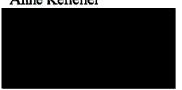


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Anne Kelleher

13/11/2024



RE:

Section 5 Declaration R885/24 Saint Marthas, Redemption Road, Farranree, Cork

A Chara,

With reference to your request for a Section 5 Declaration at the above-named property, received on 16th October 2024, I wish to advise as follows:

The Planning Authority, in view of the above and having regard to -

- Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and
- Articles 6, and 9 and Schedule 2, Part 1, Classes 1, 5, and 50 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

It is considered that the *the specific question for which a declaration is sought* IS

DEVELOPMENT and IS EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT at Saint Marthas, Redemption

Road, Farranree, Cork

Under Section 5(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, you may, on payment of the appropriate fee, refer this declaration for review by An Bord Pleanála within 4 weeks of the date it is issued, 13th November, 2024.

Is mise le meas,

David Foley

Development Management Section

We are Cork.

Community, Culture and Placemaking Directorate Cork City Council

PLANNER'S REPORT Ref. R885/24		Cork City Council Culture, Community and Placemaking	
Application type	Section 5 Declaration		
Description	Is the 10sq.m rear extension and partial demolition works exempt from Planning.		
Location	Saint Marthas, Redemption Road, Farranree, Cork		
Applicant	Anne Kelleher		
Date	13/11/2024		
Recommendation	is Development and is Exempted Develop	pment	

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

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

In framing the question to the planning authority, the applicant states in Q2 of the application form:

As the drawings have been updated following the previous application report, and the issue of the height of the flat roof extension has been addressed, are the proposed works now considered exempted works.

The works referred to in the question relate to a rear extension and partial demolition works.

In setting out additional details regarding question/ works/ development, the applicant states:

'In the first exemption application (Ref. R861/24), the subsequent report found issue with the height of the proposed extension's flat roof. This has not been addressed to meet the criteria outlined. In the updated drawings, all other elements remain the same as previously submitted.'

The proposal comprises the following elements:

- The replacement of existing roof structure.
- The provision of a roof light on rear roof plane of roof.
- Partial demolition of existing property to facilitate proposed extension.
- Proposed extension to rear of property.
- Various internal layout changes/ alterations.
- · Relocation of entrance door.
- Provision of fence/ balustrade to enclose an area to the rear of the dwelling separating it from the remaining garden area which is at a lower level.

3. SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located on Redemption Road, Farranree on the north side of Cork City. The site comprises a single storey dwelling that appears to be vacant for a number of years. The structure is in poor condition with evidence that the roof is failing. It is unclear when the building was last used as residential accommodation.

4. PLANNING HISTORY

Subject Site

23/41878 – Permission sought to demolish existing dwelling and for the construction of a new two-storey dwelling, a new vehicular entrance and parking area along with all associated site works. **Outcome: Application withdrawn.**

Section 5

Ref. R861-24 - The construction of a 10sq.m rear extension and partial demolition works at Saint Martha's, Redemption Road, Farranree, Cork IS DEVELOPMENT and IS NOT EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT.

5. LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

5.1 The Act

Section 2(1),

"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, except where the context otherwise requires, "development" means, -

- a) The carrying out of any works in, on, over or under land <u>or</u> the making of any material change in the use of any land or structures situated on land, or
- b) Development within the meaning of Part XXI.

Section 4(1)(h),

The following shall be exempted developments for the purposes of this Act – 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)(a),

The Minister may by regulations provide for any class of development to be exempted development for the purposes of this Act where he or she is of the opinion that—

- By reason of the size, nature or limited effect on its surroundings, of development belonging to that class, the carrying out of such development would not offend against principles of proper planning and sustainable development, or
- ii) The development is authorised, or is required to be authorised, by or under any enactment (whether the authorisation takes the form of the grant of a licence, consent, approval or any other type of authorisation) where the enactment concerned requires there to be consultation (howsoever described) with members of the public in relation to the proposed development prior to the granting of the authorisation (howsoever described).

Section 4(2)(b)

Regulations under paragraph (a) may be subject to conditions and be of general application or apply to such area or place as may be specified in the regulations.

Section 4(2)(c)

Regulations under this subsection may, in particular and without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (a), provide, in the case of structures or other land used for a purpose of any specified class, for the use thereof for any other purpose being exempted development for the purposes of this Act.

