WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (As Amended) SECTION 5

Director of Services Order No: 1414/2022

Reference Number: EX 36/2022

Name of Applicant: National Parks & Wildlife Services C/O Noel Quinn

Nature of Application: Section 5 Referral as to whether "New Agriculture Entrance at Ballytunny, Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow" is or is not is or is not

Location of Subject Site: Ballytunny, Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow

RECOMMENDATION: Report from Edel Bermingham SEP

With respect to the query under Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as to whether "New Agriculture Entrance at Ballytunny, Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow" is or is not exempted development within the meaning of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Having regard to:

- i. The details submitted with the Section 5 Declaration Application.
- ii. Site Inspection on the 25th August 2022
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The Planning Authority considers that "New Agriculture Entrance at Ballytunny, Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow" is development but is exempted development

ORDER:

That a declaration to issue stating:

That "New Agriculture Entrance at Ballytunny, Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow" is development but is exempted development within the meaning of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended).

10anol Signed:

Dated 29 day of August 2022

Director of Services **Planning Development & Environment**



Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin Micklow County Council

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National Park & Wildlife Services

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August 2022

RE: Declaration in accordance with Section 5 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 (As Amended)

I enclose herewith Declaration in accordance with Article 5 (2) (A) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 in respect of the following:

Exemption Ref. No: EX 36/2022

Applicant: National Parks & Wildlife Services C/O Noel Quinn

Nature of Application: "New Agriculture Entrance at Ballytunny, Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow"

Location: "New Agriculture Entrance at Ballytunny, Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow"

Where a Declaration is used under this Section any person issued with a Declaration under subsection (2) (a) may, on payment to An Bord Pleanala of such fee as may be prescribed, refer a declaration for review by the Board within four weeks of the date of the issuing of the declaration by the Local Authority.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER PLANNING DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT.



Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin Wicklow County Council

Forbairt Pleanála agus Comhshaol Planning Development and Environment

DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 (2) (A) OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED

Applicant: National Parks & Wildlife Services C/O Noel Quinn

Location: Ballytunny, Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES ORDER NO. 1414/2022

A question has arisen as to whether "New Agriculture Entrance at Ballytunny, Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow" is or is not exempted development.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER PLANNING DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT

Dated August 2022

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Section 5 Application : EX 36/2022

Date : 24th August 2022

Applicant : National Parks & Wildlife Services

Address : Ballytunny, Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow

Exemption Whether or not :

New Agriculture Entrance at Ballytunny

constitutes exempted development within the meaning of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000(as amended).

Site Inspection : 24th August 2022.

Relevant Legislation

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

"structure" means any building, structure, excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in or under any land, or any part of a structure so defined, and—

(a) where the context so admits, includes the land on, in or under which the structure is situate, and

(b) in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes-

- (i) the interior of the structure,
- (ii) the land lying within the curtilage of the structure,
- (iii) any other structures lying within that curtilage and their interiors, and
- (iv) all fixtures and features which form part of the interior or exterior of

any structure or structures referred to in subparagraph (i) or (iii);

"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.

Section 3 :

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.

Section 4 :

4.---(1) The following shall be exempted developments for the purposes of this Act---

(3) A reference in this Act to exempted development shall be construed as a reference to development which is—

(a) any of the developments specified in subsection (1), or

(b) development which, having regard to any regulations under *subsection (2)*, is exempted development for the purposes of this Act.

(4A) Notwithstanding subsection (4), the Minister may make regulations prescribing development or any class of development that is—

(a) authorised, or required to be authorised by or under any statute (other than this Act) whether by means of a licence, consent, approval or otherwise, and

(b) as respects which an environmental impact assessment or an appropriate assessment is required, to be exempted development.

Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended).

Article 6

(1) 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.

Article 9(1) Note see Regulations for full Article

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—

(ii) consist of or comprise 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 a traffic hazard or obstruction of road users.

- (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.

Schedule 2 : Part 1

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CLASS 9

The construction, erection, renewal or replacement, other than within or bounding the curtilage of a house, of any gate or gateway.

The height of any such structure shall not exceed 2 metres.

