



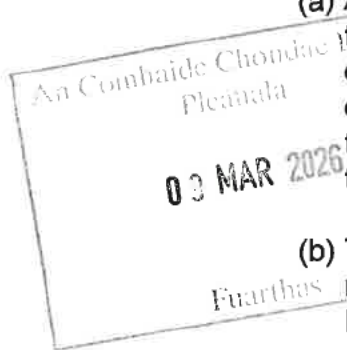
Section 5 Declaration - Application Form

Declaration as to whether development constitutes Exempted Development

Please read "Guidance Notes" before completing this form

Guidance Notes

1. The purpose of Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, is to establish if a particular development is or is not development and if it is or is not exempted development within the meaning of the Planning Act.
 - (a) A person seeking a determination must ensure under Question 7 (of the application form below) that a question is posed and that the question is clear, for example, is the construction of a shed development and is it or is it not exempted development. Details are then required of the shed so the planning authority can determine if the shed is exempt.
 - (b) The question to be determined should be clear as to whether it relates to an existing development or a proposed development. Details of the nature, size and location of the proposed development should be submitted and appropriate plans and elevations.
 - (c) If the question is not clear to the Planning Authority, the Section 5 application will be returned as invalid.
2. Any person may, on payment of the prescribed fee, currently €80.00 request in writing from the Planning Authority a declaration on a question as whether a particular type of development is exempt.
3. The Planning Authority is required to make a decision within 4 weeks of receipt of a valid Declaration Request however the Planning Authority can also request Additional Information if it is considered that insufficient information has been submitted.
4. Any person issued with a declaration may, on payment to the Board of such fee as may be prescribed, currently €220.00 refer a declaration for review by the Board within 4 weeks of the date of the issuing of the declaration.
5. A planning authority is required to consider whether the development or proposed development identified in the request would be likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue, at the least, of the nature, size or location of such development.



Section 5 Declaration - Application Form

1. Name and address of person seeking the declaration:

The Chairman & Committee of Oliver Plunketts GFC, Saint Oliver's GAA Club, Slane Road,

Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 EP60

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

2. Name and address of agent (if any):

David Lambe - 27 Westcourt, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92HPD1.

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

3. Name and address for all correspondence (if not completed, correspondence will be sent to person seeking declaration)

David Lambe - 27 Westcourt, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92HPD1.

4. Interest in site of the person seeking declaration:

Owner

(If applicant is not freehold owner of the property in question, please provide name and address of owner if known)

5. Location and full address of development referred to in Question 7

Saint Oliver's GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 EP60

6. Eircode OR Grid Co-ordinates must be submitted. Grid references may be found on Google Maps or at

<https://irish.gridreferencefinder.com>

A92 EP60

David Lambe,
27 Westcourt,
Termonfeckin Road,
Drogheda, Co. Louth,
Ireland,
A92 HPD1.



REF: 25070

Date: 07.03.2026

Louth County Council
Planning Department,
Building Control Section,
County Hall,
Millennium Centre, Dundalk,
Co. Louth, A91 KFW.



Re: The Chairman & Committee of Oliver Plunketts GFC: Saint Oliver's GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 EP60. Section 5 Application.

Dear Sir / Madam,

On behalf of the above applicant, we submit the required documentation in order to apply for Section 5 application for the above Exempted Development in regard to the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish at Saint Oliver's GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 EP60.

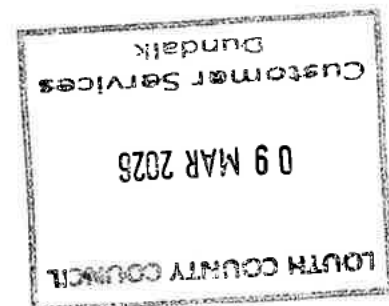
The following documents are enclosed:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Fee exemption Letter (07.03.2026)
3. Drawings issue sheet and drawings – 1 no. copies
 - a) 25070 - Site Location Map (1:1000), Site Layout Plan (1:500), Ground Floor Plan (1:100) & Elevation (1:100),

We hope you will find this application is in order however should you have any queries in relation to the matter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

David Lambe
Building Surveyor B.Sc (Hons)



David Lambe,
 27 Westcourt,
 Termonfeckin Road,
 Drogheda, Co. Louth,
 Ireland,
 A92 HPD1.

Project: Section 5 Application for , the Chairman & Committee of Oliver Plunketts GFC

Saint Oliver's GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 EP60.

