

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL

DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, AS AMENDED

REFERENCE: DEC 22/8

NAME OF APPLICANT: PORTARLINGTON CCTV COMMITTEE

ADDRESS: C/O PAUL MITCHELL
RUARI WHELAN CONSULTANT ENGINEER,
CANAL ROAD,
PORTARLINGTON,
CO. LAOIS

NATURE OF APPLICATION: Request for Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended as to whether or not the installation of 3 no. community CCTV cameras, recording equipment and mounting brackets as required at 2 no. locations (3 camera's) within the Portarlington town and surrounding area is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT: AT 19 NO. LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF PORTARLINGTON AND SURROUNDING AREA. NOTE THIS DECLARATION ONLY RELATES TO TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE OFFALY SIDE OF PORTARLINGTON

WHEREAS a question referred to Offaly County Council on 01/04/22 as to whether the installation of 3 no. community CCTV cameras, recording equipment and mounting brackets as required at 2 no. locations (3 camera's) within the Portarlington town and surrounding area is or is not development and is or is not exempted development under the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended).

AND WHEREAS the Planning Authority, in considering this declaration request, had regard particularly to-

- (a) Sections 2, 3, 4 and 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended);
- (b) Article 6 and Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

AND WHEREAS Offaly County Council has concluded that –

- installation of 3 no. community CCTV cameras, recording equipment and mounting brackets as required at 2 no. locations (3 camera's) within the Portarlington town and surrounding area is development and is exempted development

NOW THEREFORE Offaly County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5 (2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, hereby decides that installation of 3 no. community CCTV cameras, recording equipment and mounting brackets as required at 2 no. locations (3 camera's) within the Portarlington town and surrounding area at the following eircodes R32 E102 and R32 YKD0 is development and is exempted development.

MATTERS CONSIDERED In making its decision, the Planning Authority had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.


Administrative Officer

Date 30/05/22

Note: Any person issued with a Declaration may on payment to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 2 of such fees as may be described refer a declaration for review by the board within four weeks of the issuing of the Declaration.

Planning Report - Section 5 Declaration

File Reference:	Dec 22/8
Question:	Whether the installation of 3 no. community CCTV cameras, recording equipment and mounting brackets as required at 2 no. locations (3 camera's) within the Portarlinton town and surrounding area is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.
Applicant:	Portarlinton CCTV Committee c/o Paul Mitchell
Correspondence Address:	Ruairi Whelan Consultant Engineer, Canal Road, Portarlinton, Co. Laois
Location:	At 19 no. locations throughout the town of Portarlinton and surrounding area. <u>Note this Declaration only relates to two different locations located within the Offaly County Council administrative area of Portarlinton</u>

SECOND REPORT ON FILE

1. Introduction

While the wording of the written response to Question 5 on the submitted Section 5 application form is slightly in the wrong order, it is the opinion of the Planning Authority that the Applicant is seeking confirmation of the following:

- Whether the installation of 3 no. community CCTV cameras, recording equipment and mounting brackets as required at 2 no. locations (3 camera's) within the Portarlinton town and surrounding area is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

1. Review of Further Information

Further information was sought by the Planning Authority on 26th April 2022 and subsequently received by the Planning Authority on 16th May 2022. This report should be read in conjunction with the previous planner's report dated 26th April 2022. The following Further Information was sought and the response is as follows:

1. For each of the proposed camera locations, the Applicant is required to provide the following:
 - (a) Confirmation of the Eircode for each site.
 - (b) Updated dated letter of consent from landowners where camera's number 20, 21 & 23 will be located
 - (c) No details on housing apparatus for the 'DVR Storage' has been provided with the application. The Applicant is required to submit appropriate details including dimensions of same housing apparatus.

- (d) Indicate the actual position the camera on the front elevation of the same owners property
- (e) Confirm how the camera's will be attached to the buildings in question.

Applicants Response: The Applicant has submitted the following information;

- (a) Confirmation of the Eircode for each site
- (b) Updated letter of consent from the landowners where camera's number 20, 21 & 23 will be located
- (c) The storage of data will be transmitted wirelessly from the cameras. Therefore, there is no housing apparatus relevant to the camera locations
- (d) It is proposed to mount the camera's a minimum of 2.4m from ground level (at a height out of reach of the general public)
- (e) The camera's will be attached via a mounting bracket specific to site constraints. The applicant has noted the camera's will not be mounted on a pole.

Planners Appraisal: The further information received in relation to item 1 was assessed by the Planning Authority and are satisfied with the response

- 2. It is noted the Camera's number 20 & 21 are located on the front elevation of the same building. The Applicant is requested to clarify the need for 2 number cameras on the same building.

