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**Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan  
C/o Fergal Lynch  
Newline Road  
Quin  
Co. Clare  
V95 P659**

**16th April 2025**

**Section 5 referral Reference R25-19 – Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan**

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A Chara,

I refer to your application received on 20th March 2025 under Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) in relation to the above.

The Planning Authority has considered the matter and I attach herewith the Council's findings in this matter.

Where a declaration is issued by the Planning Authority, any person issued with a declaration, may on payment to an Bord Pleanála of the required fee, refer a declaration for review by An Bord Pleanála within 4 weeks of the date of the issuing of the declaration. Details on making such appeal are available on the Board's website at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

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**Anne O'Gorman  
Staff Officer  
Planning Department  
Economic Development Directorate**

**An Roinn Pleanála  
An Stiúirthóireacht Forbairt Gheilleagrach**

Áras Contae an Chláir, Bóthar Nua, Inis, Co. an Chláir, V95 DXP2

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**DECLARATION ISSUED UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)**

Reference No.: R25-19



**Comhairle Contae an Chláir  
Clare County Council**

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**AND WHEREAS Clare County Council, in considering this referral, had regard in particular to –**

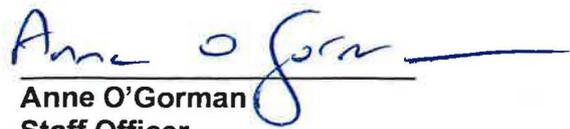
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**And whereas Clare County Council has concluded:**

- (a) The replacement of a section of natural grass playing pitch with an unlit artificial grass playing pitch constitutes “works” which come within the scope of section 2 (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended;
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- (c) The said replacement of a section of natural grass playing pitch with an unlit artificial grass playing pitch is exempted development having regard to Class 33 of Schedule 2, Part 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

**THEREFORE:** The Planning Authority in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), hereby decides that:

The proposed development consisting of the replacement of a section of natural grass playing pitch with an unlit artificial grass playing pitch at Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan, Newline Road, Quin, Co. Clare **constitutes development** which is **exempted development** as defined in the Planning & Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) and associated regulations.

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**Anne O'Gorman**  
**Staff Officer**  
**Planning Department**  
**Economic Development Directorate**

**16th April 2025**

**CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**SECTION 5 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED**

**DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND/OR EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**

Chief Executive's Order No:

85288

Reference Number:

R25-19

Date Referral Received:

20th March 2025

Name of Applicant:

Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan

Location of works in question:

Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan, Newline Road, Quin, Co. Clare, V95 P659

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**ORDER:** Whereas by Chief Executive's Order No. HR 46 dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, Carmel Kirby, Interim Chief Executive for Clare County Council, did, pursuant to the powers conferred on her by Section 154 of the Local Government Act 2001, delegate to Garreth Ruane, Senior Executive Planner, the powers, functions and duties as set out herein,

**NOW THEREFORE** pursuant to the delegation of the said powers, functions and duties and under Section 5(2)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the various submissions and reports in connection with the referral described above, I, Garreth Ruane, Senior Executive Planner, hereby declare that the replacement of a section of natural grass playing pitch with an unlit artificial grass playing pitch at Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan, Newline Road, Quin, Co. Clare is considered development which is exempted development.

Signed:

  
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GARRETH RUANE  
SENIOR EXECUTIVE PLANNER 

Date:

16th April 2025

**CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**SECTION 5 DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION APPLICATION**  
**PLANNERS REPORT**

<b>FILE REF:</b>	R25-19
<b>APPLICANT(S):</b>	Fergal Lynch
<b>REFERENCE:</b>	Whether the replacement of a section of natural grass playing pitch with an unlit artificial grass playing pitch is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan, Newline Road, Quin, Co Clare V95P659
<b>DUE DATE:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Site Location**

The proposal site is located in the village of Quin on lands zoned Community. The proposed development is within the grounds of the Quin National School. The site comprises the main school buildings with associated parking and yard areas which are location close to the public road. To the rear of the school there is a large grassed playing pitch to which this referral relates. There is also an existing astro-turf pitch to the rear of the school.