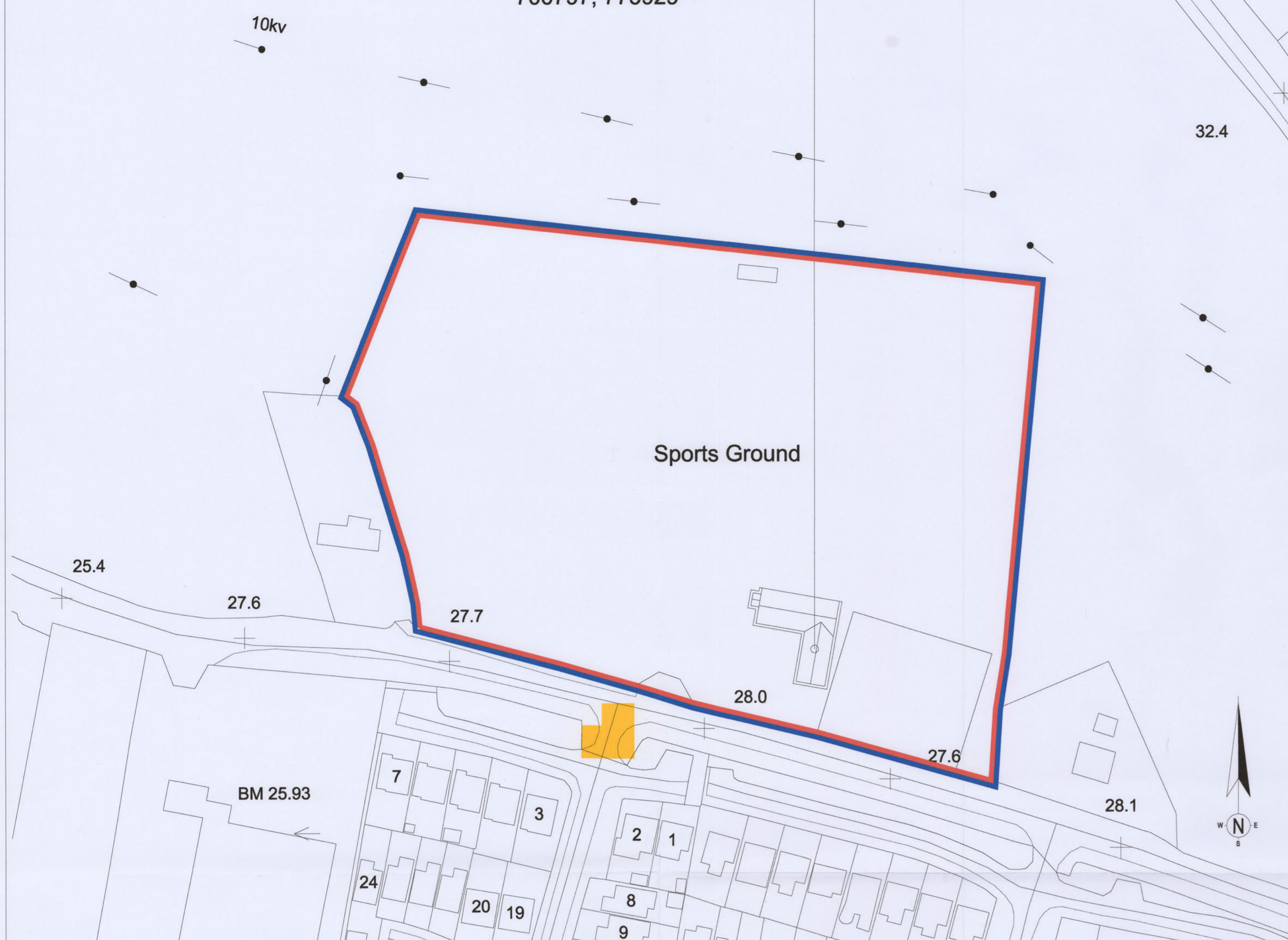
Date: 07.03.2026

Drawings Issued To:	Role:	Date
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	Structural Engineer:	
	Quantity Surveyor:	
	Building Contractor:	
	Sub Contractor:	
	County Council: Y	07.03.2026