Applicants Response: The Applicant has stated following consultation with An Garda Siochana, it was decided given the number of roads converging at this location that two camera's will be appropriate.

Planners Appraisal: The further information received in relation to item 2 was assessed by the Planning Authority and are satisfied with the response.

- 3. The Applicant is required to provide details of how the following will be carried out safely in locations which are adjacent to public roads:

- (a) Installation;
- (b) Cleaning;
- (c) Maintenance; and,
- (d) Adjustment of the cameras.

Applicants Response: The Applicant has stated it is proposed to use a professional company specialising in the installation, cleaning, maintenance; and adjustment of the cameras who will engage with relevant authorities and submit safety statement, method statements, etc., as required.

Planners Appraisal: The further information received in relation to item 3 was assessed by the Planning Authority and are satisfied with the response.

- 4. The Applicant is required to provide written reassurance that those responsible for carrying out the procedures referred to in Item (3) above will have the appropriate public liability insurance cover; traffic management training; and, working at heights training.

Applicants Response: The Applicant has submitted a letter confirming that 'those responsible for carrying out the installation, cleaning, maintenance; and adjustment of the cameras will have the appropriate public liability insurance cover, traffic management training and working at height training.'

Planners Appraisal: The further information received in relation to item 4 was assessed by the Planning Authority and are satisfied with the response.

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT:

A screening exercise for an appropriate assessment has been carried out and it is concluded that the development is unlikely to have significant effects on any European sites. Please see attached report under Appendix A.

CONCLUSION:

Having assessed the Further Information received and the previous planning report on file, it is considered the proposed installation of 3 no. community CCTV cameras, recording equipment and mounting brackets as required at 2 no. locations (3 camera's) within the Portarlinton town and surrounding area is development and is exempted development.

Declaration on Development and Exempted Development

Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the installation of 3 no. community CCTV cameras, recording equipment and mounting brackets as required at 2 no. locations (3 camera's) within the Portarlinton town and surrounding area at the following eircodes R32 E102 & R32 YKD0 is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

AND WHEREAS Portarlinton CCTV Committee c/o Paul Mitchell requested a declaration on the said question from Offaly County Council;

AND WHEREAS Offaly County Council as the Planning Authority, in considering this declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), had regard to;

- Sections 2, 3, 4 and 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended);
- Article 6 and Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

AND WHEREAS Offaly County Council has concluded that –

- installation of 3 no. community CCTV cameras, recording equipment and mounting brackets as required at 2 no. locations (3 camera's) within the Portarlinton town and surrounding area is development and is exempted development

NOW THEREFORE Offaly 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:

- Installation of 3 no. community CCTV cameras, recording equipment and mounting brackets as required at 2 no. locations (3 camera's) within the Portarlinton town and surrounding area at the following eircodes R32 E102 & R32 YKD0 is **development and is exempted development.**

Please note that any person issued with a declaration under section 5 (2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) may on payment to the Board of the prescribed fee, refer a declaration to An Bord Pleanála within 4 weeks of the issuing of the decision.

Michael Duffy

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Assistant Planner

26th May 2022

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Acting Senior Executive Planner

30th May 2022

APPENDIX A

ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Screening is used to determine if an AA is necessary by examining:

- If the plan / project is directly connected with / necessary to the management of the European site.
- If the effects will be significant on a European site in view of its conservation objectives, either alone / in combination with other plans / projects.

Planning Authority: Offaly County Council

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(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND LOCAL SITE:

Proposed development:	Whether the installation of 3 no. community CCTV cameras and recording equipment and mounting brackets as required at 2 no. locations (3 camera's) within the Portarlington town and surrounding area is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.		
Site location:	PORTARLINGTON, CO. OFFALY		
Site size:	N/A	Floor Area of Proposed Development:	N/A
Identification of nearby European Site(s):	Barrow and river Nore SAC		
Distance to European Site(s):	0.34KM		
The characteristics of existing, proposed or other approved plans / projects which may cause interactive / cumulative impacts with the project being assessed and which may affect the European site:	None		
Is the application accompanied by an EIAR?	No		

(B) IDENTIFICATION OF THE RELEVANT EUROPEAN SITE(S):

The reasons for the designation of the European site:	<p>The site is a SAC selected for alluvial wet woodlands and petrifying springs, priority habitats on Annex I of the E.U. Habitats Directive. The site is also selected as a candidate SAC for old oak woodlands, floating river vegetation, estuary, tidal mudflats, <i>Salicornia</i> mudflats, Atlantic salt meadows, Mediterranean salt meadows, dry heath and eutrophic tall herbs, all habitats listed on Annex I of the E.U. Habitats Directive. The site is also selected for the following species listed on Annex II of the same directive - Sea Lamprey, River Lamprey, Brook Lamprey, Freshwater Pearl Mussel, Nore Freshwater Pearl Mussel, Crayfish, Twaite Shad, Atlantic Salmon, Otter, Desmoulin's</p>
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Whorl Snail *Vertigo moulinsiana* and the Killarney Fern.

