

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.
2. Any person may, on payment of the prescribed fee, request in writing from the Planning Authority a declaration on a question as whether a particular type of development is exempt.
3. The question to be determined should be clear as to whether it relates to an existing development or a proposed development. If the development is proposed, details of the nature, size and location of the proposed development should be submitted. Floor plans and elevations should be submitted.
4. 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.
5. Any person issued with a declaration may, on payment to the Board of such fee as may be prescribed, refer a declaration for review by the Board within 4 weeks of the date of the issuing of the declaration.
6. 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:

RAVENSDALE SPORTS FIELD c/o Paddy Ralph,
BALLYHAKELETT, RAVENSDALE, DUNDALK

Phone Number

E-Mail: _____

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

Colin Holmes, Jenkinstown, Dundalk

Phone Number:

E-Mail: _____

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

Colin Holmes, Jenkinstown, Dundalk

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 of development referred to in Question 6 (specify house no. and street name, where applicable)**

BALLYHAKELETT, RAVENSDALE, DUNDALK

6. Question for determination under Section 5 (be as specific as possible) :

WHETHER 3m WIDE STONE WALKWAY
SURROUNDING EXISTING PITCHES CONSTITUTES
DEVELOPMENT & REQUIRE PLANNING PERMISSION
WALKWAY TO CONSIST OF 25mm track DIRT ON
125mm C1804 MATERIAL. TANGLED EDGE BORDERS
EACH SIDE LEVELLED WITH GRADE. REINSTATEMENT
& LANDSCAPING AS REQUIRED.

7. Does the development consist of works to be carried out to an existing or proposed protected structure? Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, has a Declaration under Section 57 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 been requested or issued for the property by the Planning Authority?

I certify that the aforementioned is correct

Signature of Applicant



Date

19.08.26

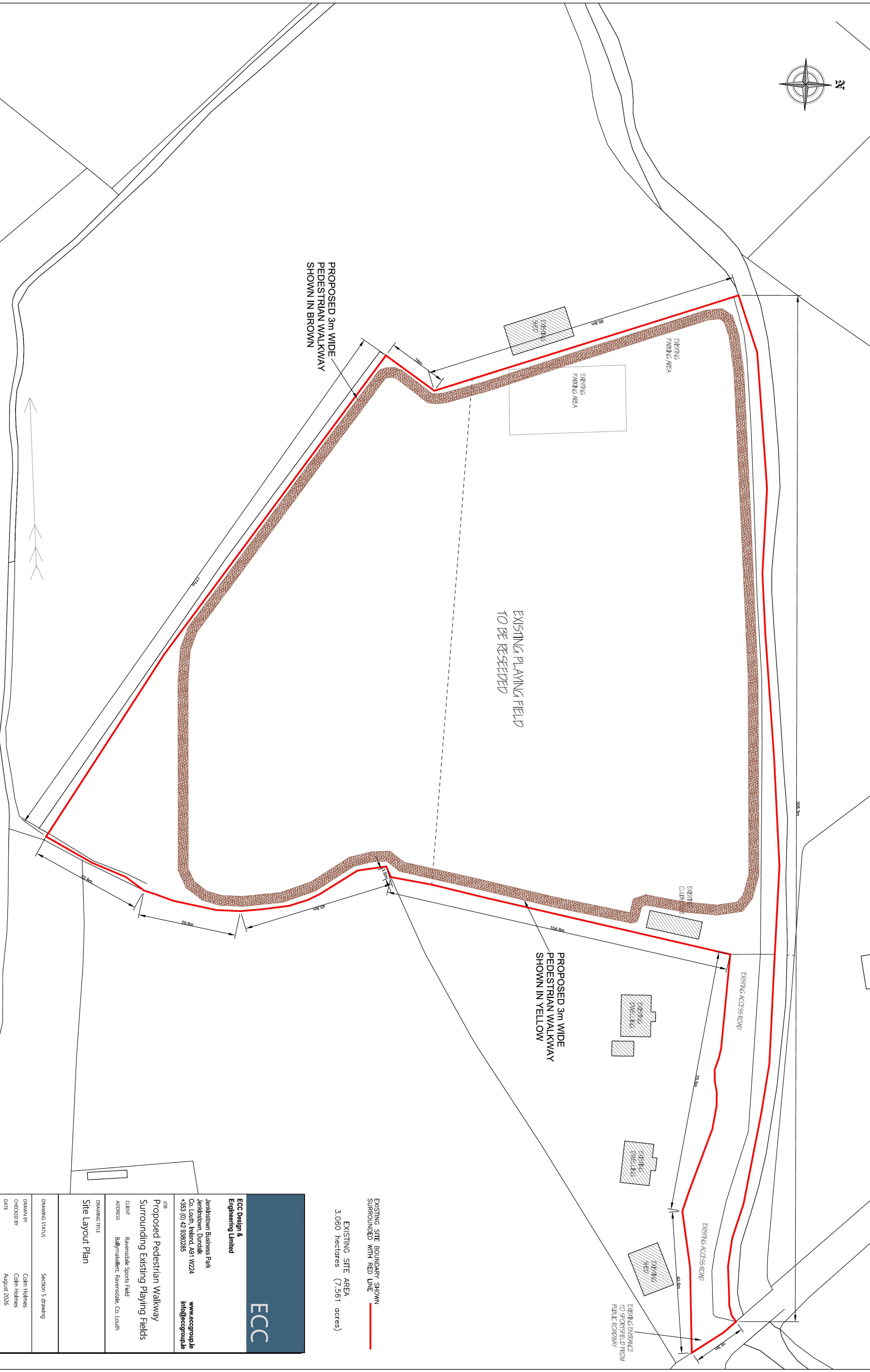
Please include one copy of the following documents with this application form:

- Site Location Map: (Scale 1:1000)
- Site Layout Map: (Scale 1:200 or 1:500)
- Floor Plans & Elevations: (Scale 1:50, 1:100 or 1:200)
- Application fee: (€80)

****NOTE: If the property outlined in Question 5 is a Protected Structure please submit two copies of all documentation listed above.**

Completed Application Form & Fee of €80.00 must be submitted to:

Planning Office
Louth County Council
Town Hall
Crowe Street, Dundalk
County Louth
A91W20C



EXISTING PLAYING FIELD
TO BE RESEDED

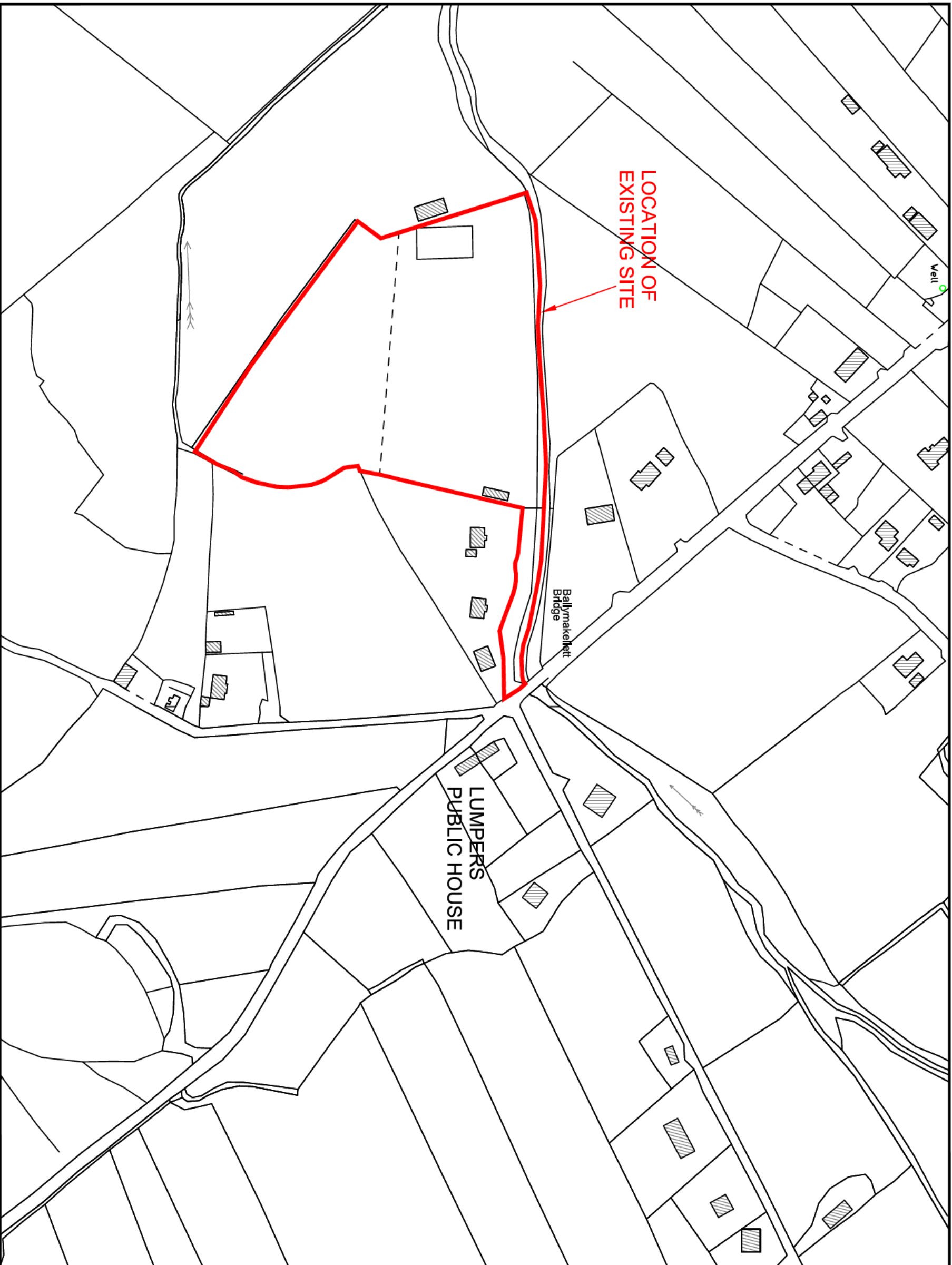
PROPOSED 3m WIDE
PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
SHOWN IN YELLOW

EXISTING SITE BOUNDARY SHOWN
SURROUNDED WITH RED LINE

EXISTING SITE AREA
3.060 hectares (7.561 acres)

ECC Design & Engineering Limited Jenkinstown Business Park Jenkinstown, Dundalk Co. Louth, Ireland, A91 W224 +353 (0) 42 9380265 www.eccgroup.ie info@eccgroup.ie	ECC	PROJ Proposed Pedestrian Walkway Surrounding Existing Playing Fields CLIENT Ravensdale Sports Field ADDRESS Ballymakellert, Ravensdale, Co. Louth	DRAWING TITLE Site Layout Plan
		DRAWING STATUS Section 5 drawing	DRAWN BY Cain Holmes CHECKED BY Cain Holmes DATE August 2026
DRAWING SCALES As shown to A1 size		DRAWING NUMBER 13002(2) - 001.	REVISION -

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THE ORDNANCE SURVEY IRELAND.
LICENCE No. AR 0062226.



EXTRACT LOUTH ORDNANCE SURVEY SHEET 1565

SITE LOCATION MAP

SCALE 1 : 2500

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JOB Proposed Pedestrian Walkway Surrounding Existing Playing Fields	
CLIENT Ravensdale Sports Field	
ADDRESS Ballymakellett, Ravensdale, Co. Louth	
DRAWING TITLE Site Location Map	
DRAWING STATUS Section 5 drawing	
DRAWN BY CHECKED BY DATE	Colm Holmes Colm Holmes August 2026
DRAWING SCALES As shown to A3 size	
DRAWING NUMBER 13002(2) - 002.	REVISION -

Louth County Council

Section 5 Declaration

Planning Ref: 2026/61

Applicant's Name: Ravensdale Sports Field.