**Recent Planning History**

- P03/1965 – GRANTED - to construct a drop-off point and associated site works
- P07/1277 – GRANTED - for development which will consist of a new temporary stand alone prefabricated class
- P08/1124- GRANTED - for development which will consist of a new temporary stand alone prefabricated class.
- P09/454 – GRANTED - for development which will consist of a new changing room building with storage area, adjacent to existing playing pitch
- P09/644 – GRANTED - for development which will consist of a new temporary standalone prefabricated class
- P10/459 – GRANTED - for development which will consist of a new general purpose/classroom building including ancillary areas
- P10/612 – GRANTED - for development which will consist of alterations and extensions to existing general purpose area, to allow for use as classrooms, including ancillary areas
- P12/676 – GRANTED - to construct a permanent building along with all necessary sewerage, water and ancillary works on the grounds of the existing national school. The building will cater for the existing playschool which currently operates from a prefabricated building on the grounds of the national school
- P13/369 – GRANTED - PERMISSION for the construction of a new stand-alone two-storey building to consist of 8 No. classrooms and ancillary spaces including all associated site works

P15/274 – GRANTED - for development which will consist of the construction of an extension to the recently constructed stand-alone extension ( Planning reference No. P13-369) to consist of a General Purpose Hall, toilets, servery and storage including all associated site works.

P22/379 – GRANTED – for 1)an astro turf pitch, including associated fencing and netting 2) PERMISSION for development which will consist of a new astro turf pitch including associated fencing, netting and ancillary site works

P23-60475 – GRANTED - for construction of a single storey extension to the rear of existing school comprising classroom accommodation, sensory garden and play area, revised parking, landscaping, drainage, revised astro surfacing, hurling wall and related works to existing school.

### Background to Referral

This referral under Section 5(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) has been made by the Fergal Lynch, school principal.

The applicant is seeking a Section 5 Declaration as to whether the replacement of a section of natural grass playing pitch with an unlit artificial grass playing pitch is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

The applicant has stated that the full extent of the grass area to the rear of the school would be replaced with artificial grass. The playing area will be unlit. There is no indication that fencing, or any other built structures will be provided as part of the proposal.

### Statutory Provisions

#### Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)

In order to assess this proposal, regard has to be had to the *Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended*.

S.3.(1) In this Act, “development” means, except where the context otherwise requires, **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.

‘Works’ are defined in Section 2 of the *Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended* as follows:

“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.

#### Planning & Development Regulations, 2001, as amended

Article 6 refers to Exempted Development and states that 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.

Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 33

Development consisting of the laying out and use of land— (

a) as a park, private open space or ornamental garden,

(b) as a roadside shrine, or

(c) for athletics or sports (other than golf or pitch and putt or sports involving the use of motor vehicles, aircraft or firearms), where no charge is made for admission of the public to the land.

Under Article 9 (1) of the same Regulations, development to which Article 6 relates shall not be exempted development for the purposes of the Act:

(a) if the carrying out of such development would –

(i) contravene a condition attached to a permission under the Act or be inconsistent with any use specified in a permission under the Act

(ii) consist of or compromise the formation, laying out or material widening of a means of access to a public road the surfaced carriageway of which exceeds 4 metres in width,

(iii) endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users,

(iiia) endanger public safety by reason of hazardous glint and/or glare for the operation of airports, aerodromes or aircraft,

(iv) except in the case of a porch to which class 7 specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 applies and which 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, comprise the construction, erection, extension or renewal of a building on any street so as to bring forward the building, or any part of the building, beyond the front wall of the building on either side thereof or beyond a line determined as the building line in a development plan for the area or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan,

(v) consist of or comprise the carrying out under a public road of works other than a connection to a wired broadcast relay service, sewer, water main, gas main or electricity supply line or cable, or any works to which class 25, 26 or 31 (a) specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 applies,

(vii) interfere with the character of a landscape, or a view or prospect of special amenity value or special interest, the preservation of which is an objective of a development plan for the area in which the development is proposed or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan.

