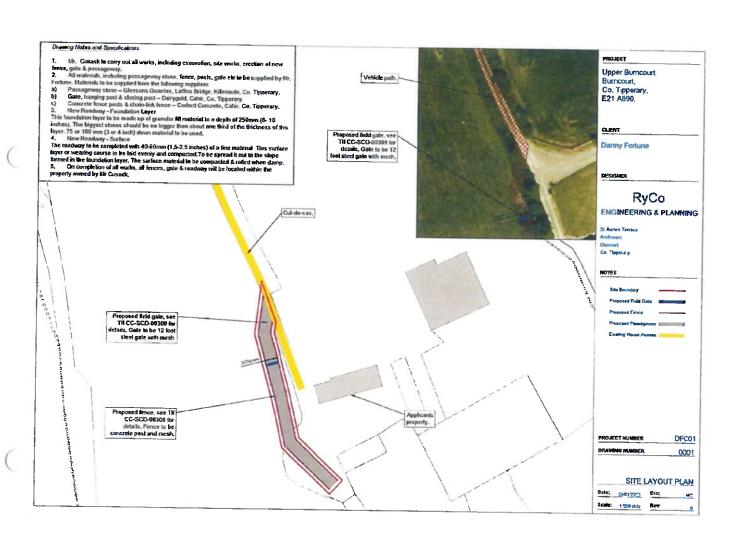
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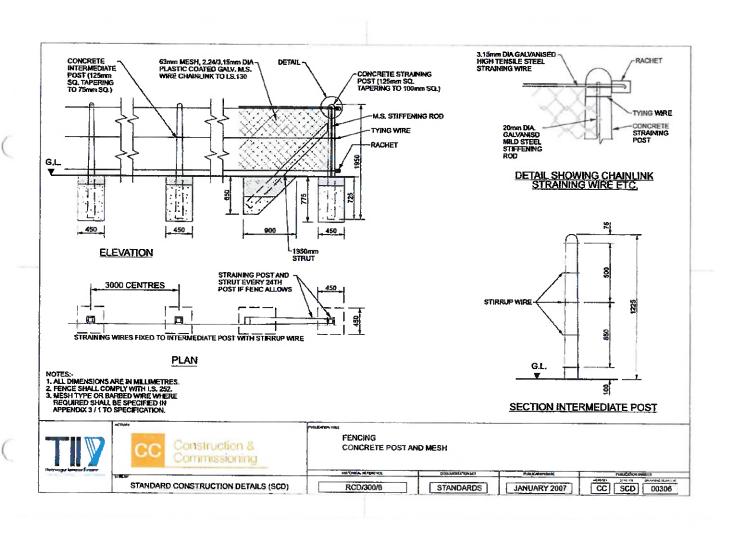
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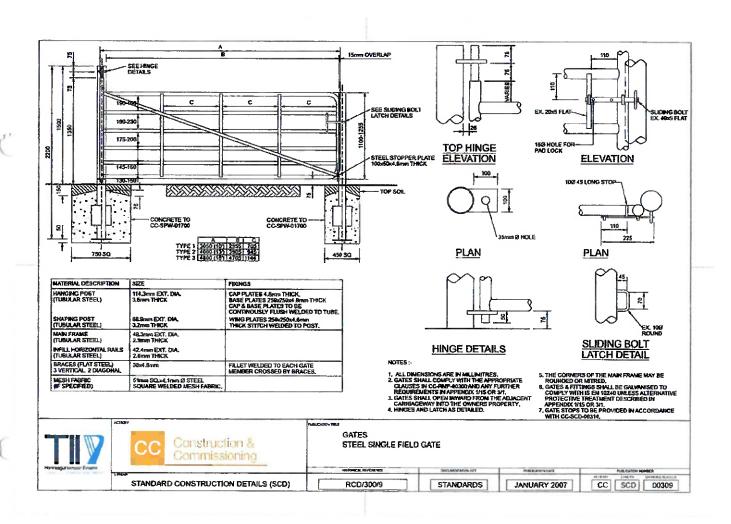
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3 June 2022

