

**ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended)**

**SECTION 5 - DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDER**

Order No: PL/98/25

Reference Number: DED 823

Name of Applicant: Tom Crosby

Agent: N/A

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether the renovation of an existing dwelling with works including 1) change of heating from oil burner to geothermal heat pump; 2) installation of a heat exchanger unit; 3) upgrading the double glazed windows units (glass only); 4) upgrading the electrical wiring switches, etc; 5) general internal repairs including plaster repairs, sanitary fixtures, plumbing & 6) repainting entire house at Ashgrove House, Ballytoohey, Tarmonbarry, Co. Roscommon, N39EK81, is or is not development and is or is not exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** Roscommon County Council, in considering this application, had regard particularly to:

- (a) Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- (b) Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.
- (c) The record forwarded to Roscommon County Council in accordance with subsection (6)(c) of Section 5 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 as amended.
- (d) The planning history of the site.

**AND WHEREAS** Roscommon County Council has concluded that:

- (a) The works outlined above are development.
- (b) The proposed repair of a cottage works include; renovate an existing dwelling, works including 1) change of heating from oil burner to geothermal heat pump; 2) installation of a heat exchanger unit; 3) upgrading the double glazed window units (glass only); 4) upgrading the electrical wiring switches etc.; 5) general internal repairs including plaster repairs, sanitary fixtures, plumbing; and 6) repainting entire house as described in this case is an exempted development.
- (c) The proposed works fall within the provisions of Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, which provides as follows:  
*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;*
- (d) The proposed development individually and in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European site and that the requirement for AA or EIAR does not apply with respect to the current case.

**NOW THEREFORE:**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Local Government Acts 1925 – 2024 and Section 5(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the various submissions and reports in connection with the application described above, it is hereby declared that the said development to renovate an existing dwelling with works including 1) change of heating from oil burner to geothermal heat pump; 2) installation of a heat exchanger unit; 3) upgrading the double glazed windows units (glass only); 4) upgrading the electrical wiring switches, etc; 5) general internal repairs including plaster repairs, sanitary fixtures, plumbing & 6) repainting entire house at Ashgrove House, Ballytoohey, Tarmonbarry, Co. Roscommon, N39EK81, is development that is **exempted development** as defined within the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and associated Regulations.

Signed on behalf of the Council:

Signed:   
Alan O'Connell,  
Senior Executive Planner,  
Planning.

Date: 25 January, 2025.