(vii) consist of or comprise the excavation, alteration or demolition (other than peat extraction) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological, geological, historical, scientific or ecological interest, the preservation, conservation or protection of which is an objective of a development plan or local area plan for the area in which the development is proposed or, pending the variation of a development plan or local area plan, or the making of a new development plan or local area plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the local area plan or the draft development plan or draft local area plan,

(viiA) consist of or comprise the excavation, alteration or demolition of any archaeological monument included in the Record of Monuments and Places, pursuant to section 12(1) of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994, save that this provision shall not apply to any excavation or any works, pursuant to and in accordance

*with a consent granted under section 14 or a licence granted under section 26 of the National Monuments Act 1930 (No. 2 of 1930) as amended,*

*(viiB) comprise development in relation to which a planning authority or An Bord Pleanála is the competent authority in relation to appropriate assessment and the development would require an appropriate assessment because it would be likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of a European site,*

*(viiC) consist of or comprise development which would be likely to have an adverse impact on an area designated as a natural heritage area by order made under section 18 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000.”*

*(viii) consist of or comprise the extension, alteration, repair or renewal of an unauthorised structure or a structure the use of which is an unauthorised use,*

*(ix) consist of the demolition or such alteration of a building or other structure as would preclude or restrict the continuance of an existing use of a building or other structure where it is an objective of the planning authority to ensure that the building or other structure would remain available for such use and such objective has been specified in a development plan for the area or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan,*

*(x) consist of the fencing or enclosure of any land habitually open to or used by the public during the 10 years preceding such fencing or enclosure for recreational purposes or as a means of access to any seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility,*

*(xi) obstruct any public right of way,*

*(xii) further to the provisions of section 82 of the Act, consist of or comprise the carrying out of works to the exterior of a structure, where the structure concerned is located within an architectural conservation area or an area specified as an architectural conservation area in a development plan for the area or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan and the development would materially affect the character of the area.*

## Assessment

### Basis of Referral

The applicant is seeking a Section 5 Declaration as to whether the replacement of a section of natural grass playing pitch with an unlit artificial grass playing pitch at Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan, Newline Road, Quin, Co. Clare is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

Having regard to Section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2001 (as amended), I consider that the proposed development, come within the scope of “works” and hence constitutes development in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2001 (as amended).

The proposed development is assessed in the context of Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 33 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Development consisting of the laying out and use of land—

(c) for athletics or sports (other than golf or pitch and putt or sports involving the use of motor vehicles, aircraft or firearms), where no charge is made for admission of the public to the land.

The applicant intends to replace an existing natural grass playing area with an artificial grass pitch. I consider this to constitute *the laying out of land for athletics or sports* and the proposal does not exceed the limitations of Class 33.

Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended outlines restrictions on exempted development, and these are assessed below:

- (i) *contravene a condition attached to a permission under the Act or be inconsistent with any use specified in a permission under the Act*

The proposal does not contravene a condition of any previous permission.

- (ii) *consist of or compromise the formation, laying out or material widening of a means of access to a public road the surfaced carriageway of which exceeds 4 metres in width,*

Not applicable – the site is located within existing school grounds and no alterations to parking or access are proposed.

- (iii) *endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users,*

Not applicable – the site is located within existing school grounds and no alterations to parking or access are proposed.

- (iv) *interfere with the character of a landscape, or a view or prospect of special amenity value or special interest, the preservation of which is an objective of a development plan for the area in which the development is proposed or, pending the variation of a development plan or the making of a new development plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the draft development plan.*

The site is located on zoned land within a settlement and will largely be screened from view by the existing structures on the site. The development will not have a negative impact on the visual amenities of the area.