Your Client:

Daniel Fortune

Property at:

Upper Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary

Dear Sirs,

I refer to your request received on the above and I confirm the following:

- The road shown marked "X"-"Y" shaded Green on the attached map is the M8 Motorway.
- The road shown marked "A"-"C"-"D" shaded Yellow on the attached map IS WITHIN THE CHARGE of Tipperary County Council. L-33115-0 is the reference number on the official schedule.
- The Laneways shown marked "C"-"B" and "D"-"E" shaded Blue on the attached map ARE NOT WITHIN THE CHARGE of Tipperary County Council as Public Roads.
- The Services abutting query is being dealt with by The Water Services Section, Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, telephone 0818 06 5000.

This cert should be read in conjunction with the attached map.

Signed:

James Haves

Senior Staff Officer Roads Department

Joseph Nolan & Co Solicitors 28 Parnell Street **Clonme!** Co. Tipperary E91 P6Y0

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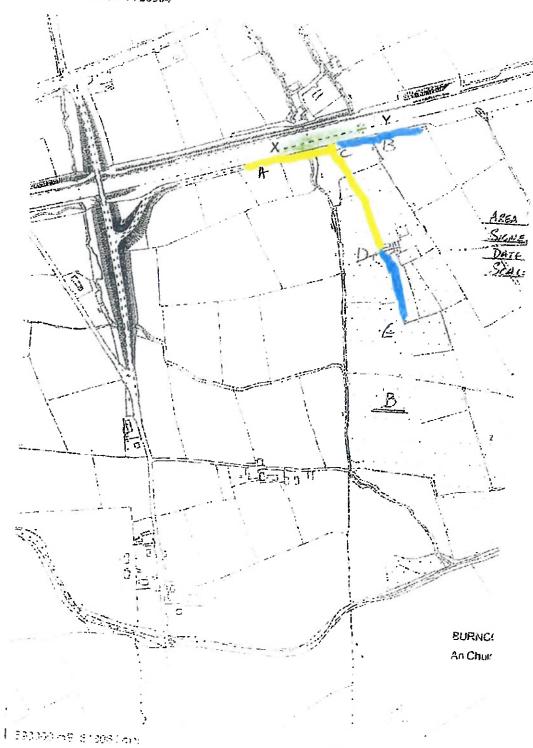
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The road marked A to C to D, shaded yellow, is the L-33115-0 and is in charge.

The Laneways marked C to B and D to E, shaded blue, are not in charge as Public Roads.

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Criminal Object 36 February 2013 (7.62.0)

Sharon Duke and JJ Kearney upper Burncourt, Burncourt, Cahir, Co Tipperary Section 5 Appeal S5/23/90 on existing section 5 S5/23/16

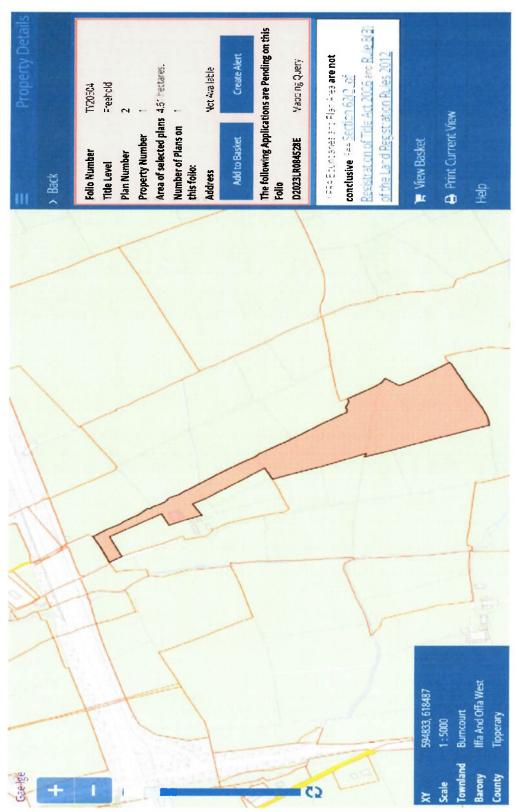
Areas of laneway charged and not charged to the council

I refer to the drawing provide by the roads department for Tipperary County Council. I would like to confirm that the laneway section marked D to E no longer exists in a road format. The first part is hard standing up to our boundary post and rail fence, beyond this point it has grassed over and the roadway itself no longer exists. Please refer to the photo below.