Section 5(1),

(See section 1 of this report)

Section 57(1)

Notwithstanding section 4(1)(a), (h), (i), (ia), (j), (k), or (l) and any regulations made under section 4(2), the carrying out of works to a protected structure, or a proposed protected structure, shall be exempted development only if those works would not materially affect the character of—

- (a) the structure, or
- (b) any element of the structure which contributes to its special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest.

Section 177U (9) (screening for appropriate assessment)

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.

5.2 The Regulations

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 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.
- 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.
- Any above ground floor extension shall be a distance of not 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.

Column 1 Description of Development	Column 2 Conditions and Limitations			
	5. The construction or erection of any such extension to the rea of the house shall not reduce the area of private open space reserved exclusively for the use of 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 succeptance extension shall not be less than 1 metre from the boundar it faces.			
	(b) Any window proposed above ground level in any suc extension shall not be less than 11 metres from th 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.			

Schedule 2. Part 1. Class 5

Scheaule 2, Part 1, Class 5				
Column 1	Column 2			
Description of Development	Conditions and Limitations			
The construction, erection or alteration, within or bounding the curtilage of a house, of a gate, gateway, railing or wooden fence or a wall of brick, stone, blocks with decorative finish, other concrete blocks or mass concrete.	 The height of any such structure shall not exceed 2 metres or, in the case of a wall or fence within or bounding any garden or other space in front of a house, 1.2 metres. Every wall other than a dry or natural stone wall bounding any garden or other space shall be capped and the face of any wall of concrete or concrete block (other than blocks with decorative finish) which will be visible from any road, path or public area, including public open space, shall be rendered or plastered. No such structure shall be a metal palisade or other security fence. 			

Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 50 (b)

The demolition of part of a habitable house in connection with the provision of an extension or porch in accordance with Class 1 or 7, respectively, of this Part of this Schedule or in accordance with a permission for an extension or porch under the Act.

6. ASSESSMENT

The purpose of this report is to assess whether or not the matter in question constitutes development and whether its fall within the scope of exempted development. Matters pertaining to the acceptability of the proposal in respect of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area is not a consideration under section 5.

6.1 Development

The first issue for consideration is whether or not the matter at hand is 'development'.

'Development' as defined in the Act (3)(1) comprises two possible chief components: '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'. In order to ascertain whether or not the subject use is considered to be development as so defined, consideration must first be given to whether any works on, in, over or under land have or will be carried out, and secondly to whether any material change in the use of any structures or other land have or will take place.

'Works' is defined in section 2(1) of the Act as 'the carrying out of any works on, in, over, or under land' including '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.'

The proposal includes acts of demolition and construction/ alteration and therefore falls within the definition of 'works'. Therefore, the proposal constitutes development within the meaning of the Act.

CONCLUSION: Is development

6.2 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 4(1)(a) or development which is exempted development having regard to any regulations under section 4(2).

I consider that the proposal comes within subsections (1) and (2) of section 4.

Section 4(1)

I consider that the various internal layout alterations including relocation of the entrance door and replacement of the roof structure (incl. provision of 1 no. rooflight on the rear roof plane) to fall within the provisions of Section 4(1)(h) being works 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)

I consider that Class 1 of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Regulations applies to the construction of the proposed rear extension. The proposal is assessed below against the exemption criteria (conditions/ limitations).

Condition / Limitation 1

- 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.
- Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is detached, the floor area of any extension above ground level shall not exceed 20 square metres.

<u>Assessment</u>

- a) The dwelling does not appear to have been extended previously. The extension at c. 10sq.m is within the 40sq.m limit.
- b) No element of the proposal relates to an extension above ground level.
- c) This limitation does not apply.

Condition / Limitation 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.

Assessment

- a) The dwelling does not appear to have been extended previously.
- b) The dwelling does not appear to have been extended previously and no element of the proposal relates to an extension above ground level.
- c) This limitation does not apply.

Condition / Limitation 3

Any above ground floor extension shall be a distance of not less than 2 metres from any party boundary.

Assessment

No element of the proposal is above ground floor level.

Condition / Limitation 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.

<u>Assessment</u>

- a) The height of the extension does not exceed the height of the rear wall of the house.
- b) This limitation does not apply.
- c) The height of the highest part of the roof of the extension does not exceed the height of the eaves.

Condition / Limitation 5

The construction or erection of any such extension to the rear of the house shall not reduce the area of private open space, reserved exclusively for the use of the occupants of the house, to the rear of the house to less than 25 square metres.