Assessment :

The declaration queries whether the new agricultural entrance is or is not exempted development.

The gate is indicated to be required to access lands that the NPWS will maintain for conservation value as they form part of the SAC

The first question to be asked is whether the opening of an entrance would be development. In this regard the works would involve the removal of existing boundary and erection of gateway, and would come within the definition of works as set out in Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2000(as amended), and would therefore be development having regard to the provisions of Section 3 of the Planning and Development Act 2000(as amended).

The erection/ construction of gate/ gateway would come within the description of exempted development set out under Class 9 : Part 1 : <u>Schedule 2</u> Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended). Whilst not details of the height of the gateway is submitted given it is a farm entrance , it is reasonable to assume it would not breach the 2m limitation associated with Class 9.

This exemption would be further limited by the restriction set out under Article 9, and the main relevant restriction are assessed below.

Article 9(1)(a) Development to which article 6 relates shall not be exempted development for the purposes of the Act---

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<u>Part (ii)</u>

(ii) consist of or comprise 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,

From examination the public road is c. 3.5m in width, and therefore the new entrance would not breach this criteria.

Part (iii)

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

The entrance is located on a lightly trafficked route the L-6177-0, at a straight stretch, and would not it is considered give rise to a traffic hazard or obstruction on this local road

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The entrance is located c .250m from the edge of the Buckroney –Brittas Dunes and Fen SAC. Given the location and nature of the works, given that no no direct or indirect hydrogeological connection to the SAC is present, it is considered that the provision of an entrance would not by itself or in combination give rise to negative impacts on the conservation value of the Natura 2000 site, and therefore the need for a Stage 2 : Appropriate Assessment can be ruled out.

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The entrance works are located c. 250m from pNHA Buckroney –Brittas Dunes and Fen SAC. Given the location and nature of the works, given that no direct or indirect hydrological connection to the pNHA is present, it is considered that the provision of an entrance would not impact negatively on the pNHA.

Conclusion :

Having regard to the above assessment it is considered the entrance would be exempted development.

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Recommendation :

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New Agriculture Entrance at Ballytunny, Co. Wicklow

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~ SP 24/5/22

Report noted & agnoed Hander Alass 29/8/2022

Carol Murphy

Jm:Carol MurphySent:Thursday 16 June 2022 13:52To:'Noel Quinn'Cc:Wesley Atkinson (Housing)Subject:RE: Section 5 Application - Opening of an Agricultural Entrance onto the Public
Road

Hi Noel,

Thank you for your application. I do not see evidence of payment of the €80 fee regarding Application Fee for Section 5. If you have arranged payment please confirm same, otherwise please arrange payment. You can call and we can put you onto our revenue section who can take payment over the phone.

Kind regards,

Carol Murphy Staff Officer | Planning Department | Wicklow County Council Extension: 2176

From: Noel Quinn [mailto:quinndesignassociates@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday 16 June 2022 11:41
To: Planning - Planning and Development Secretariat
Cc: Wesley Atkinson (Housing)
Subject: Section 5 Application - Opening of an Agricultural Entrance onto the Public Road

Dear Sir /Madam,

The following attached documents relate to a Section 5 application on behalf of National Parks and Wildlife Service:

- Completed Section 5 application form
- Letter from the National Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Drawing 1218/01
- O.S. Map 1218/02
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This Section 5 application relates the opening of an agricultural entrance onto the public road at Ballytunny, Co. Wicklow. As described in the accompanying letter, the National Parks and Wildlife Service requires the new entrance to allow NPWS personnel access an area of land that they hope to purchase in the near future.

The new entrance will provide access to a proposed right-of-way shown in yellow on the attached drawing and O.S. maps. The right-of-way will not be paved and the existing field boundary hedge along the right-of-way will be retained.

Sight lines in both directions, at the point of access onto the public road, are adequate and this combined with the fact that the proposed entrance is on a low trafficked local road means that it will not pose any safety issues.