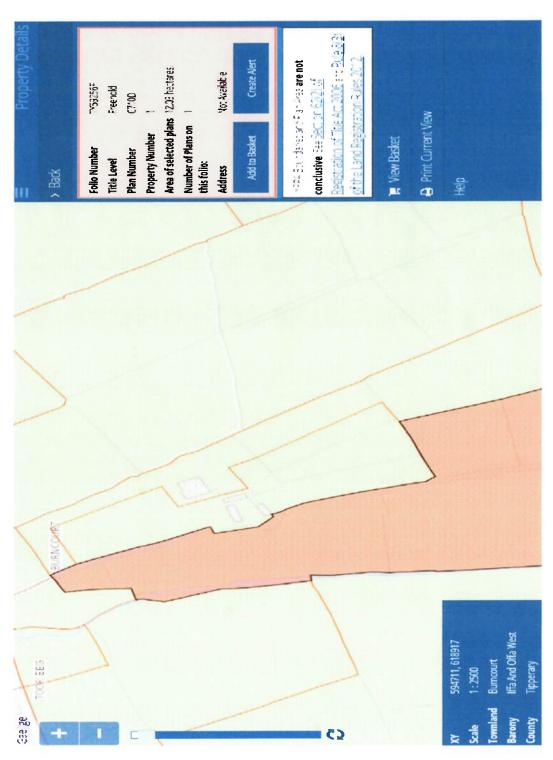




Folio TY67200F owned by Sharon Duke and James Joseph Kearney



Folio TY20504 owned by Sharon Duke and James Joseph Kearney



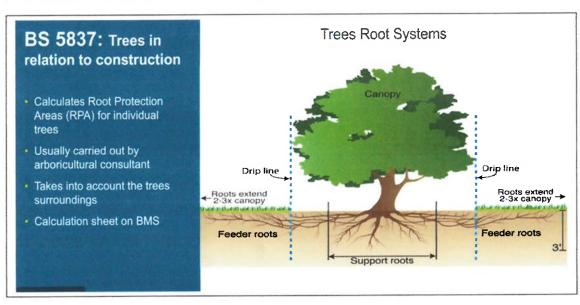
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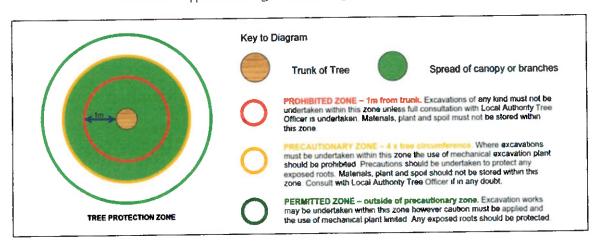
Tree Damage

I understand that New Development of a new roadway was consider exempt under planning, but I do understand how this is possible when the roadway is not compliant with the standard 855837:2012. The RPA was obviously not calculated on any of trees on this site.

From the top of the neighbours boundary all the way down to the section 5 gateway and new development exempt roadway, it is a mature hedgerow. Once your reach the section 5 gateway the boundary is divided by trees. Obviously a professional arborist was not brought in to assess the trees or calculate the RPA.