Assessment

The proposed extension would not reduce the area of private open space to the rear of the house to leas than 25sq.m.

Condition / Limitation 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 m

<u>Assessment</u>

- a) The proposed windows at ground floor level are not less than 1m from the boundary they face.
- b) This condition/limitation does not apply.
- c) This condition/limitation does not apply.

Condition / Limitation 7

The roof of any extension shall not be used as a balcony or roof garden.

Assessment

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

As the proposed extension complies with the exemption criteria under Class 1, the proposed partial demolition of the dwelling is exempted under Class 50(b) of the Regulations.

As outlined above, some form of fence is proposed to enclose an area to the rear of the dwelling separating it from the remaining garden area which is at a lower level. The fence falls within the provisions of Class 5 of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Regulations.

Restrictions on exemption

I do not consider that any apply in this instance.

CONCLUSION: Is not exempted development.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

7.1 Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment

Having regard to the contents of Article 103 (as amended by Article 14 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No 3) Regulations 2011) 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 an environmental impact statement is not required to be submitted.

7.2 Screening for Appropriate Assessment

Section 177U (9) of the Act requires planning authorities to screen applications for a section 5 declaration for appropriate assessment. The provisions of the *Habitats Directive*, the *Appropriate Assessment Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2009* (revised 2010) and the Act are noted. 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 the European sites referred to above. Accordingly, it is considered that appropriate assessment is not required.

8. RECOMMENDATION

In view of the above and having regard to -

- Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and
- Articles 6, and 9 and Schedule 2, Part 1, Classes 1, 5, and 50 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

The Planning Authority considers that -

The construction of a 10sq.m rear extension and partial demolition works at Saint Martha's, Redemption Road, Farranree, Cork IS DEVELOPMENT and IS EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

Jan Oosterhof Assistant Planner

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12/11/2024

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SECTION 5 DECLARATION APPLICATION FORM

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

1. NAME OF PERSON MAKING THE REQUEST

ANNE KELLEHER

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

SAINT MARTHA'S, REDEMPTION ROAD, FARRANREE, CORK

3. QUESTION/ DECLARATION DETAILS

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

Sample Question:

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

Note: only works listed and described under this section will be assessed under the section 5 declaration.

As drawings have been updated following the previous application report, and the issue of the height of the flat roof of the extension has been addressed, are the proposed works now considered exempted works?

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING QUESTION/ WORKS/ DEVELOPMENT:

(Use additional sheets if required).

In the first exemption application (Ref. R861/24), the subsequent report found issue with theheight of the proposed extension's flat roof. This has now been addressed to meet the criteria outlined. In the updated drawings, all other elements remain the same as previously submitted.

4. Are you aware of any enforcement proced if so please supply details: No	edings con	nected to thi	s site?	
5. Is this a Protected Structure or within the	curtilage o	f a Protected	d Structure?	
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6. Was there previous relevant planning app if so please supply details:	lication/s o	on this site?	\checkmark	
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7. APPLICATION DETAILS			- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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(b) If a domestic extension, have any previous extensions/structures been erected at the location after 1st October, 1964, (including for which planning permission has been obtained)?	is	If yes, please provide floor areas. (so		
(c) If concerning a change of use of land and	l / or buildi	ng(s), please	state the following:	
Existing/ previous use (please circle) N/A	Proposed/existing use (please circle) N/A			
EGAL INTEREST				
Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's egal interest in the land or structure	A. Own	er 🗸	B. Other	
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f you are not the legal owner, please state the name of the owner if available				
/ We confirm that the information contained in	the applic	ation is true	and accurate:	
Signature:			_	



Jan Oosterhof **Executive Planner Planning Department Cork City Council** City Hall Cork

REF: R861/24

Hi Jan,



I'm writing to follow up on our correspondence by email and to respond to the previous planning exemption submission, including your report on same. Thank you for your clarifications as they were very helpful from our side. I enclose updated drawings which address the primary issue of the flat roof being higher than allowed under exemption rules.

- 1. I believe the new drawings will show the proposed flat roof is now within the limits allowed for exemption.
- 2. As shown via email the ground is already raised above the garden at the back and side of the cottage, so no major ground works are needed for the proposed extension.

With the issues in the report now addressed, I'm hoping on review our of our new drawings that we've matched the criteria needed for an exempted works certificate.

Best wishes,





Anne Kelleher