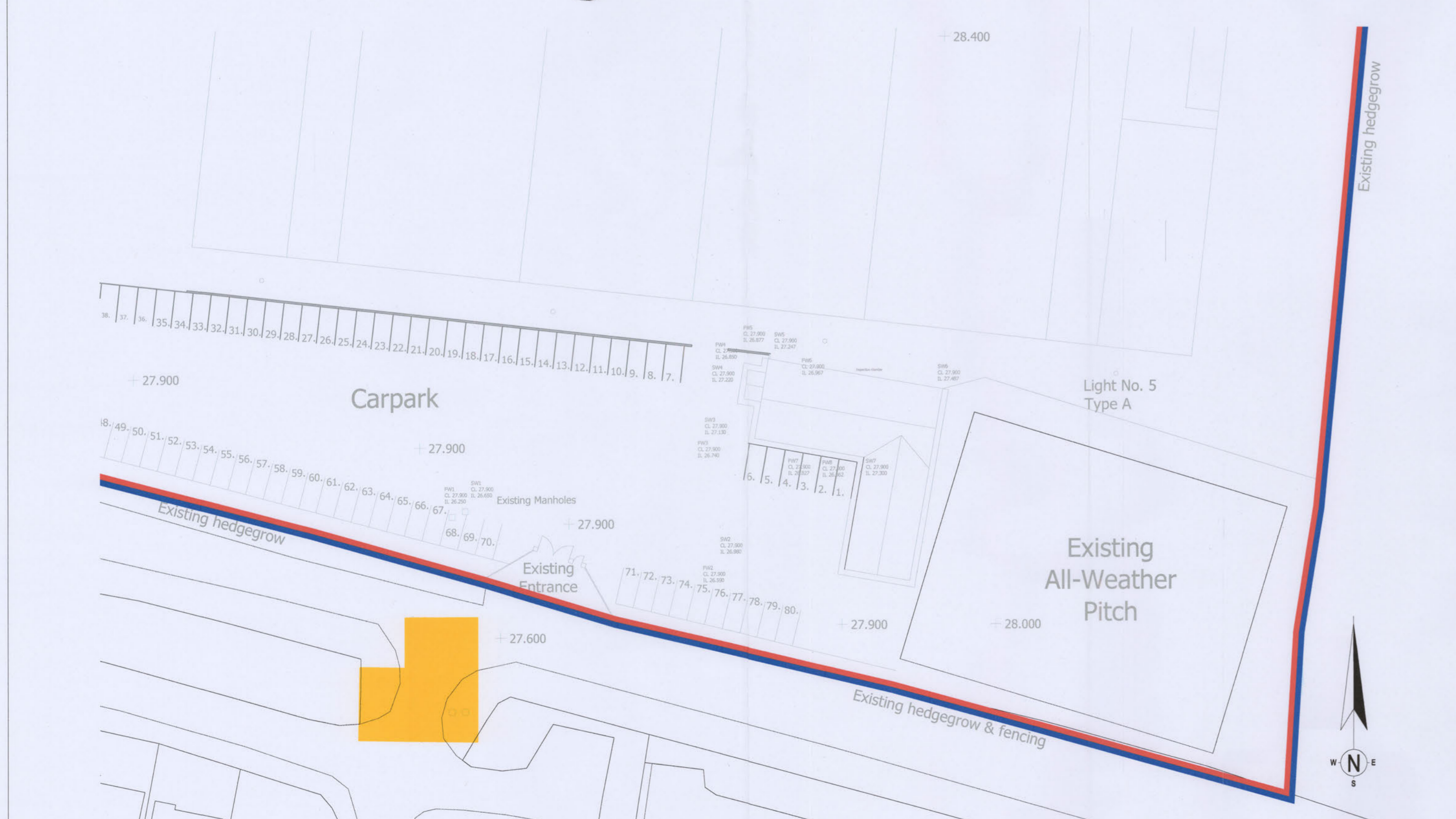
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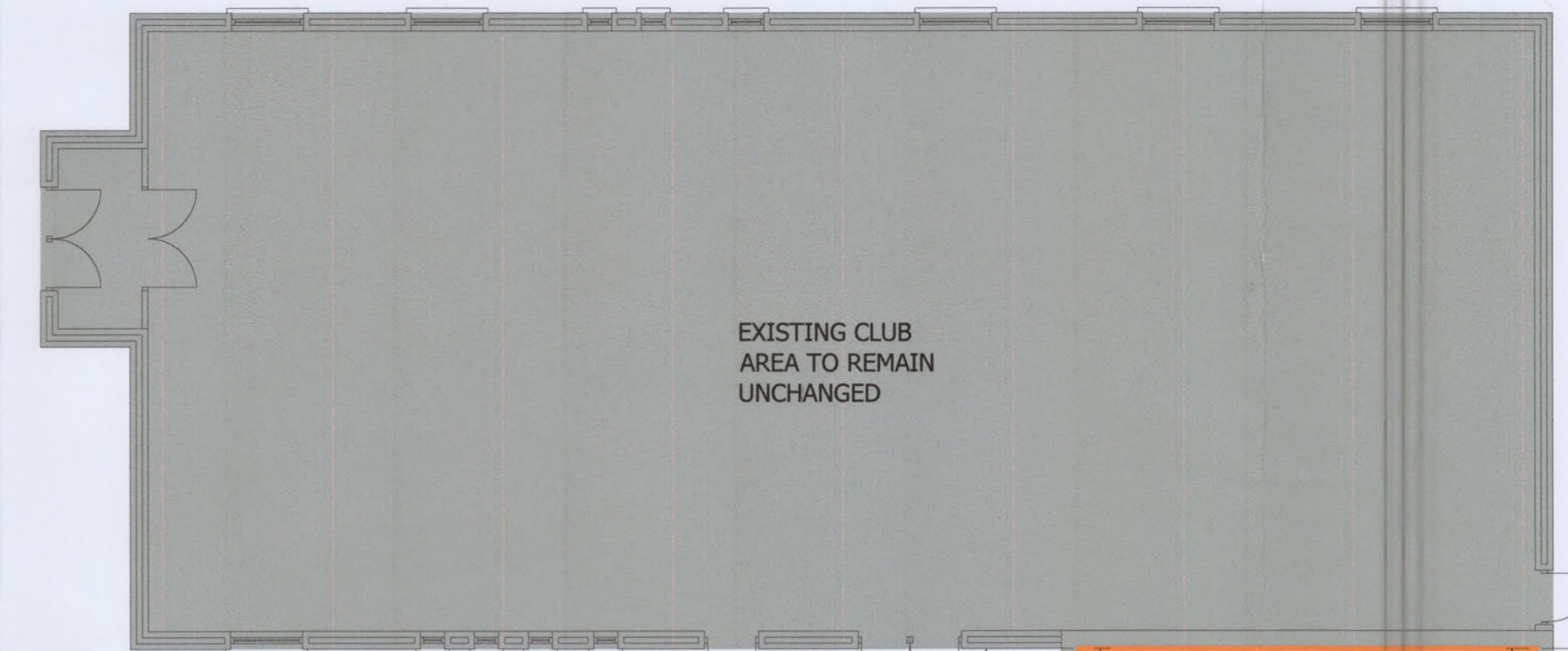
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