Regards, Noel Quinn MRIAI, Quinn Design Associates, ⁻¹en Cottage, ndalough, Co. Wicklow. Ph: 0404 45234 086 3112835 Email: <u>guinndesignassociates@gmail.com</u>

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An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

National Parks & Wildlife Service Regional Office, Kilafin, Laragh, Co. Wicklow. Ireland. Tel. +353 015393151 E-mail. weslev.atkinson@housing.gov.ie

Planning Department Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow.

14th June 2022

RE: Opening of an Agricultural Entrance onto the Public Road at Ballytunny Co Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to this application the Wicklow Region of the National Parks & Wildlife Service are currently negotiating the purchase of circa 8 Ha of Marsh/Fen land. This land is of high nature conservation and bio-diversity value and adjoins an existing NPWS landholding of circa 12 ha. Purchase of this land would facilitate the management of circa 20 Ha of Buckroney Marsh/Fen for Conservation/Bio-diversity. The land in question is part of the larger Brittas-Buckroney Special Area of Conservation complex (Site code 729).

In order to maintain this land in good conservation condition and increase its bio-diversity, this land will be managed through a combination of low intensity agriculture which include light summer grazing, seasonal mowing of rank vegetation and water level management. Therefore access is required periodically for agricultural vehicles, livestock and NPWS vehicles/staff to monitor and manage the lands in question to maintain it in good ecological condition.

The vendor is not offering NPWS any other ROW. This ROW is solely for NPWS and their agents. Please note the ROW is not within the SAC, and the proposed entrance from the public road is some 260 meters from the edge of the land in question and the SAC boundary. The ROW will be unsurfaced along the edge of the existing hedge-line.

Yours Sincerely

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Wesley Atkinson Regional Manager Wicklow Region

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Receipt No L1/0/299943

NOEL QUINN QUINN DESIGN & ASSOCIATES 1 GLEN COTTAGE GLENDALOUGH CO WICKLOW

EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES GOODS 80.00 VAT Exempt/Non-vatable

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APPLICATION FORM FOR A DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000(AS AMENDED) AS TO WHAT IS OR IS NOT DEVELOPMENT OR IS OR IS NOT EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

1. Applicant Details

(a) Name of applicant: <u>Wesley Atkinson, Regional Manager</u>
 Address of applicant: <u>National Parks and Wildlife Service, Wicklow Region</u>
 (including WMNP), Kilafin, Laragh, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Note: Phone number and email to be filled in on separate page.

2. Agents Details (Where Applicable)

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(b)	Name of Agent (where applicable) _	Noel Quinn MRIAI
	Address of Agent:	Quinn Design Associates,
	0	Glen Cottage, Glendalough,
		Co. Wicklow.

Note Phone number and email to be filled in on separate page.

3. Declaration Details

i.	Location of Development subject of Declaration_	Ballytunny,
		Brittas Bay,
		Co. Wicklow

- ii. Are you the owner and/or occupier of these lands at the location under i. above ? Yes/No.
- iii. If 'No' to ii above, please supply the Name and Address of the Owner, and or occupier <u>Mary O'Neill</u>,

 Ballytunny Farm, Ballytunny,
 Brittas Bay,
 Co. Wicklow.

iv. Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act provides that: If any question arises as to what, in any particular case, is or is not development and is or is not exempted development, within the meaning of this act, any person may, on payment of the prescribed fee, request in writing from the relevant planning authority a declaration on that question. You should therefore set out the query for which you seek the Section 5 Declaration

Does the creation of a new agricultural entrance onto the public road require planning permission? See accompanying letter from the National Parks & Wildlife Service

Additional details may be submitted by way of separate submission.

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vi. Does the Declaration relate to a Protected Structure or is it within the curtilage of a Protected Structure (or proposed protected structure)? No

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vii. List of Plans, Drawings submitted with this Declaration Application

Drawing No: 1218/01 O.S. Maps: 1218/02 & 03

viii. Fee of €80 Attached? Paid by credit card.

