



Comhairle Chontae Liatroma  
Leitrim County Council

**Declaration regarding Development/Exempted Development  
(Section 5 of Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended)**

**Leitrim County Council Reference Number: ED- 26-35**

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether the proposed works comprising of **the development of land for use as a sports ground (rugby pitch) which is qualified as involving the grading of the area by infilling with the importation of approximately 16,600m<sup>3</sup> of suitable subsoil with the existing topsoil is to be stripped, stockpiled and reinstated on the finished graded ground** on lands within and adjoining Carrick-on-Shannon Rugby Club at Keenaghan, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim is or is not development and whether it is or is not exempted development;

**AND WHEREAS** the said question was referred to Leitrim County Council by representatives of Carrick-on-Shannon Rugby Club on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 and revised by unsolicited further information submitted to Leitrim County Council on 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2026;

**AND WHEREAS** Leitrim County Council, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to –

- (a) Sections 2(1), 3(1) and 4(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) Articles 6(1) and 9(1) 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, and
- (d) the documentation submitted as part of the referral;

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

the development of land for use as a sports ground (rugby pitch) which is qualified as involving the grading of the area by infilling with the importation of approximately 16,600m<sup>3</sup> of suitable subsoil with the existing topsoil is to be stripped, stockpiled and reinstated on the finished graded ground on lands within and adjoining Carrick-on-Shannon Rugby Club at Keenaghan, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim constitutes development which is exempted development with the provisions of Class 33 of Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, applying in this instance,

**NOW THEREFORE** Leitrim County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5(2)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, hereby declares that:

The proposed works comprising of land for use as a sports ground (rugby pitch) which is qualified as involving the grading of the area by infilling with the importation of approximately 16,600m<sup>3</sup> of suitable subsoil with the existing topsoil is to be stripped, stockpiled and reinstated on the finished graded ground on lands within and adjoining Carrick-on-Shannon Rugby Club at Keenaghan, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim is development that **is exempted** development.

Signed:

  
**Senior Staff Officer  
Planning Department**

Dated this **3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**

**Advice Note****Section 5 – Carrick-on-Shannon Rugby Club, Keenaghan, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim**

The question considered by the Planning Authority related to the revised extent of development as outlined in unsolicited further information furnished to the Planning Authority on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026. You are advised that part of the existing training pitch includes a zone of notification associated with recorded monument, ref. LE 031-011- - - Ringfort (Rath). No works, exempted development or otherwise, can take place within this area without the prior written consent of the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. This is governed under the National Monuments Act 1994 (as amended) Section 12 whereby such works are notifiable to the Minister and must give 2 months prior notice of such intention. You are advised therefore to exercise caution with regard to any works which you might propose to undertake within this area.