- (v) *consist of or comprise the carrying out under a public road of works other than a connection to a wired broadcast relay service, sewer, water main, gas main or electricity supply line or cable, or any works to which class 25, 26 or 31 (a) specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 applies,*

Not applicable in this instance.

- (vi) *consist of or comprise the excavation, alteration or demolition (other than peat extraction) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological, geological, historical, scientific or ecological interest, the preservation, conservation or protection of which is an objective of a development plan or local area plan for the area in which the development is proposed or, pending the variation of a development plan or local area plan, or the making of a new development plan or local area plan, in the draft variation of the development plan or the local area plan or the draft development plan or draft local area plan,*

Not applicable in this instance

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This is not applicable in this instance.

- b. *comprise development in relation to which a planning authority or An Bord Pleanála is the competent authority in relation to appropriate assessment and the development would require an appropriate assessment because it would be likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of a European site,*

Having regard to the nature, scale and location of the proposed development and the established use of the site, no Appropriate Assessment issues arise and I do not consider that the proposed development would be likely to have a significant effect individually or in combination with other plans or projects, on a European Site. An appropriate assessment screening report and determination is attached to this report.

- c. *consist of or comprise development which would be likely to have an adverse impact on an area designated as a natural heritage area by order made under section 18 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000."*

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- (x) *consist of the fencing or enclosure of any land habitually open to or used by the public during the 10 years preceding such fencing or enclosure for recreational purposes or as a means of access to any seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility,*

This is not applicable in this instance.

- (xi) *obstruct any public right of way,*

This is not applicable in this instance.

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## Recommendation

### The following questions have been referred to the Planning Authority:

Whether the replacement of a section of natural grass playing pitch with an unlit artificial grass playing pitch at Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan, Newline Road, Quin, Co. Clare is or is not development and is or is not exempted development

### The Planning Authority in considering this referral had regard to:

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Now therefore Clare County Council (Planning Authority), hereby decides that:

- The replacement of a section of natural grass playing pitch with an unlit artificial grass playing pitch at Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan, Newline Road, Quin, Co. Clare is development and is exempted development.



Executive Planner

Date: 15/04/2025



Senior Executive Planner

Date: 16/04/25

## Appropriate Assessment & Determination

### STEP 1. Description of the project/proposal and local site characteristics:

<b>(a) File Reference No:</b>	R25-19
<b>(b) Brief description of the project or plan:</b>	<p>Whether the replacement of a section of natural grass playing pitch with an unlit artificial grass playing pitch is or is not development and is or is not exempted development</p> <p>At Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan New Line Road, Quin.</p>
<b>(c) Brief description of site characteristics:</b>	<p>Large grass playing rear within the existing school grounds.</p> <p>Level throughout</p>
<b>(d) Relevant prescribed bodies consulted: e.g. DHLGH (NPWS), EPA, OPW</b>	N/A
<b>(e) Response to consultation:</b>	N/A

### STEP 2. Identification of relevant Natura 2000 sites using Source-Pathway-Receptor model and compilation of information on Qualifying Interests and conservation objectives.

European Site (code)	List of Qualifying Interest/Special Conservation Interest <sup>1</sup>	Distance from proposed development <sup>2</sup> (km)	Connections (Source- Pathway- Receptor)	Considered further in screening Y/N
Poulnagordon Cave (Quin) SAC	<p><u>Annex I habitats:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caves not open to the public [8310]</li> </ul> <p><u>Annex II species</u></p> <p>Lesser Horseshoe Bat <i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i> [1303]</p>	0.22km	Site is in close proximity to the SAC and within the identified foraging areas associated with the Annex II bat species	Yes

<sup>1</sup> Short paraphrasing and/or cross reference to NPWS is acceptable – it is not necessary to reproduce the full text on the QI/SCI.

<sup>2</sup> If the site or part thereof is within the European site or adjacent to the European site, state here.