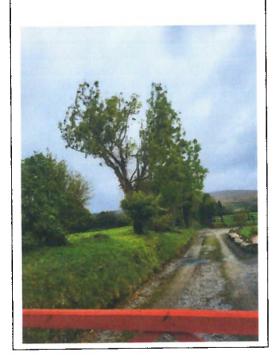




In the process of this works our property has been irrevocably damage, the neighbour has entered our property, without permission and cut the limbs out the back of our healthy ash tree. Cutting too much and you'll risk nutritional deficiencies or branches that are too weak to tolerate the wind or fend off diseases or insect invasions.

Over pruning and topping can permanently disfigure your trees, or even kill them. I also understand that there is a STATUTORY RESTRICTIONS ON VEGETATION CLEARANCE during the period beginning on the 1st day of March and ending on the 31st day of August in any year and this was carried out in that time period and can be validated by the aerial drone footage taken by Tipperary County Councils enforcement officer on his visit.

Damaged health Ash tree.



Disgarded limbs in the neighbours property also showing wire from electricity poll



I am extremely concerned that all this works is happening on the bounds of my property and not being carried out by qualified individuals, it clearly states on the ESB website.

How can we help you.

Contact Us

There are electricity lines presently running through trees on my property – is it ok for me to cut them?

Under no circumstances should you attempt to cut them yourself. You could come in contact with the live wires and might be electrocuted. Tree cutting contractors are specialists who are used to dealing with live wires when cutting trees.

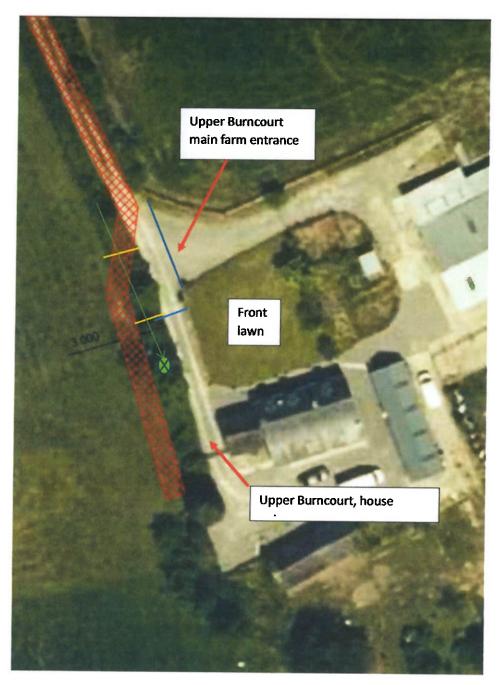
The most dangerous of all is the damage that may have been cause to the roots of the large Leylandii tree in our backyard, as the main root spread can be up to 12 metres with the out roots spreading even further. The leylandii route system is relatively shallow in comparison to some other trees and damaging the roots could de-stabilise the tree and cause it to topple over, If damaged, the uptake of water and nutrients is restricted reducing growth. Root damage may take months or even years to progress and cause symptoms of decline or death depending on the situation and how much damage occurred. This tree is higher than our house and if it falls it would cause significant damage to our property.

Leylandii Tree



Location of neighbours digger parked on new excavated road development in close proximity to tree base. Not compliant with the BS 5837 and the RPA





Not to Scale

Markings are for demonstration purposes only

Upper Burncourt Boundary lines as per deeds

Starting point and end point where new exempt road is proposed to now exit. The yellow line furthest from the house has a tree located at this point, the only way this can be felled is to put it down across my garden, as you cannot fell it the other way because of the electricity cables

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Location of electricity pole after this point cables are buried to our house

Direction of electricity cables

The cross hatched red lines are the section 5 exemption and exempt roadway and how it should lead out on to the lane way and how it was applied for, but the council informed us that a section 5 once granted can be put anywhere and neighbour wishes to move it to location of yellow lines.

