



PLANNING SECTION  
LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

ED/25/038  
01/08/2025

REF P. \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration Regarding Development / Exempted Development  
(Section 5 of Planning & Development Acts 2000, As Amended)**

**APPLICATION FORM**

1. Name of person seeking declaration [Applicant] **PHILIP KELLY(Director), Carrick-on-Shannon Tennis Club**
2. Postal Address of Property /Site or Building to which the declaration sought relates  
  
**ST. GEORGE'S TERRACE, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, COUNTY LEITRIM**
3. Applicant's legal interest in the land or structure. [Give details] **Tennis Club with freehold interest in the courts and surrounding park**
4. State whether or not the applicant is the owner of the property in question **YES** or [No] and if {No} please provide the information under item 11 at the end of this form
5. State if owner / occupiers are aware of the current application for Declaration under S 5 of the Act **[Y]**
6. Type of declaration sought
  - a. That the proposal is or is not development within the Act [Yes] or [No] and if {yes}
  - b. That the development is or is not Exempt development **[Yes]**

Provide full description of the question /matter / subject which arises wherein a declaration on the question is sought?

Carrick-on-Shannon Tennis Club has been established in the park at St. George's Terrace since 1887. There was a major remodelling of the park area around 15 years ago, pursuant to the granting of a lease by the Tennis Club to Leitrim County Council, in order to create the People's Park. At that time (2007/8), the Council sought planning permission for a range of related developments, including the installation of floodlights for the tennis courts, supported by government funding.

The addition of floodlights enabled fuller use of this important sporting facility in the town, particularly during the shorter days of winter months, but not beyond 11 pm on any night of the year to avoid nuisance to nearby residents. Whilst this has been a very successful development, advances in LED technology mean that most sporting clubs have upgraded their floodlighting to LED to reduce energy consumption and costs, to improve the playing experience through reduced glare, and significantly to reduce light spill owing to downward angling and focusing of the lamps.

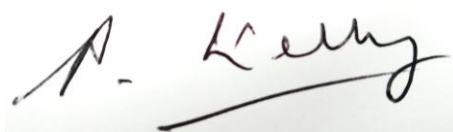
Aside from the above, the existing metal halide lamp setup at the Club is starting to show its age, with frequent faults, and the difficulty of obtaining replacement parts means the system is nearing obsolescence.

With a new clubhouse in the process of construction, the Club is especially keen to ensure the facilities can be used to the maximum benefit of the community, and so the renewal of the floodlights given their current condition is becoming a more pressing matter. The Club has received 3 proposals from floodlighting specialists and has selected BEM (lighting plan attached) for its weighty experience in tennis court floodlighting throughout Ireland and elsewhere, for its technical solution particularly with regard to light spill, and for its pricing. The Club hopes to secure Leader funding to finance the development, subject to a favourable indication from planning.

So, in summary, the Club believes the lighting upgrade will bring benefits all round: in energy savings; in reduced light pollution; in better playing conditions through reduced glare; and in better reliability and reduced maintenance costs.

The proposal is to deploy the existing columns without modification to position or height, but to replace the 16 existing metal halide lamps with 8 LED lamps, such that each pair of metal halide lamps will be replaced by a single LED lamp. A further improvement will be the downward angling of the new lamps, together with front and back visors, in sharp contrast to the existing unshielded lamps tilted at various angles. The attached lighting plan shows how the spillage of light rapidly reduces in intensity beyond the court perimeter. We therefore hope you will agree that the proposal qualifies for exemption.

Signature:



Date: 1 August, 2025

To give as full account as possible of this matter, the applicant is advised to set out the matter on which the declaration is sought, as comprehensively as possible.

**Please submit the following with this application:**

- A fee of €80.00 FEE PAID BY EFT 01/08/2025 Ref. Planning S5 Carrick Tennis Club
- A site map to a scale of not less than 1:2500 based on the Ordnance Survey map for the area, shall be provided to identify the lands in question
- A site layout map
- Dimension drawings
- A photo / sketch of your proposal

The applicant is advised that notwithstanding the completion of the above application form, that the planning authority may require the applicant to submit further information with regard to the request in order to enable the authority to issue the declaration on the question.

The applicant is also advised that the Authority may also request other persons, other than the applicant to submit information on the question which has arisen and on which the declaration is sought.

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Fee of €80.00 Paid. [Yes] / [No]

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Decision:

E.O. No and date:

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#### ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

#### NOT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH APPLICATION

**Please note:**

- The applicant's address **must** be submitted on this page.
- If the applicant/agent wishes to submit additional contact information, this may be included here.
- This page will not be published as part of the planning file.

**8. Applicant:**

<i>Address (Required)</i>	
<i>Telephone No.(optional)</i>	
<i>Email Address (if any)</i>	
<i>Fax No.(if any)</i>	

**9. Person/Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):**

<i>Name and Address</i>	
<i>Telephone No.(optional)</i>	
<i>Email Address (if any)</i>	
<i>Fax No. (if any)</i>	

**Should all correspondence be sent to the Agent's address? (please tick appropriate box)**

(Please note that if the answer is 'No', all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant's address)

Yes    ☐                      No    ☒

**10. Person responsible for preparation of any Drawings and Plans accompanying the application:**

<i>Name and Address</i>	Brendan Murphy, Better Energy Management (BEM) Ltd.,  Unit 4, Enterprise Centre, Church Street  Banagher, County Offaly R42 VP70  Also additional site drawings: Enda McKiernan
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<i>Email Address (if any)</i>	bmurphy@bem-ltd.com
<i>Fax No. (if any)</i>	

**11. Owner (required where applicant is not the owner):**

<i>Name of Owner (Required)</i>	_____
<i>Address (required)</i>	_____ _____ _____
<i>Telephone No.(optional)</i>	
<i>Email Address (if any)</i>	