### STEP 3. Assessment of Likely Significant Effects

(a) Identify all potential direct and indirect impacts that may have an effect on the conservation objectives of a European site, taking into account the size and scale of the project under the following headings:

Impacts:	Possible Significance of Impacts: (duration/magnitude etc.)
<p>Construction phase e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation clearance</li> <li>• Demolition</li> <li>• Surface water runoff from soil excavation/infill/landscaping (including borrow pits)</li> <li>• Dust, noise, vibration</li> <li>• Lighting disturbance</li> <li>• Impact on groundwater/dewatering</li> <li>• Storage of excavated/construction materials</li> <li>• Access to site</li> <li>• Pests</li> </ul>	<p>Existing grassed surface will be replaced with artificial grass. Associated vegetation clearance and groundworks will be required.</p> <p>All works will take place within an open grassed area which is not optimum foraging or commuting space for Lesser horseshoe bat species.</p> <p>Some construction phase noise and vibration may occur. Any such impact will be of short duration.</p> <p>No clearance of vegetation from the site peripheries required as part of the proposed development.</p>
<p>Operational phase e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct emission to air and water</li> <li>• Surface water runoff containing contaminant or sediment</li> <li>• Lighting disturbance</li> <li>• Noise/vibration</li> <li>• Changes to water/groundwater due to drainage or abstraction</li> <li>• Presence of people, vehicles and activities</li> <li>• Physical presence of structures (e.g. collision risks)</li> <li>• Potential for accidents or incidents</li> </ul>	<p>No additional lighting or fencing proposed.</p> <p>No change in use of the development lands will occur.</p> <p>No operational phase impacts are likely.</p>
In-combination/Other	No likely in-combination effects

(b) Describe any likely changes to the European site:

<p>Examples of the type of changes to give consideration to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction or fragmentation of habitat area</li> <li>• Disturbance to QI species</li> <li>• Habitat or species fragmentation</li> <li>• Reduction or fragmentation in species density</li> <li>• Changes in key indicators of conservation status value (water or air quality etc.)</li> <li>• Changes to areas of sensitivity or threats to QI</li> <li>• Interference with the key relationships that define the structure or ecological function of the site</li> </ul>	No likely changes to the European site as a result of the proposed development.
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(c) Are '*mitigation*' measures necessary to reach a conclusion that likely significant effects can be ruled out at screening?

Yes  No

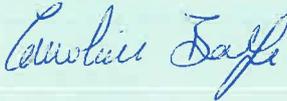
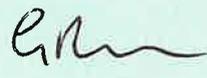
## Step 4. Screening Determination Statement

**The assessment of significance of effects:**

Describe how the proposed development (alone or in-combination) is/is **not likely** to have **significant** effects on European site(s) in view of its conservation objectives.

No likely direct or indirect impacts on European sites as a result of the proposed development.

**Conclusion:**

	Tick as Appropriate:	Recommendation:
(i) It is clear that there is <b>no likelihood</b> of significant effects on a European site.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposal can be screened out: Appropriate assessment not required.
(ii) It is <b>uncertain</b> whether the proposal will have a significant effect on a European site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Request further information to complete screening <input type="checkbox"/> Request NIS <input type="checkbox"/> Refuse planning permission
(iii) <b>Significant effects</b> are likely.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Request NIS <input type="checkbox"/> Refuse planning permission
<b>Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:</b>	 15/04/2025	
<b>Signature and Date of the Decision Maker:</b>	 16/04/25.	



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**REQUEST FOR A DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT  
(Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended))**

**FEE: €80**

*This following form is a non-statutory form which has been prepared by Clare County Council for the purpose of obtaining the necessary information required for a declaration to be made under Section 5 by the Planning Authority*

<b>1. CORRESPONDENCE DETAILS.</b>	
(a) Name and Address of person seeking the declaration	Fergal Lynch Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan Newline Road Quin Co Clare, V95 P659
(b) Telephone No.:	Type text here
(c) Email Address:	
(d) Agent's Name and address:	_____ _____ _____ _____

**2. DETAILS REGARDING DECLARATION BEING SOUGHT**

(a) PLEASE STATE THE SPECIFIC QUESTION FOR WHICH A DECLARATION IS SOUGHT  
*Note: only works listed and described under this section will be assessed.*

Sample Question: *Is the construction of a shed at 1 Main St., Ennis development and if so is it exempted development?*

Is the replacement of a section of natural grass playing pitch in the grounds of Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan. With an unlit artificial grass playing pitch allowed and if so is it exempted development.