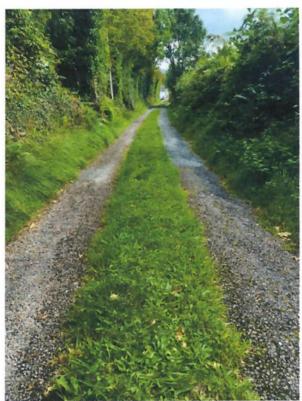
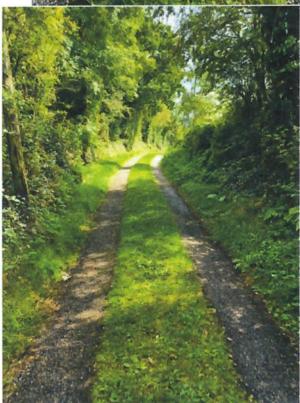


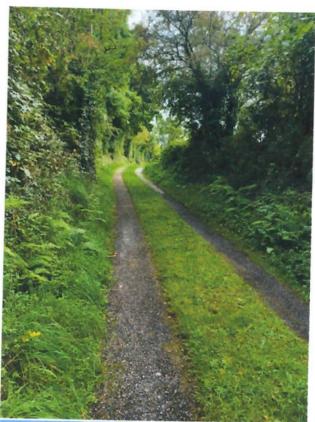
Photo of Lane (charged to the Council) leading down to Upper Burncourt. Which section 5 exemption applied on. As you can see both sides of the lane way are banked and there is no pull in point. In the hedge row is a traditional old stone wall.

As road is in charge of the council will council commit in writing to upgrading the existing road to cope with additional traffic and heavy goods.



View from top of the lane way showing there is a bend in the laneway.

If you are proceeding down the lane you cannot see if anything is coming towards you and there are no points to pull in, to allow another vehicle past which on a health and safety grounds is dangerous and creates a traffic hazard.



Another photo showing the blind bend in the lane way and confirming that at no point down the lane is there room to pull over. This is due to banked sides and both fields on either sides being higher than the lane itself.

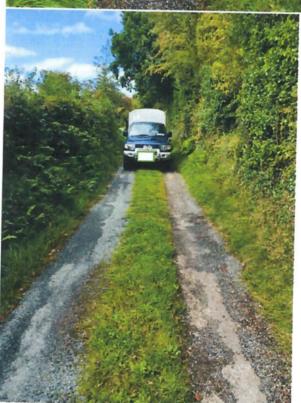


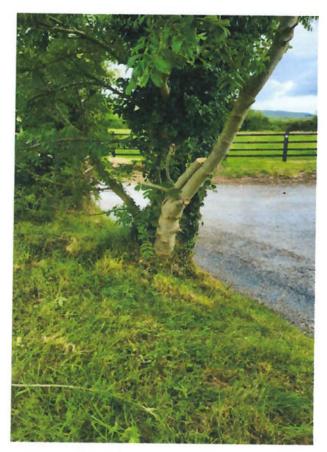
Photo showing that lane way is only just wide enough to accommodate the width of a cattle trailer and jeep and could not facilitate, the likes of large tractors with bail trailers and loaders. This photo also highlights the lack of room to pull over if you are met with oncoming traffic. Thus creating a traffic hazard.



If you had to reverse back up the lane way leading to Upper Burncourt this is a photo of the adjoining road you would be backing out on to, which is as narrow



Point of which new roadway on exemption has been dug to. In line with tree shown on next page



Tree in line with end of new road excavation and adjacent to our front lawn and main farm entrance, farm is a working farm with herd and flock numbers see photo below at different angle.



Height of field at Section 5 proposed opening



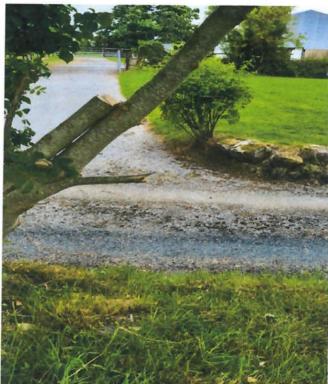
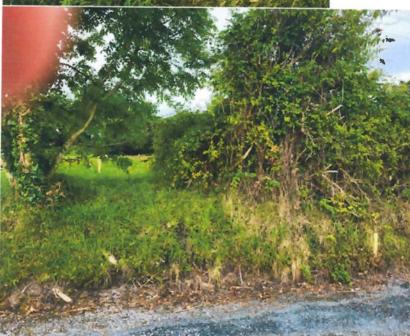