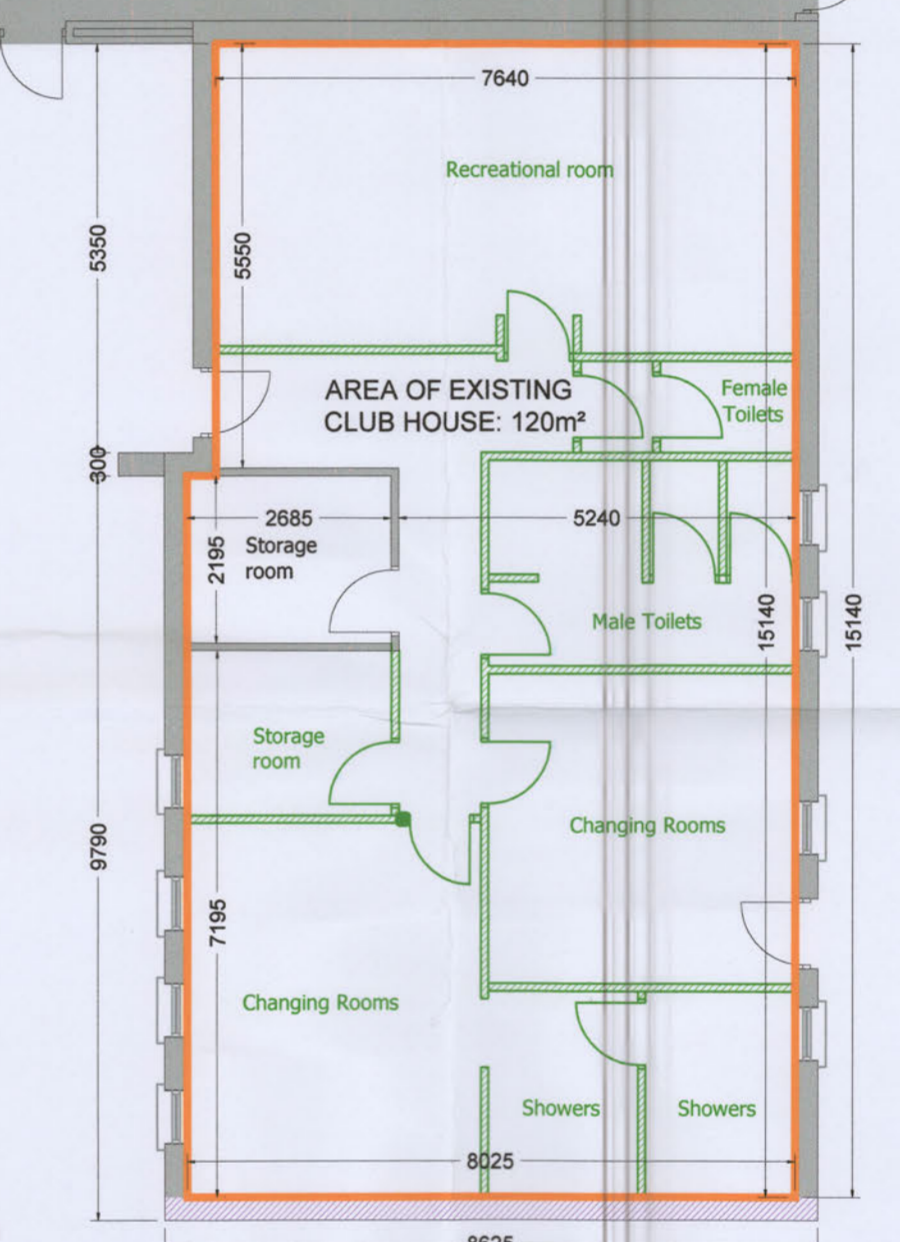
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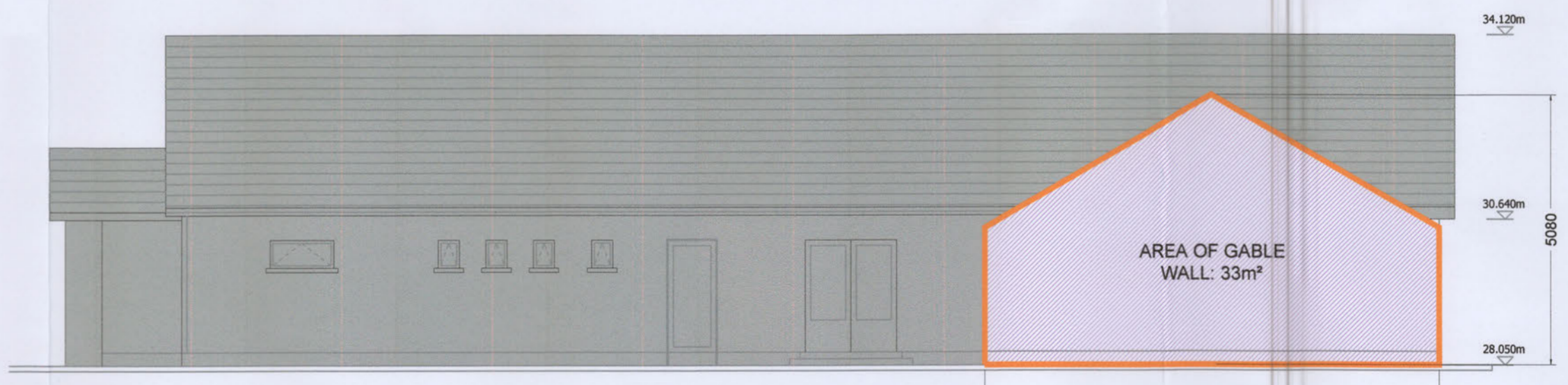
SITE LAYOUT PLAN
Scale 1:500