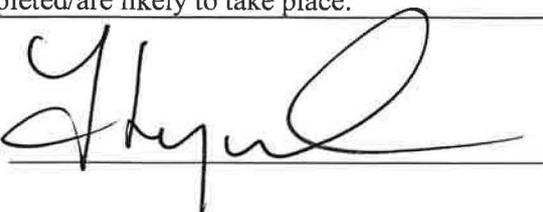
(b) Provide a full description of the question/matter/subject which arises wherein a declaration of the question is sought.

The grass surface is proposed to be replaced with artificial grass. The full area would be replaced. The area would be unlit.

(c) List of plans, drawings etc. submitted with this request for a declaration:  
*(Note: Please provide a site location map to a scale of not less than 1:2500 based on Ordnance Survey map for the areas, to identify the lands in question)*

Area marked on the map outlines the proposed area to be replaced.

3. DETAILS RE: PROPERTY/SITE/BUILDING FOR WHICH DECLARATION IS SOUGHT	
(a) Postal Address of the Property/Site/Building for which the declaration sought:	Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan Newline Road Quin Co Clare V95 P659
(b) Do the works in question affect a Protected Structure or are within the curtilage of a Protected Structure? If yes, has a Declaration under Section 57 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) been requested or issued for the property by the Planning Authority?	No
(c) Legal interest in the land or structure in question of the person requesting the declaration (Give Details):	No
(d) If the person in (c) above is not the owner and/or occupier, state the name and address of the owner of the property in question:  <i>Note: Observations in relation to a referral may be requested from the owner/occupier where appropriate.</i>	No
(e) Is the owner aware of the current request for a Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended)?:	Yes
(f) Are you aware of any enforcement proceedings connected to this site? <i>If so please supply details:</i>	No
(g) Were there previous planning application/s on this site? <i>If so please supply details:</i>	Yes, building of ASD classrooms on school grounds.
(h) Date on which 'works' in question were completed/are likely to take place:	September 2025

SIGNED: 

DATE: 19-3-25

**GUIDANCE NOTES**

*This following are non-statutory advice notes prepared by Clare County Council for the purpose of advising people what information is required for a decision to be made under Section 5 by the Planning Authority*

- (i) The request for a declaration under Section 5 must be accompanied by 2 copies of site location map based on the Ordnance Survey map for the area of a scale not less than 1:1000 in urban areas and 1:2500 in rural areas and should clearly identify the site in question.
- (ii) The request for a declaration under Section 5 must be accompanied by the required fee of €80.00.
- (iii) If submitting any additional plans/reports etc. as part of the request for a declaration, please submit 2 copies.
- (iv) The request for a declaration should be sent to the following address:

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Economic Development Directorate,  
Clare County Council  
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- (v) Notwithstanding the completion of the above form, the Planning Authority may require the submission of further information with regard to the request in order to enable the Authority to issue a declaration on the question.
- (vi) The Planning Authority may also request other persons to submit information on the question which has arisen and on which the declaration is sought

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Date Received:	.....	Fee Paid:	.....
Date Acknowledged:	.....	Reference No.:	.....
Date Declaration made:	.....	CEO No.:	.....
Decision:	.....		

