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03 June 2021

RE: R660/21 - Section 5 Declaration

Property: 4 Rosehil, Old Blackrock Road, Cork

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to your request for a section 5 Declaration at the above named property, I wish to advise and having regard to:

- Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, and
- Articles 6, 9 and 10 and Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2018

the planning authority considers that —

the construction of an extension to the rear of the existing dwelling house at 4 Rosehill, Old Blackrock Road, Cork IS DEVELOPMENT and IS EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT.

Yours faithfully,

Kerry Bergin

Assistant Staff Officer

Community, Culture and Placemaking

Cork City Council



PLANNER'S REPORT

Cork City Council

Ref. R 660/21

Development Management Community, Culture and Placemaking Directorate

Application type

SECTION 5 DECLARATION

Question

Whether the construction of an extension to the rear of the existing

dwelling house is exempted development.

Location

4 Rosehill, Old Blackrock Road, Cork

Applicant

John O'Leary (owner)

Date

13/05/2021

Recommendation

Further Information Required

INTERPRETATION

In this report 'the Act' means the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended and 'the Regulations' means the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended, unless otherwise indicated.

1. REQUIREMENTS FOR A SECTION 5 DECLARATION APPLICATION

Section 5(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended states,

5.—(1) If any question arises as to what, in any particular case, is or is not development or is or is not exempted development within the meaning of this Act, any person may, on payment of the prescribed fee, request in writing from the relevant planning authority a declaration on that question, and that person shall provide to the planning authority any information necessary to enable the authority to make its decision on the matter.

The requirements for making a section 5 declaration are set out in the Act.

2. THE QUESTION BEFORE THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

The question to the planning authority is framed using the phrasing of section 5. The applicant states in the request, "Is the construction of the existing extension to the rear of existing dwelling house at 4 Rosehill, Old Blackrock Road, Cork exempted development?".

In my opinion the intention of the request is clear, and that it is entirely reasonable to consider the question before the planning authority as being:

Whether the construction of an extension to the rear of the existing dwelling house is exempted development.

3. SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject property is a two-storey, detached dwelling in the Residential, Local Services and Institutional Uses zoning area. The area is predominantly residential in nature.

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

The development is for the construction of a single storey extension of 15.5m² to the rear of the existing property.

5. RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

None.

6. LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

6.1 Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended

Section 2(1)

"exempted development" has the meaning specified in section 4.

"structure" means any building, structure, excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in or under any land, or any part of a structure so defined, and—

- (a) where the context so admits, includes the land on, in or under which the structure is situate, and
- (b) in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes—
 - (i) the interior of the structure,
 - (ii) the land lying within the curtilage of the structure,
 - (iii) any other structures lying within that curtilage and their interiors, and
 - (iv) all fixtures and features which form part of the interior or exterior of any structure or structures referred to in subparagraph (i) or (iii).

"works" includes any act or operation of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal and, in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes any act or operation involving the application or removal of plaster, paint, wallpaper, tiles or other material to or from the surfaces of the interior or exterior of a structure.

Section 3(1)

In this Act, "development" means, except where the context otherwise requires, the carrying out of any works on, in, over or under land or the making of any material change in the use of any structures or other land.

Section 4(1)(h)

4.(1) The following shall be exempted developments for the purposes of this Act—

(h) development consisting of the carrying out of works for the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of any structure, being works which affect only the interior of the structure or which do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures;

Section 4(2)

Section 4(2) provides that the Minister may, by regulations, provide for any class of development to be exempted development. The principal regulations made under this provision are the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Section 4(3)

A reference in this Act to exempted development shall be construed as a reference to development which is—

(a) any of the developments specified in subsection (1), or

(b) development which, having regard to any regulations under subsection (2), is exempted development for the purposes of this Act.

Section 5(1)

See section 1 of this report.