- AREA OF WORKS / EXISTING FLOOR TO BE REMOVED AND REINSTATED TO ITS EXISTING FINISH UNDER APPLICATION OUTLINED IN ORANGE
- AREA OF EXISTING INTERNAL WALLS TO BE REMOVED UNDER APPLICATION OUTLINED IN GREEN
- AREA OF EXISTING GABLE WALL TO BE REMOVED AND REINSTATED TO ITS EXISTING FINISH UNDER APPLICATION OUTLINED IN PURPLE
- AREA OF EXISTING CLUBHOUSE / WALLS TO REMAIN UNCHANGED / UNALTERED AND NOT SUBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION



GROUND FLOOR PLAN (AREA OF WORKS)
Scale 1:100



SOUTH FACING ELEVATION (AREA OF WORKS)
Scale 1:100

AREA OF WORKS SUBJECT TO APPLICATION FLOOR AREA = 120m² AND GABLE WALL = 33m² SITE AREA; 2.7264 ha

- NOTES**
- All dimensions to be checked on site.
 - No Dimensions to be scaled from the drawing.
 - All Discrepancies to be notified to the Surveyor / Architect.
 - All work to be carried out in accordance with the Current Building Regulations and Relevant Codes of Practice.
 - This drawing to be read in conjunction with specification and consultants drawings.

- AREA OF SITE UNDER APPLICATION OUTLINED IN RED
- AREA OF SITE UNDER OWNERSHIP OUTLINED IN BLUE
- AREA OF WORKS UNDER APPLICATION OUTLINED IN ORANGE (relevant floor area)
- RIGHT OF WAY / WAYLEAVE

FOR SECTION 5

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CLIENT
Chairman & Committee of Oliver Plunketts GFC.

PROJECT
Saint Oliver's GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 EP60.

DATE
07-03-2026

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DRAWING No:
25070-S5-001

TITLE
SITE LOCATION MAP, SITE LAYOUT PLAN, GROUND FLOOR PLAN & ELEVATION

SCALE
As shown @A1

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Louth County Council
Section 5 Declaration

Planning Ref: 2026/11

Applicant's Name: S5 2026 11 Chairman & Committee of Oliver Plunketts
GFC

Type of Application: Permission

Question: The removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish.

Site Location: St Oliver Plunketts GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda,
A92 EP60

Report Date: 01/04/2026

Due Date: 05/04/2026

1. Site Location and Description

A declaration has been sought in relation to alterations to an existing building located at St Oliver Plunketts GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda, A92 EP60. The works relate to internal works and rebuilding an existing gable wall.

2. Planning History

File	Applicant	Address	Decision Date	Description	Decision
2460584	St Oliver Plunketts GAA Club	Saint Oliver's GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 EP60 Slane Road Drogheda	15/11/2024	Permission for flood lighting to the playing field, 6 no. 18m high lamp stands, with LED floodlighting, cabling, electrical works in accordance with the lodged plans and documents to include all associated/ancillary works	Conditional
19428	St Oliver Plunketts GAA Club	Slane Road Drogheda Co Louth. SLANE ROAD DROGHEDA	16/07/2019	Permission for a temporary caravan and motorhome facility to facilitate Fleagh Cheoil na hEireann 2019, along with all associated site works.	Conditional
14510018	Chairman & Committee of Oliver Plunketts GFC	Slane Road Mell Drogheda Co. Louth SLANE ROAD, MELL, DROGHEDA	25/06/2014	Permission for an extension to and renovation of existing clubhouse and 8 no. floodlights to existing grass playing pitch together with all associated site works	Conditional
6510287	Chairman & Cmtte Oliver Plunketts	Oliver Plunkett's G.F.C. Slane Road Mell Drogheda SLANE ROAD, MELL, DROGHEDA	28/05/2007	1. Proposed new Clubhouse (c.694 sq.m) 2. One All-Weather Pitch (c.1540 sq.m) including the erection of a 3m high perimeter fence & 8 no. 10m high floodlights. 3. Erection of a further 8 no. 18m high floodlights around the existing full size grass playing pitch & all ancillary site works including new drainage layout to connect to public sewer all on site.	Conditional