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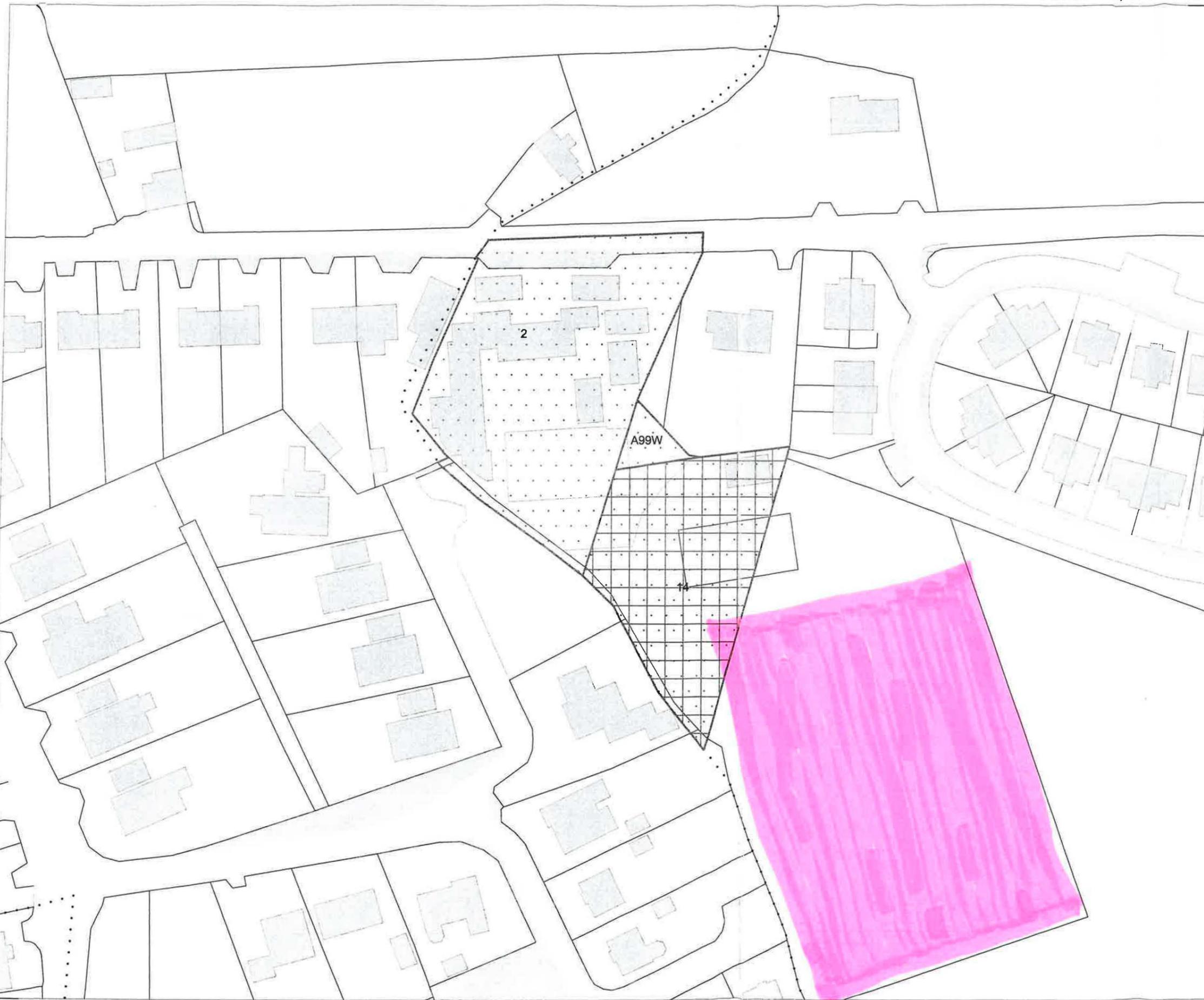
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(centre-line of parcel(s) edged)

- Freehold
- Leasehold
- SubLeasehold

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- Right of Way / Wayleave
- Turbarry
- Pipeline
- Well
- Pump
- Septic Tank
- Soak Pit