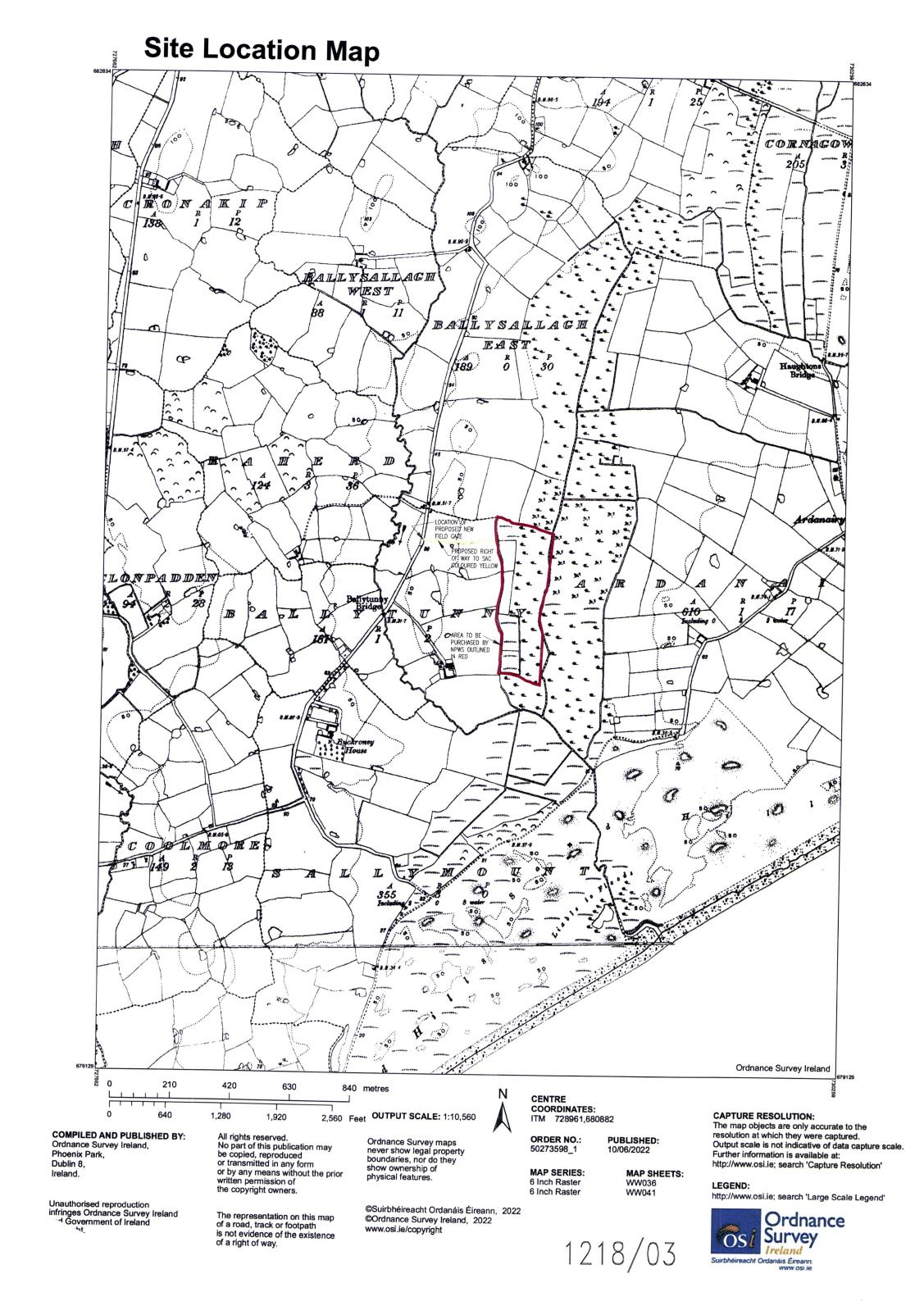
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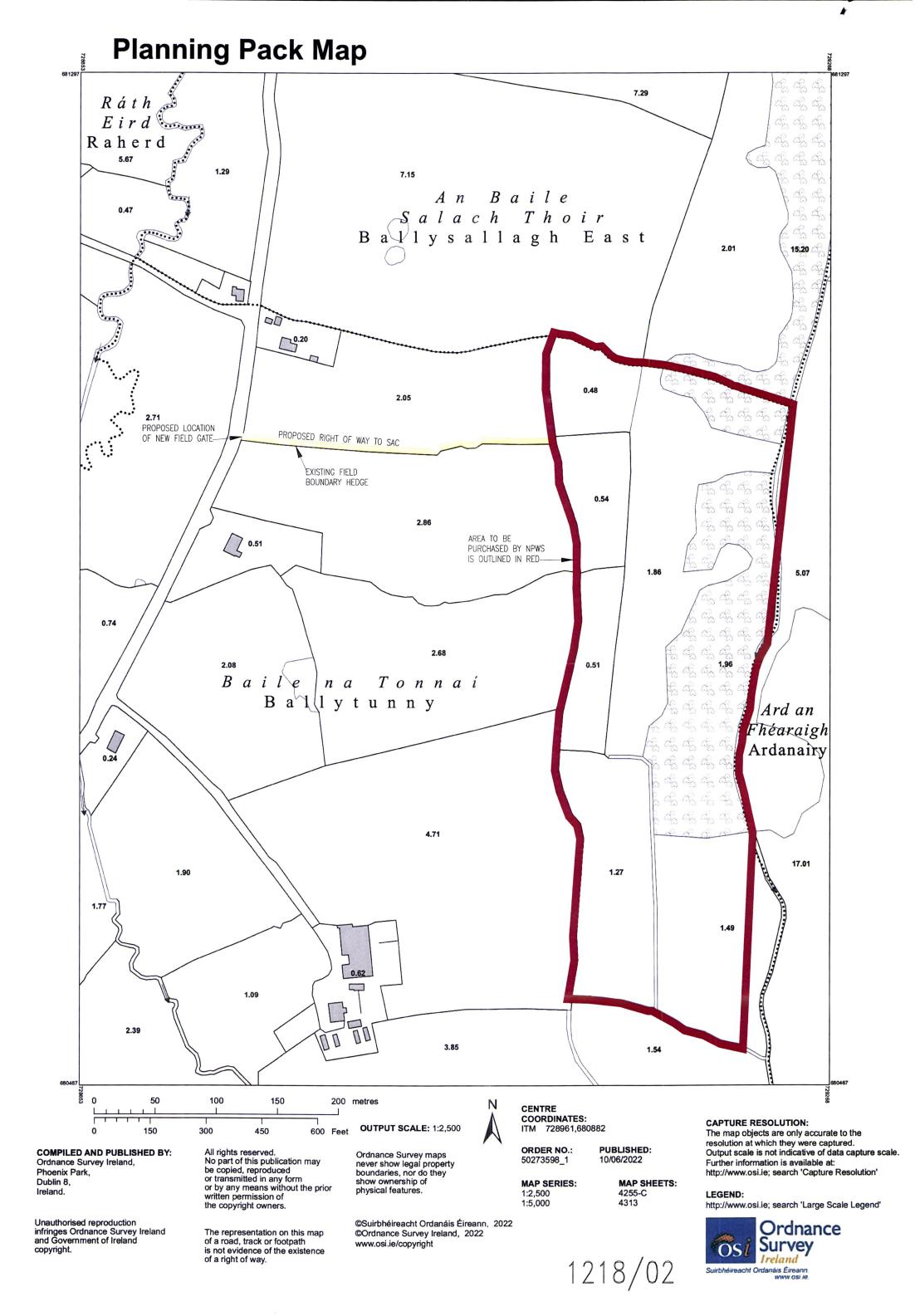
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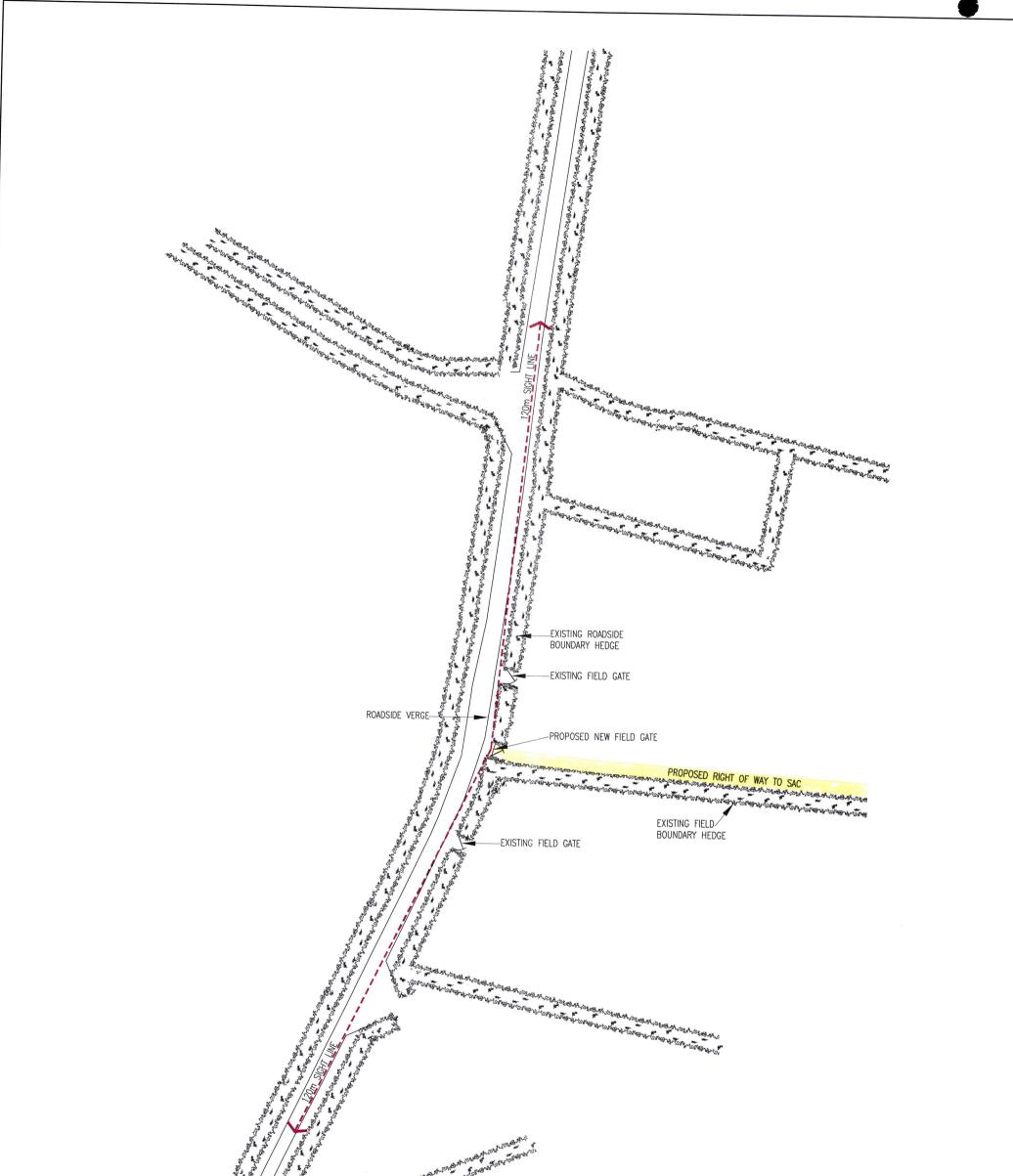
As a guide the minimum information requirements for the most common types of referrals under Section 5 are listed below:

- A. Extension to dwelling Class 1 Part 1 of Schedule 2
 - Site Location Map
- Floor area of structure in question whether proposed or existing.
- Floor area of all relevant structures e.g. previous extensions.
- Floor plans and elevations of relevant structures.
- Site Layout Plan showing distance to boundaries, rear garden area, adjoining dwellings/structures etc.
- B. Land Reclamation -

The provisions of Article 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) now applies to land reclamation, other than works to wetlands which are still







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NEW AGRICULTURAL ENTRANCE	SITE PLAN	Scale:1:1000A3Drawing status:Date:June 2022Section 5	DRG. No. 1218/01
ONTO THE PUBLIC ROAD FOR NPWS		Ph: 0404 45234 086 3112835 Email: quinndesignassociates@gmail.com	QUINN DESIGN ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS GLEN COTTAGE, GLENDALOUGH, CO WICKLOW.