Type of Application: Section 5 Declaration

Question for Determination: (a) *Whether the construction of a 3m wide stoned walkway surrounding the existing playing pitches is development and is it or is it not exempted development;*

Site Location: Ravensdale Sports Field, Ballymakellett, Ravensdale, Dundalk

Due Date: 24/09/2026

Report Date: 05/09/2026

1.0 SITE LOCATION & DESCRIPTION:

The subject site is located at Ballymakellett in Ravensdale opposite the Lumbers Public House. The site comprises of a grass pitch and associated clubroom which is currently used by Dulargy National School, the 3rd Louth Scout Group, St. Patrick's G.F.C., Ravensdale United FC and Faughart Rovers FC.



4.0 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 minor 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.

5.0 Appropriate Assessment

Having regard to nature and scale of the proposal, it is not considered that the development would not 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.

6.0 LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT:

S.I. No. 662/2024 - The Planning and Development Act 2024 (Commencement) Order 2024

The Planning and Development Act 2024 (Commencement) Order 2024 states:

"The 2nd day of December 2024 is appointed as the day on which the following provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (No. 34 of 2024) shall come into operation:

- (a) Sections 1 to 5;*
- (b) Part 26*

The Planning and Development Act 2024

Section 2 states:

"development" means—

- (a) the carrying out of works—***
 - (i) on, in, over or under land, or***
 - (ii) on, in, over or under the maritime area,***

Or

*(b) the making of a material change in the use of—
(i) land or any structure on land, or
(ii) the sea, seabed or any structure, in the maritime area,
and includes the reclamation of land in the nearshore 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) 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;*

“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.*

The Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)

Section 4:

Section 4(1) provides a list of statutory exempted development.

Section 4(2) further provides for the making of regulations by the Minister relating to exempted development. The Planning & Development Regulations (PDR) 2001 (as amended) give effect to Section 4(2).

Exempted Development

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 5 states:

(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 9

Section 9 (4) states that Development (other than development that is exempted development by virtue of *subsection (1)* or (2) of *section 152*) shall not be exempted development for the purposes of this Act if—

(a) in the case of a protected structure or a proposed protected structure, it materially

affects or would materially affect the character of—

(i) the structure, or

(ii) any element of the structure that contributes to its special architectural,

historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest

(b) it is situated, or proposed to be situated, in an area of special planning control and

it contravenes or would, if carried out, contravene a special planning control scheme applying to that area, or

(c) in the case of development carried out or proposed to be carried out to the exterior of a structure situated in an architectural conservation area, it materially affects or would, if carried out, materially affect the character of that area.

Section 32:

Section 32 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.

Planning and Development Regulations 2001, (as amended)

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.

Restrictions on Exemption: Article 9

Article 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 other objects of archaeological, geological, historical, scientific or ecological interest, the preservation, conservation or protection 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 local area plan, or the making of a new development plan or local area plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the 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 and Places, 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 (now Coimisiún) Pleanála is the competent authority in relation to appropriate assessment, and the development 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.

Class 13 of Part 1, Schedule 2 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.

Condition/Limitation: - The width of any such private footpath or paving shall not exceed 3 metres.

Development for amenity or recreational purposes

Class 33: - Development consisting of the layout out and use of land –

- (a) As a park, private open space or ornamental garden,
- (b) As a roadside shrine, or
- (c) For athletics or sports (other than golf or pitch and putt or sports involving the use of motor vehicles, aircraft or firearms), where no charge is made for admission of the public to the land.

7.0 ASSESSMENT

Do the works constitute “development”?

Having regard to the definitions set out in section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2024, it is considered that the construction of a stoned walkway would constitute “works” as per section 2 and therefore constitutes “development” as defined in the Act.

Do the works constitute exempted development?

Walking Track

The applicant has stated that the stoned walkway will consist of 25mm track dust on 125mm C1 804 material with edge boards levelled with grade.

Class 13 of the planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) provides an exemption under which the proposed 3m gravel walking track within the confines of the site and around the perimeter of the pitch could fall under. The width falls within the parameters of the condition/limitation and having regard to Article 9, does not offend any of the restrictions set out.

Furthermore, **Class 33 states:** - Development consisting of the layout out and use of land –

- (d) As a park, private open space or ornamental garden,
- (e) As a roadside shrine, or
- (f) For athletics or sports (other than golf or pitch and putt or sports involving the use of motor vehicles, aircraft or firearms), where no charge is made for admission of the public to the land.