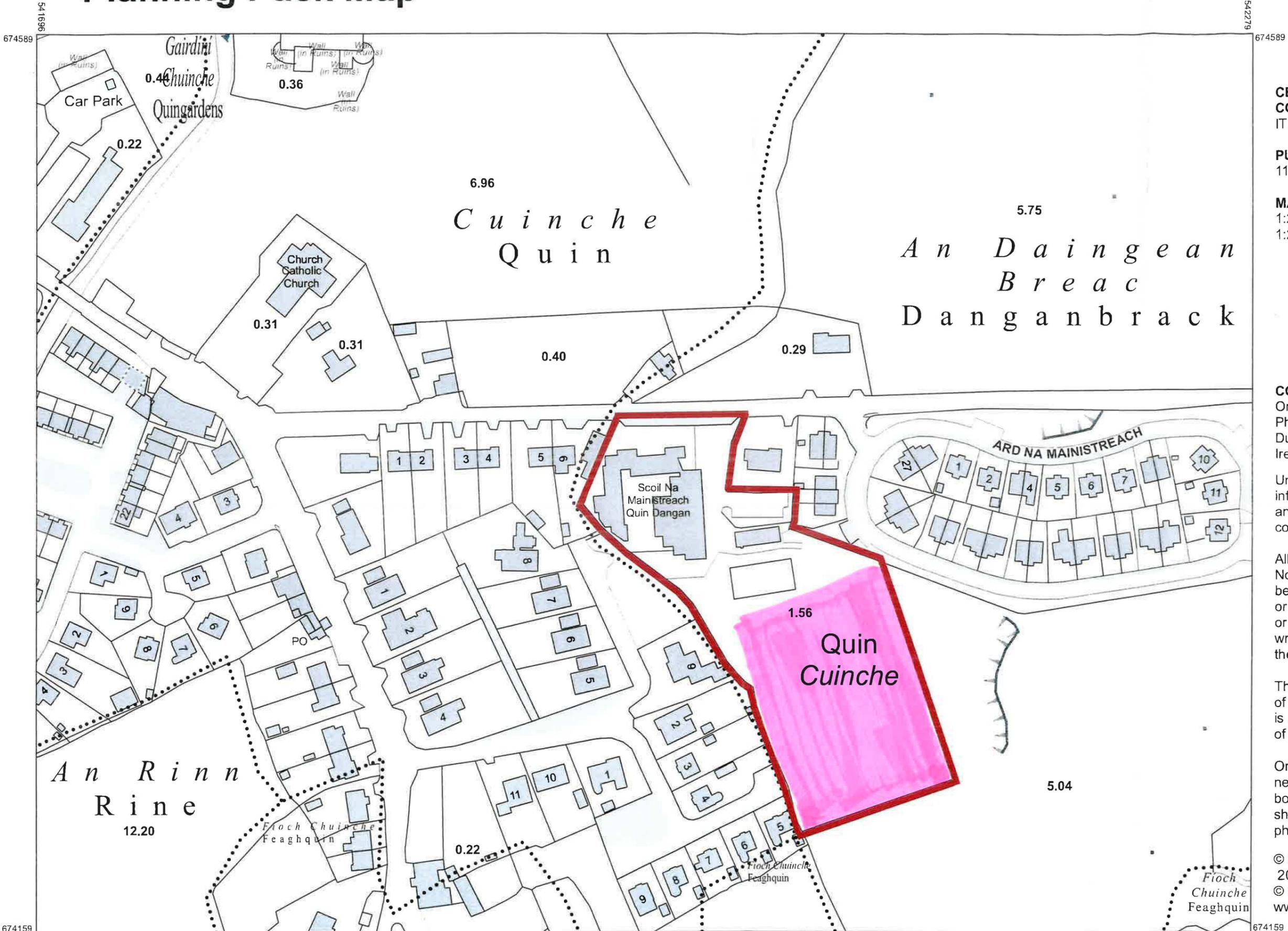


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