6.2 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2018 as amended

Article 5(2)

In Schedule 2, unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to the height of a structure, plant or machinery shall be construed as a reference to its height when measured from ground level, and for that purpose "ground level" means the level of the ground immediately adjacent to the structure, plant or machinery or, where the level of the ground where it is situated or is to be situated is not uniform, the level of the lowest part of the ground adjacent to it.

Article 6(1)

Subject to article 9, development of a class specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 shall be exempted development for the purposes of the Act, provided that such development complies with the conditions and limitations specified in column 2 of the said Part 1 opposite the mention of that class in the said column 1.

Article 9

Article 9 sets out restrictions on exemptions specified under article 6.

(Article 6) Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 1

Classes 1-8 relate to development within the curtilage of a house and Class 1 relates to "the extension of a house, by the construction or erection of an extension (including a conservatory) to the rear of the house or by the conversion for use as part of the house of any garage, store, shed or other similar structure attached to the rear or to the side of the house".

Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 1

Exempted Development — General

Column 1 Description of Development	Column 2 Conditions and Limitations					
Development within the curtilage of a house CLASS 1 The extension of a house, by the construction or erection of an extension (including a conservatory) to the rear of the house or by the conversion for use as part of the house of any garage, store, shed or other similar structure attached to the rear or to the side of the house.	 (a) Where the house has not been extended previously, the floor area of any such extension shall not exceed 40 square metres. (b) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is terraced or semi-detached, the floor area of any extension above ground level shall not exceed 12 square metres. (c) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is detached, the floor area of any extension above ground level shall not exceed 20 square metres. 					

Column 1 Description of Development	Column 2 Conditions and Limitations				
	2. (a)	Where the house has been extended previously, the floor area of any such extension, taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 40 square metres.			
	(b)	Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is terraced or semi-detached and has been extended previously, the floor area of any extension above ground level taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions above ground level constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 12 square metres.			
	(c)	Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is detached and has been extended previously, the floor area of any extension above ground level, taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions above ground level constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 20 square metres.			
		above ground floor extension shall be a distance oot less than 2 metres from any party boundary.			
	4. (a)	Where the rear wall of the house does not include a gable, the height of the walls of any such extension shall not exceed the height of the rear wall of the house.			
	(b)	Where the rear wall of the house includes a gable, the height of the walls of any such extension shall not exceed the height of the side walls of the house.			
	(c)	The height of the highest part of the roof of any such extension shall not exceed, in the case of a flat roofed extension, the height of the eaves or parapet, as may be appropriate, or, in any other case, shall not exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the dwelling.			
	the	construction or erection of any such extension to rear of the house shall not reduce the area of ate open space, reserved exclusively for the use of			

Column 1 Description of Development	Column 2 Conditions and Limitations						
	the occupants of the house, to the rear of the house to less than 25 square metres.						
	6. (a) Any window proposed at ground level in any such extension shall not be less than 1 metre from the boundary it faces.						
	(b) Any window proposed above ground level in any such extension shall not be less than 11 metres from the boundary it faces.						
	(c) Where the house is detached and the floor area of the extension above ground level exceeds 12 square metres, any window proposed at above ground level shall not be less than 11 metres from the boundary it faces.						
	7. The roof of any extension shall not be used as a balcony or roof garden.						

7. ASSESSMENT

7.1 Development

The first issue for consideration is whether or not the matter at hand is 'development', which is defined in the Act as comprising two chief components: 'works' and / or 'any material change in the use of any structures or other land'.

'Works' is defined in section 3(1) of the Act as including 'any act or operation of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal'. In relation to proposed extension to the rear of the existing dwelling, it is clear that an extension to a dwelling house comprises 'works'. As the proposal comprises 'works', it is clearly therefore 'development' within the meaning of the Act.

CONCLUSION Is development

7.2 Exempted development

The next issue for consideration is whether or not the matter at hand is exempted development. Section 2(1) of the Act defines 'exempted development' as having 'the meaning specified in section 4' of the Act (which relates to exempted development).

Section 4(3) of the Act states that exempted development either means development specified in section 4(1) or development which is exempted development having regard to any regulations under section 4(2).