The conservation objectives / qualifying interests of the site and the factors that contributes to the conservation value of the site: (which are taken from the *European* site synopses and, if applicable, a Conservation Management Plan; all available on www.npws.ie) **(ATTACH INFO.)**

1016 Desmoulin's whorl snail *Vertigo moulinsiana*
 1029 Freshwater pearl mussel *Margaritifera margaritifera*
 1092 White-clawed crayfish *Austropotamobius pallipes*
 1095 Sea lamprey *Petromyzon marinus*
 1096 Brook lamprey *Lampetra planeri*
 1099 River lamprey *Lampetra fluviatilis*
 1103 Twaite shad *Alosa fallax*
 1106 Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) (only in fresh water) 1130 Estuaries
 1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide
 1310 Salicornia and other annuals colonizing mud and sand
 1330 Atlantic salt meadows (*Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae*)
 1355 Otter *Lutra lutra* 1410 Mediterranean salt meadows (*Juncetalia maritimi*)
 1421 Killarney fern *Trichomanes speciosum*
 1990 Nore freshwater pearl mussel *Margaritifera durrovensis*
 3260 Water courses of plain to montane levels with the *Ranunculion fluitantis* and *Callitriche-Batrachion* vegetation
 4030 European dry heaths
 6430 Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels
 7220 * Petrifying springs with tufa formation (*Cratoneurion*)
 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with *Ilex* and *Blechnum* in the British Isles
 91E0 * Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior* (*Alno-Padion*, *Alnion incanae*, *Salicion albae*)
https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/conservation_objectives/CO002162.pdf

(C) NPWS ADVICE:

Advice received from NPWS over phone:	None received.
Summary of advice received from NPWS in written form (ATTACH SAME):	None received.

(D) ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS:

*(The purpose of this is to identify if the effect(s) identified could be significant – if **uncertain** assume the effect(s) are significant).*

Given the location the limited nature and size of the development applied for and the characteristics of *European* sites in the vicinity it is considered that 100 metres should be used as a potential zone of impact of the project in accordance with section 3.2.3 of the appropriate assessment guidelines. There are no *European* sites within 100 metres of the development applied for and therefore no significant effects on any *European* sites either alone or in combination with other plans and projects.

Would there be... ... any impact on an Annex 1 habitat? (Annex 1 habitats are listed in Appendix 1 of AA Guidance).	Not likely due to the location and type of development. The site is sufficient distance from the European site.
... a reduction in habitat area on a <i>European</i> site?	There will be no reduction in the habitat area.

... direct / indirect damage to the physical quality of the environment (e.g. water quality and supply, soil compaction) in the <i>European</i> site?	Not likely due to the location and type of development. The site is sufficient distance from the European site.
... serious / ongoing disturbance to species / habitats for which the <i>European</i> site is selected (e.g. because of increased noise, illumination and human activity)?	Not likely due to the location and type of development. The site is sufficient distance from the European site.
... direct / indirect damage to the size, characteristics or reproductive ability of populations on the <i>European</i> site?	Not likely to have an adverse impact due to its location, scale and characteristics.
Would the project interfere with mitigation measures put in place for other plans / projects. [Look at <i>in-combination effects</i> with completed, approved but not completed, and proposed plans / projects. Look at projects / plans within and adjacent to <i>European</i> sites and identify them]. Simply stating that there are no cumulative impacts' is insufficient.	No other plans known of in the vicinity of the site. The site is sufficient distance from the European site.

(E) SCREENING CONCLUSION:

Screening can result in:

1	<i>AA is not required because the project is directly connected with / necessary to the nature conservation management of the site.</i>
2	<i>No potential for significant effects / AA is not required.</i>
3	<i>Significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain. (In this situation seek a Natura Impact Statement from the applicant, or reject the project. Reject if too potentially damaging / inappropriate.</i>
	<i>Conclusion:2</i>
	Justify why it falls into relevant category above: <i>Given the location and the nature and size of the development applied for and the characteristics of European sites in the vicinity and the appropriate assessment guidelines it is considered that the development will be unlikely to have significant effects on any European sites.</i>

Signed:	Michael Duffy	Date:	26 th May 2022
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