Image of where current roadway is dug to and current proposed exit point



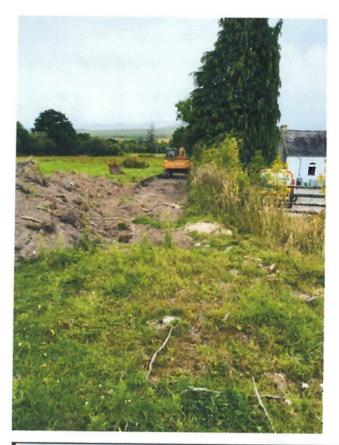
View directly across from end of new excavated roadway on exemption. Exit point will be directly opposite our front lawn and main farm entrance.



Photo shows temporary fencing taken to current exit point and not taken up to original proposed section 5 as per drawings



Image of new exempt roadway, you can see from the photos how close it is to our property. As image shows Upper Burncourt the other side of the hedge line.

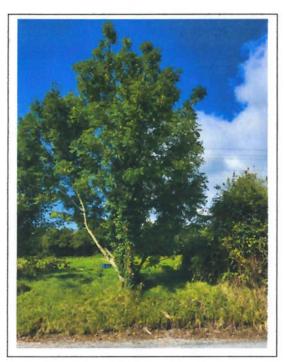


View from back of new exempt roadway running along boundary with Upper Burncourt. This new exempt road development wraps around the side of our property and effects our privacy.

Where the new exempt roadway has been excavated, we are finding because the road way is higher than our property we are getting muddy wash out from the excavation running into our backyard and flooding the yard when it rains. Before this partial excavation commenced, our property never flooded in the back yard.



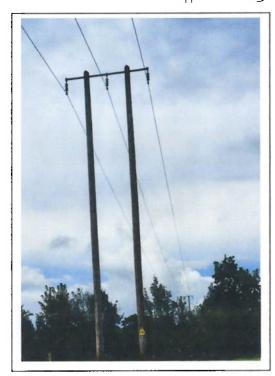
Front view of Upper Burncourt Section 5 exemption to come out directly under power cables that feed Upper Burncourt directly from bank opposite main farm entrance and also in close proximity to house entrance as seen with red gate.



This is the exit point for the new proposed development on to the existing lane way. The tree in the photo will have to be removed, it is extremely close to low electricity cables, so will have to be taken down limb by limb or felled across the existing lane way charged to the council and put down across my front lawn. The top two cables are safety cables the bottom two are live. These cables are a lot less than 6 metres from the propose development



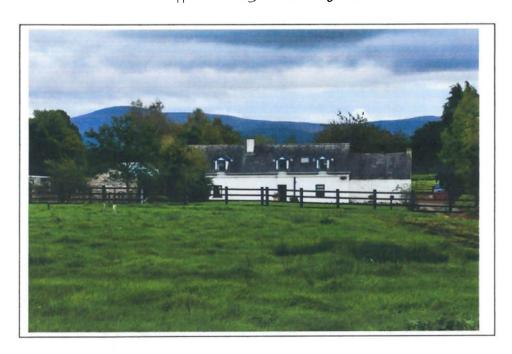
Image taken from inside our field showing our post and rail entrance, the edge of our front lawn is show in the bottom corner on the left. The roadway between the post and rail and our front lawn is our main farm entrance. The roadway that runs from left to right of the picture is the existing laneway. The tree in the middle of the photo is the tree that will need to be removed to allow for the proposed exit point. This picture highlights how low the electricity cables are and shows the proximity to the trees.