I consider that the proposal comes within subsection (2) of section 4, i.e. the Regulations, and not subsection (1).

Section 4(1)

I do not consider that the proposal comes within the scope of section 4(1) of the Act.

Section 4(2)

It is therefore necessary to consider whether the proposed rear extension comes under the scope of section 4(2) (i.e. exemptions specified in the Regulations), having regard to the use of the word 'or' in section 4(3).

I consider that article 6 and **Class 1** applies, as it is an extension of a house by the construction of an extension to the rear of the house.

Having assessed the proposed extension against Class 1 and its conditions and limitations I find as follows:

Condition / Limitation 1

The house has not been previously extended. The proposed extension is indicated as being 15.5m² in area and is a single storey extension. Therefore part (a) of this condition/limitation is satisfied (parts (b) and (c) do not apply).

Condition / Limitation 2

The house has not been previously extended therefore this condition/limitation does not apply.

Condition / Limitation 3

The proposed works are ground floor only therefore this condition/limitation does not apply.

Condition / Limitation 4

There are no details/drawings of the extension submitted as part of the application and therefore it is not possible to assess this condition/limitation. Further information should be requested to ensure plans and elevations (fully dimensioned) are submitted to allow an adequate assessment take place.

Condition / Limitation 5

More than $25m^2$ of open space will remain to the rear of the dwelling. Proposed drawings indicate that approximately $31.3m^2$ of open space will remain to the rear of the existing dwellings rear building line (in two elements measuring $20.5m^2$ and $10.8m^2$ respectively). An additional area of $22m^2$ will remain to the side of the house in an enclosed area.

Condition / Limitation 6

There are no details/drawings of the extension submitted as part of the application and therefore it is not possible to assess this condition/limitation. Further information should be requested to ensure plans and elevations (fully dimensioned) are submitted to allow an adequate assessment take place.

Condition / Limitation 7

It does not appear that the roof is proposed to be used as a balcony or roof terrace.

Restrictions on exemption

I do not consider that any apply in this instance.

CONCLUSION

Further Information Required

8. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

I note the provisions of sections 4(4), 4(4A) and 177U(9) of the Act which state,

Section 4(4),

Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (i), (ia) and (l) of subsection (1) and any regulations under subsection (2), development shall not be exempted development if an environmental impact assessment or an appropriate assessment of the development is required.

Section 4(4A)

Notwithstanding subsection (4), the Minister may make regulations prescribing development or any class of development that is—

- (a) authorised, or required to be authorised by or under any statute (other than this Act) whether by means of a licence, consent, approval or otherwise, and
- (b) as respects which an environmental impact assessment or an appropriate assessment is required,

to be exempted development.

Section 177U(9)

In deciding upon a declaration or a referral under section 5 of this Act a planning authority or the Board, as the case may be, shall where appropriate, conduct a screening for appropriate assessment in accordance with the provisions of this section.

8.1 Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment

Having regard to the contents of Article 103 and Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended it is considered that the proposed development by reason of its nature, scale and location would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Accordingly it is considered that **environmental impact assessment is not required**.

8.2 Screening for Appropriate Assessment

The applicant has not submitted an appropriate assessment screening report. The relevant European sites are the Cork Harbour SPA (site code 004030) and the Great Island Channel cSAC (site code 001058). Having regard to the location of the proposed development site relative to these European sites and related watercourses and to the nature and scale of the proposed development it is considered that the proposed development would not affect the integrity of these European sites. Accordingly it is considered that appropriate assessment is not required.

9. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following further information be sought:

 The applicant is requested to submit drawings which clearly show the extents of the works. Drawings should be provided to show the plan of the extension, full elevations of the extension including the rear elevation of the existing dwelling, and should include positions of all windows and doors and be clearly dimensioned (including all heights). Eoin Cullinane Assistant Planner

12/05/2021



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24 May, 2021

Our Ref:

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Re:

R660/21

Section 5 Declaration at 4 Rosehill, Old Blackrock Road

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to your letter of May 13th, please find enclosed drawing showing dwelling house with existing extension outlined in red.