99510063	OLIVER PLUNKETT G.F.C	SLANE ROAD DROGHEDA SLANE ROAD	13/05/1999	FLOOD LIGHTING AT G.F.C. GROUNDS	Conditional
91510191	OLIVER PLUNKETTS G.F.C.	SLANE ROAD MELL DROGHEDA SLANE ROAD	12/01/1993	ERECTION OF CLUBHOUSE	Conditional
87510002	ST. OLIVER PLUNKETTS G.F.C.	SLANE ROAD DROGHEDA SLANE ROAD	24/03/1987	NEW ENTRANCE AND A SINGLE- STOREY EXTENSION OF SHOWER AND TOILET FACILITIES WITH SEPTIC TANK	Conditional
85510139	OLIVER PLUNKETTS G.F.C.	SLANE ROAD DROGHEDA SLANE ROAD	04/02/1986	RETENTION OF PRE-FAB STRUCTURE AT GROUNDS FOR USE AS DRESSINGROOMS	Conditional

3. Declaration Sought

The applicant has stated within Question 7 of the application form that the question for determination is:

The removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish.

In the interest of clarity the Planning Authority will consider the question as follows:

Is the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish considered development and is it considered exempted development.

4. Legislative Context

Planning and Development Act, 2024 (as amended)

Sections 1-5 of the Planning Act of 2024 commenced in December 2024.

Section 2 states that:

In accordance with Section 2 of the Planning & Development Act, 2024 "*Development*" means the carrying out of any works on, in, over or under land or on, in, over or under the maritime area, or the making of any material change in the use of any structures or other land, or the sea, seabed or any structure in the maritime area.

"*Exempted development*" means (a) development of a class prescribed under *section 9*, or

(b) development that is exempted development by virtue of *section 152*;

"*structure*" means a building, edifice, construction, excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in or under any land, or a maritime site, or any part thereof, or (b) the land or maritime site on, in or under which such building, edifice, construction, excavation, other thing or part is situated

"*Unauthorised development*" means, in relation to land or a maritime site—
(a) unauthorised works (including the construction, erection or assembly of an unauthorised structure), or
(b) an unauthorised use;

"*Unauthorised works*" means

"*Unauthorised use*" means, in relation to land or a maritime site, a use that is a material change in use of the land or maritime site, other than—

(a) exempted development, or

(b) development carried out in accordance with—

(i) a permission granted under Part IV of the Act of 1963 or deemed to be so granted under section 92 of that Act,

(ii) a permission granted under section 34, 37G, 37N or 293 of the Act of 2000,

(iii) a permission granted under section 9 of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, or

(iv) a permission granted under *Part 4*,

(c) *Chapter 6* State authority development within the meaning of *Part 4*,

(d) development required by—

(i) a notice under *section 339*,

(ii) an order under *section 341*,

(iii) an enforcement notice under *section 350*, or

(iv) a planning injunction under *section 351*,

or

(e) development carried out in accordance with—

(i) a licence under *section 13*, or

(ii) a licence under section 254 of the Act of 2000;

“*unauthorised works*” means any works on, in, over or under land or a maritime site, other than—

- (a) exempted development,
 - (b) development carried out in accordance with—
 - (i) a permission granted under Part IV of the Act of 1963 or deemed to be so granted under section 92 of that Act,
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- or
- (e) development carried out in accordance with—
 - (i) a licence under *section 13*, or
 - (ii) a licence under section 254 of the Act of 2000;

“*Works*” includes an act or operation—

- (a) of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal (including in relation to a protected structure, a proposed protected structure or a structure situated in an architectural conservation area), on, in, over or under land or a maritime site,
- (b) consisting of the application of plaster, paint, wallpaper, tiles or other material to the surface of a protected structure or proposed protected structure or the removal of plaster, paint, wallpaper, tiles or other material from such surface, and
- (c) consisting of the application of plaster, paint, wallpaper, tiles or other material to the exterior of a structure situated in an architectural conservation area or the removal of plaster, paint, wallpaper, tiles or other material from such exterior.

Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended)

Section 4 states that:

Section 4(1) provides a list of statutory exempted development including development consisting of the use of any land for the purpose of agriculture and development

consisting of the use for that purpose of any building occupied together with land so used under section 4(1)(a).

Section 4(1)(h) provides for "*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) provides for the making of regulations relating to exempted development. The Planning & Development Regulations (PDR) 2001 (as amended) give effect to section 4(2).

Section 5 states that:

- (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.
- (2) (a) Subject to *paragraph (b)*, a planning authority shall issue the declaration on the question that has arisen and the main reasons and considerations on which its decision is based to the person who made the request under *subsection (1)*, and, where appropriate, the owner and occupier of the land in question, within 4 weeks of the receipt of the request.

(b) A planning authority may require any person who made a request under *subsection (1)* to submit further information with regard to the request in order to enable the authority to issue the declaration on the question and, where further information is received under this paragraph, the planning authority shall issue the declaration within 3 weeks of the date of the receipt of the further information.