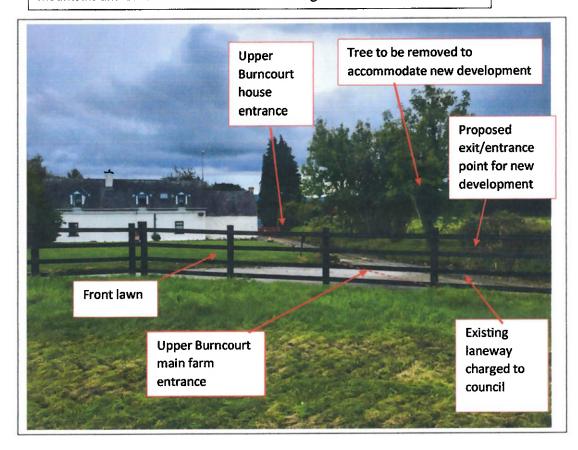
These are the high voltage cables that run across my property and on to the neighbours, these are reason why the other cables are so low as they pass under this high voltage line



This photo shows the high voltage power line, with the lower power cables passing underneath.



This image shows the property from our front field and highlights the mountains and beautiful location of our old cottage





Our property is over 100 years old and made of stone construction, behind and to the side of the house are old stone stables of approximately the same age if not even older. These beautiful but fragile builds could not sustain the flooding that maybe a newer build could.

As already mentioned in the Appeals form, our property is close to the mountains and we are at the bottom of hill with the existing laneway charged to council running down the hill towards our property. Due to the amount of surface water there is, the property has an existing storm drain going across the laneway to stop the house from flooding. The new road development will come out directly on top of this and could damage the storm drain and stop it working effectively.

Also because the neighbours field is higher than the laneway and our property, the storm drain could be subjected to additional flow from the run off, from the field. The storm drain is connected to a very old french drain system, while this system is working adequately at the moment protecting our home, if this development is allowed to proceed we believe that the old french drain system will not be able to handle the additional hydraulic flow and also with risk of additional mud, clay and silt washing into the old french drain system clogging it and in return flooding our property making the whole system protecting our home redundant.

From: Sharon Kearney < sharon kearney25@hotmail.com >

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 2:55:17 PM

To: customerservice@tipperarycoco.ie

Subject: Ref: TUD-23-115 Development at Upper Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary " "

Planning Enforcement

Dear Jack,

Apologies for contacting you again, I know my husband spoke with you the other day. Its just when your too scared to leave the house unoccupied encase you come back to find Mr Cuisack has broken through to the laneway Its very stressful.

I would like to firstly state we have no problem with Mr Cuisack coming out on the laneway, but the grounds of health and safety feel it would be more advantageous, to move his new gateway up the laneway rather than directly across from our own main entrance. Our property like his is a working farm and we can provide our herd number to validate.. I would also like to state that this laneway is the only access we have to our property, whereas my understanding is all Mr Cuisacks land is adjoined through his main farm and can also be accessed by another laneway.

As like you stated on your site visit, its a mess and it doesn't' look like he is going to break through as per the drawings submitted for the section 5. If he does as he wants then I will have a tree felled across my property, as he can't be put down the other way because of the electric cables. Once he does this the situation will become extremely volatile and confrontational.

I just really want to ask some questions and get some clarity please. I can only assume the section 5 and the roadway were granted because the previous owner of our property Danny Fortune made the application, so it didn't look like more than one party was involved.

My questions are as follows, if you refer to Planning Leaflet 9 Agricultural and Farm Development.

1) it states two months notice must be given to the ESB of any construction works within six metres of a cable . Mr Cuisack has excavated and is planning to come out directly under low power cables, including the removal trees. On the bank between the two properties is an electricity pole and from that point it is buried, how is this being allowed?