We trust the above and enclosed are in order and look forward to hearing again.

Yours sincerely,

Aidan Dennehy

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13th May 2021

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With reference to your request for a section 5 Declaration at the above named property, I am advised to request further information

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Yours faithfully,

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O 4-05- 2021

23 April, 2021

Our Ref: 2025

Re: Section 5 Declaration at 4 Rosehill, Old Blackrock Road

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, John O'Leary, please find enclosed application form together with cheque (\in 80), OS map and site layout plan.

We trust the above and enclosed are in order and look forward to hearing.

Yours sincerely,

Aidan Dennehy

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SECTION 5 DECLARATION APPLICATION FORM

under Section 5 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended)

1. POSTAL ADDRESS OF LAND OR STRUCTURE FOR WHICH DECLARATION IS SOUGHT

Is the construction of a shed at No 1 Wall St, Cork development and if so, is it

4 Rosehill, Old Blackrock Road, Cork T12 RF8W

exempted development?

PLEASE STATE THE SPECIFIC QUESTION FOR WHICH A DECLARATION IS SOUGHT:

2. QUESTION/ DECLARATION DETAILS

Sample Question:

Note: only works listed and described under this section will be assessed under the section 5 declaration.
Is the construction of the existing extension to rear of existing dwelling house
at 4 Rosehill, Old Blackrock Road, Cork exempted development?
ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING QUESTION/ WORKS/ DEVELOPMENT:
(Use additional sheets if required).
The extension is development and we request declaration that it is exempted development.
The extension to the dwelling house was constructed c. 2002. The house has not been otherwise extended.
The floor area of the extension measures 15.5sq.m. at ground floor level only and is entirely to the rear of the
existing dwelling. The walls of the extension do not exceed the height of the walls of the original house.
Private open space to the rear of the existing house remain measures 20.5sq.m. + 10.8sq.m. = 31.3sq.m.
Additional private open space is available to the side of the house measuring an additional 22.0sq.m.
Condition / limitation 5 of class 1 of the exempted development planning regulations requires min. 25sq.m.
private open space to the rear of the house. This is provided in two portions which both extend beyond the side
walls of the existing house and as such are to the side and rear of the dwelling.
We note decision of An Bord Pleanála per referral 06D.RL.2719 where such areas to the side and rear of the

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4. Is t	his a Protected S	tructure or within th	ne curtilage	of a Protected Structure?					
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5. Was there previous relevant planning application/s on this site? If so please supply details:									
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5. LEGAL INTEREST

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure	A. Owner	1	B. Other
Where legal interest is 'Other' , please state your interest in the land/structure in question			
If you are not the legal owner, please state the name and address of the owner if available			

6. I		We confirm	that the	information	contained	in	the	application	is	true	and	accurate	!:
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Signature:

Date: 23 April, 2021

ADVISORY NOTES:

The application must be accompanied by the required fee of €80

The application should be accompanied by a site location map which is based on the Ordnance Survey map for the area, is a scale not less than 1:1000 and it shall clearly identify the site in question.

Sufficient information should be submitted to enable the Planning Authority to make a decision. If applicable, any plans submitted should be to scale and based on an accurate survey of the lands/structure in question.

The application should be sent to the following address:

The Development Management Section, Community, Culture & Placemaking Directorate, Cork City Council, City Hall, Anglesea Street, Cork.

- The Planning Authority may require further information to be submitted to enable the authority to issue the declaration.
- The Planning Authority may request other person(s) other than the applicant to submit information on the question which has arisen and on which the declaration is sought.
- Any person issued with a declaration may on payment to An Bord Pleanála refer a declaration for review by the Board within 4 weeks of the date of the issuing of the declaration.
- In the event that no declaration is issued by the Planning Authority, any person who made a request may on payment to the Board of such a fee as may be prescribed, refer the question for decision to the Board within 4 weeks of the date that a declaration was due to be issued by the Planning Authority.



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