(c) A planning authority may also request persons in addition to those referred to in *paragraph (b)* to submit information in order to enable the authority to issue the declaration on the question.

Section 32 states that:

Section 32 PDA 2000 sets out a general obligation to obtain planning permission in respect of any development of land, not being exempted development, and in the case

of development, which is unauthorised, for the retention of that unauthorised development.

Section 177U(9) states that

“In deciding upon a declaration for the purposes of Section 5 of this Act a planning authority or the Board, as the case maybe, shall where appropriate, conduct a screening for appropriate assessment in accordance with the provisions of this Section.”

Planning and Development Regulations (2001) (as amended)

Article 6 of the Planning & Development Regulations (PDR) 2001 (as amended)

Article 6 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) provides (subject to the restrictions in article 9 PDR 2001) for the classes of exempted development under column 1 of Parts 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 2, subject, where applicable, to the conditions and limitations imposed upon such classes as set out in column 2.

4. (a) Subject to paragraph (b), the carrying out of such works as are necessary to secure compliance with the Building Regulations, 1997 (S.1. No. 497 of 1997) shall, the case of development consisting of the construction of a dwelling or dwellings in respect of which permission under Part IV of the Act of 1963 was granted before 1st June 1992, be exempted development.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to in the case of development consisting of the construction of a building designed for use of 2 or more separate dwellings.

Article 9 of the Planning & Development Regulations (PDR) 2001 (as amended)

Article 9(1) of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) provides restrictions on exemptions as follows:

9. (1) *Development to which article 6 relates shall not be exempted development for the purposes of the Act—*

(a) if the carrying out of such development would—

(i) contravene a condition attached to a permission under the Act or be inconsistent with any use specified in a permission under the Act,

- (ii) consist of or comprise the formation, laying out or material widening of a means of access to a public road the surfaced carriageway of which exceeds 4 metres in width,*
- (iii) endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users,*
(iiia) endanger public safety by reason of hazardous glint and/or glare for the operation of airports, aerodromes, or aircraft,
- (iv) except in the case of a porch to which class 7 specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 applies and which 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, comprise the construction, erection, extension or renewal of a building on any street so as to bring forward the building, or any part of the building, beyond the front wall of the building on either side thereof or beyond a line determined as the building line in a development plan for the area or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan,*
- (v) consist of or comprise the carrying out under a public road of works other than a connection to a wired broadcast relay service, sewer, water main, gas main or electricity supply line or cable, or any works to which class 25, 26 or 31 (a) specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 applies,*
- (vi) interfere with the character of a landscape, or a view or prospect of special amenity value or special interest, the preservation of which is an objective of a development plan for the area in which the development is proposed or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan,*
- (vii) consist of or comprise the excavation, alteration or demolition (other than peat extraction) of places, caves, sites, features or 13 other objects of archaeological, geological, historical, scientific or ecological interest, the preservation of which is an objective of a development plan or local area plan for the area in which the development is proposed or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan local area plan or the draft development plan or draft local area plan.*
- (viiA) consist of or comprise the excavation, alteration or demolition of any archaeological monument included in the Record of Monuments, pursuant to section 12(1) of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994, save that this provision shall not apply to any excavation or any works, pursuant to and in accordance with a consent granted under Section 14 or a licence granted under section 26 of the National Monuments Act, 1930 (No. 2 of 1930), as amended,*

(viiB) comprise development in relation to which a planning authority or An Bord Pleanála is the competent authority in relation to appropriate assessment and the development which would require an appropriate assessment because it would be likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of a European site;

(viiC) consist of or comprise development which would be likely to have an adverse impact on an area designated as a natural heritage area by order made under Section 18 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000.

(viii) consist of or comprise the extension, alteration, repair or renewal of an unauthorised structure or a structure the use of which is an unauthorised use,

(ix) consist of the demolition or such alteration of a building or other structure as would preclude or restrict the continuance of an existing use of a building or other structure where it is an objective of the planning authority to ensure that the building or other structure would remain available for such use and such objective has been specified in a development plan for the area or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan,

(x) consist of the fencing or enclosure of any land habitually open to or used by the public during the 10 years preceding such fencing or enclosure for recreational purposes or as a means of access to any seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility,

(xi) obstruct any public right of way,

(xii) further to the provisions of section 82 of the Act, consist of or comprise the carrying out of works to the exterior of a structure, where the structure concerned is located within an architectural conservation area or an area specified as an architectural conservation area in a development plan for the area or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan and the development would materially affect the character of the area.

6. Assessment

Does the proposal constitute development?

Regard has been given to the definition of development in the Planning and Development Act 2024 as being “*the carrying out of works on, in, over or under lands or the making of any material change in the use of any structures or other land.*”

Works "includes an act or operation—

(a) of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal

(including in relation to a protected structure, a proposed protected structure or a

structure situated in an architectural conservation area), on, in, over or under land

or a maritime site."

The proposals are deemed to comprise of construction and alterations, therefore constituting **development**.

Does the proposal constitute exempted development?