It is noted that the pitch is used by local schools and teams and is not a commercial entity where charge for admission would be sought.

8.0 Recommendation

Having regard to the foregoing it is considered that the construction of the 3m wide stoned walking track as indicated on the submitted site layout drawing constitutes development within the meaning of section 2 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) that comes within the scope of the conditions and limitations of Class 13 of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and is therefore **exempted development**.

Accordingly, it is recommended that an order along the following lines is issued:

WHEREAS a question has arisen pursuant to Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended) as to whether the following is or is not development and is or is not exempted development: -

- (a) Whether the construction of a 3m wide gravel walkway around the parameter of the playing pitch is development and is it or is it not exempted development;*

AND WHEREAS the said question was referred to Louth County Council by Paddy Ralph on behalf of Ravensdale Sports Field.

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

- (a) The definition of “development”, in **Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2024** (as amended),
- (b) Specifically, the provisions under **Class 13 of Part 1, Schedule 2** of the **Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)**,
- (c) **Class 33 of Part 1, Schedule 2** of the **Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)**,
- (d) **Articles 6 and 9** of the **Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)**
- (e) Planning history of the site
- (f) Case law and precedent
- (g) Section 5 2026/25 O’Connells GFC Committee
- (h) Plans and particulars forwarded to the Planning Authority

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

(a) *The construction of a 3m wide gravel walkway around the parameter of the playing pitch* is considered to constitute “works” which **constitutes “development”** under Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended) and the said development having regard to Class 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) is **exempted development**; and

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 proposed ‘*construction of a 2m wide gravel walkway around the parameter of the playing pitch*’ is **development** that is **exempted development**



Brian Brooks

Exe Planner

Date: 07/09/2026



David Hall

A/Senior Executive Planner

Date: 08/09/2026



Turlough King

A/Senior Planner

Date: 08/09/2026

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDER

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended)

Section 5 Exempted Development

Chief Executive's Order No:	698/2026
Reference No:	S5 2026/61
Date Application Received:	27/08/2026
Description of Development:	Whether the construction of a 3m wide stoned walkway surrounding the existing playing pitches is development and is it or is it not exempted development
Name of Applicant:	Ravensdale Sports Field
Location of Development	Ravensdale Sports Field, Ballymakellett, Ravensdale, Dundalk

WHEREAS a question has arisen pursuant to Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended) as to whether the following is or is not development and is or is not exempted development: -

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AND WHEREAS the said question was referred to Louth County Council by Paddy Ralph on behalf of Ravensdale Sports Field.

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

(a) *The construction of a 3m wide gravel walkway around the parameter of the playing pitch* is considered to constitute "works" which **constitutes "development"** under Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended) and the said development having regard to Class 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) is **exempted development**; and

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 proposed '*construction of a 2m wide gravel walkway around the parameter of the playing pitch*' is **development** that is **exempted development**

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: _____



Turlough King
Acting Senior Planner

Date: 08/09/2026

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 380/26 dated 31st day of July 2026.



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Ravensdale Sports Field
c/o Colm Holmes
Jeninstown
Drogheda
Co. Louth

Date : 08/09/2026

Re: Ref. S5 2026/61

Application for Declaration of "Exempted Development" Part 1, Section 5 Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) as to 'Whether the construction of a 3m wide stoned walkway surrounding the existing playing pitches is development and is it or is it not exempted development at Ravensdale Sports Field, Ballymakellett, Ravensdale, Dundalk, is or is not development and is or is not exempt development.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your application received on 27th August 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 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended) as to whether the following is or is not development and is or is not exempted development: -

(a) Whether the construction of a 3m wide gravel walkway around the parameter of the playing pitch is development and is it or is it not exempted development;

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

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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 proposed ‘*construction of a 2m wide gravel walkway around the parameter of the playing pitch*’ is **development** that is **exempted development**

In Summary

A Declaration of Exemption is hereby GRANTED for the development as detailed on the plans and particulars submitted on 27th August 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,

Maedbh O’Connor

Maedbh O’Connor
Planning Section