- 2) in this Leaflet it also states with most developments that the farmer should be 100m distance from neighbouring property, I understand that 100m would be somewhat excessive in distance from our property, but how has it been allowed to be put so close?
- 3) the lane way is a long narrow road to our property it is the only access we have to our farm and our house. There is no location along the lane where you can get over to allow a car to pass, let alone agricultural machinery. So if we are coming back from the mart with a cattle truck and Mr Cuisack is coming out of the lane with a tractor and trailer, who goes where? Because one would be reversing back down the lane which would be difficult to see as the lane is so narrow and banked at either side, the other would be reversing out onto another lane which is equally as narrow. Also in the case of an accident or emergency, what about fire trucks and ambulances in this scenario?
- 4) I can't understand why a gateway has been granted under section 5 to come out on top of two existing entrances, one of which is a main farm entrance. Based on its location Planning has granted Mr Cuisack permission to swing out across our main entrance and property to access his new gateway and roadway. Mr Cuisack has already told us we have to leave him a turning circle, so he obviously has every intention of using our property for his own purposes. How is this acceptable?
- 5) Can you also please explain how the stone for the new roadway is to be delivered, because unless the lorry driver reverses the entire laneway, the only other option is to drive down the laneway, drive up onto my main farm entrance and reverse back into Mr Cuisacks entrance.
- 6) At the top of laneway there are two other landowners, as a precedence has now been set for Mr Cuisack, could they not also look for section 5's on to the laneway.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Sharon Kearney

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From: Planning Group cplanning@tipperarycoco.ie>

Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 12:25:28 PM

To: Sharon Kearney < sharon kearney 25@hotmail.com >

Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: Ref: TUD-23-115 Development at Upper Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary

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Hi Sharon,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email and advise that I have forwarded same to the relevant section.

Kind Regards, Emma

Emma Williams,

A/Assistant Staff Officer, Planning

Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

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From: Sharon Kearney <sharon kearney25@hotmail.com>

Sent: 24 August 2023 11:49

To: Planning Group planning@tipperarycoco.ie>

Subject: Re: [External] Fwd: Ref: TUD-23-115 Development at Upper Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Jack Doolan from enforcement contacted us yesterday regarding the above, notifying us that the neighbour was compliant with their section 5, so there was nothing that could be done to assist us, could I kindly ask that the council response regarding the section five be put in writing.

Kind regards,

Sharon Duke

Sent from Outlook for Android

From: Morgan, William < william.morgan@tipperarycoco.ie > on behalf of Planning Group < planning@tipperarycoco.ie >

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 8:38:17 AM

To: Sharon Kearney < sharon kearney 25@hotmail.com>

Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: Ref: TUD-23-115 Development at Upper Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary

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Dear Sharon

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email. The same has been forwarded to the Enforcement Section

Kind Regards

Willie Morgan
Assistant Staff Officer, Planning
Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

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From: Sharon Kearney <sharon kearney25@hotmail.com>

Sent: 20 August 2023 12:27

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F.A.O. Head of Planning

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please refer to our email below to Jack Doolan in Enforcement, can you please kindly look into this as a matter of urgency and revert accordingly.

Kind Regards,

Sharon Kearney 086 3642028 JJ Kearney 087 9388492 Sent from <u>Outlook for Android</u>



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Sharon Kearney

sharon_kearney25@hotmail.com

Our Ref:

TUD-23-115

Your Ref:

Date

25th August 2023

Re: Development at Upper Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.

Dear Madam

The Planning Authority acknowledges your correspondence received on the 24^{th} August 2023 in relation to the above.

Please be advised that same has been referred to our Enforcement Officer for attention.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact the Planning Enforcement Section on 0818 06 5000.

Yours faithfully

for Acting Director of Services



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Our Ref **TUD-23-115**

Your Ref

Date 19th September 2023

Re: Development at Upper Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to previous correspondence regarding the above development. The Planning Authority has investigated this matter and wish to advise the following:

- Entrance is considered to be exempt development.
- The laneway falls under exemption Class 13, Schedule 2, Part 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended

Class 13

The repair or improvement of any private street, road or way, being works carried out on land within the boundary of the street, road or way and the construction of any private footpath or paving.

Conditions & limitations

The width of any such private footpath or paving shall not exceed 3 metres.

Therefore, we are now closing our file on this matter.

Yours faithfolly

For Acting Director of Services

Sharon Kearney Upper Burncourt Burncourt Cahir, Co. Tipperary E21 A890

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