Article 4(1)(h) (Exempted Development) of the Planning and Development Act 2000(as amended states "*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.*"

The proposed development does not materially alter the external appearance of the structure. All works occur within the existing building envelope, and no changes are made to the height, roof profile, external finishes, or façade arrangement. The reinstatement of the existing gable wall reproduces the original form and appearance, ensuring the building's external character remains unchanged. As the remainder of the works are internal only, with no new openings or external modifications, the overall appearance of the structure is preserved. The proposal therefore maintains full visual consistency with both the existing building and neighbouring structures. Accordingly, the proposals fall within the scope of Article 4(1)(h).

EIA Screening and Determination

Council Directive 85/337/EEC (as amended) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment ('the EIA Directive') is designed to ensure that projects likely to have significant effects on the environment are subject to a comprehensive assessment of their environmental effects prior to development consent being given. The latest amendments to the EIA Directive are provided under Directive 2014/52/EU and Circular letter PL 1/2017. Based on information provided and having considered the nature, size and location of the

development, there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment and as such as EIAR is **not** required.

Appropriate Assessment

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development and the nature of the receiving environment, no appropriate assessment issues arise and it is not considered that the proposed development would be likely to have a significant effect individually or in combination with other plans or projects on a European site (Special Area of Conservation or Special Protected Area) and as such an Appropriate Assessment (Stage 2 AA) is **not** required.

7. Recommendation

WHEREAS a question has arisen pursuant to Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) as to whether the following is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

Is the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish considered development and is it considered exempted development.

- (a) The definition of "development" in Section 3(1) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 2 of the Planning & Development Act 2024;
- (b) Specifically, Section 4 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended);
- (c) Article 6 and 9 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended);

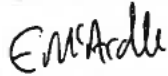
AND WHEREAS Louth County Council has concluded: -

"the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish" is considered to constitute development under Section 3(1) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2024.

*"the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish" comes within the scope of Section 4 (1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) of the Planning & Development Regulations (PDR) 2001 (as amended). These are therefore **considered to be Exempted Development.***

NOW THEREFORE Louth County Council in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), hereby

decides that "the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish" at St Oliver Plunketts GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda, A92 EP60, Co. Louth, is development and is Exempted Development.



Eamonn McArdle
Executive Planner
Date: 01/04/2026



Turlough King
A/ Senior Planner
Date: 02/04/2026



Thomas McEvoy
Director of Services
Date: 02/04/2026

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDER

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended)

Section 5 Exempted Development

Chief Executive's Order No:	247/2026
Reference No:	S5 2026/11
Date Application Received:	09/03/2026
Description of Development:	Whether the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish is or is not development and is or is not exempted development
Name of Applicant:	Chairman & Committee of Oliver Plunketts GFC
Location of Development	St Oliver Plunketts GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda, A92 EP60

WHEREAS a question has arisen pursuant to Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) as to "*Whether the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish is or is not development and is or is not exempted development*"

AND WHEREAS the said question was referred to Louth County Council by the Chairman & Committee of Oliver Plunketts GFC

AND WHEREAS Louth County Council in considering this reference, had regard reference particularly to –

- (a) The definition of "development" in Section 3(1) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 2 of the Planning & Development Act 2024;
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LCP Order No. 247/2026

Reference No: S5 2026/11

AND WHEREAS Louth County Council has concluded that on the basis of the information submitted that:

"the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish" **is considered to constitute development** under Section 3(1) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2024.


"the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish" comes within the scope of Section 4 (1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) of the Planning & Development Regulations (PDR) 2001 (as amended). These are therefore **considered to be Exempted Development**.

NOW THEREFORE Louth County Council in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), hereby decides that the question as to *"whether the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish at St Oliver Plunketts GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda, A92 EP60, Co. Louth"* is **development** and is **exempted development**.

SIGNED: 
Eamonn McArdle
Executive Planner

Date: 02/04/2026

ORDER: In pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Council by the above Act, I concur with the above recommendation and I hereby direct that a **Declaration of Exemption be GRANTED** for the development as described above.

Signed: 
Thomas McEvoy
Director of Service

Date: 02/04/2026

To whom this function has been delegated in accordance with the provisions of Section 154 of the Local Government Act, 2001 by Order No. CE.S. 201/25 dated the 14th day of May 2025.



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Chairman & Committee of Oliver Plunketts GFC
c/o David Lambe
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2nd April 2026

Re: Ref. S5 2026/11

Application for Declaration of “Exempted Development” Part 1, Section 5 Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) as to ‘Whether the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish at St Oliver Plunketts GAA Club, Slane Road, Drogheda, A92 EP60 is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your application received on 9th March 2026 in relation to the above. Having assessed all information and enclosures received with the application, the Planning Authority wishes to advise as follows: -

WHEREAS a question has arisen pursuant to Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) as to *“Whether the removal of internal floor and walls, reinstate floor, remove existing gable wall and reinstate to its existing finish considered development and is it considered exempted development.”*

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In Summary

A Declaration of Exemption is hereby GRANTED for the development as detailed on the plans and particulars submitted on 2nd April 2026.

This decision may be referred by you to An Coimisiún Pleanála for review within 4 weeks of the date of this letter subject to the payment of the appropriate fee.

Yours faithfully,



Brian Duffy
Planning Section