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WHEREAS I, DARRAGH O'BRIEN, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, am of the opinion that development to which the following regulations apply would not offend against principles of proper planning and sustainable development by reason of the nature and limited effect of development belonging to that class on its surroundings;

AND WHEREAS a draft of the following regulations has been laid before each House of the Oireachtas and a resolution approving that draft has been passed by each such House;

NOW I, DARRAGH O'BRIEN, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 4(2) and 262 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000) (as adapted by the Housing, Planning and Local Government (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 408 of 2020)), hereby make the following regulations:

**Citation and construction**

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Planning and Development (Exempted Development) (No. 4) Regulations 2023.
- (2) These Regulations shall be included in the collective citation Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2023.

**Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to Planning and Development Regulations 2001**

2. Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 600 of 2001) (as amended by Regulation 2 of the Planning and Development (Exempted Development) (No. 4) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 605 of 2022)) is amended by the substitution for the matter set out at CLASS 20F the following:

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<p><b>CLASS 20F</b></p> <p>Temporary use by or on behalf of the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to accommodate or support displaced persons or persons seeking international protection of any structure or part of a structure used as a school, college, university, training centre, social centre, community centre, non-residential club, art gallery, museum, library, reading room, sports club or stadium, gymnasium, hotel, convention centre, conference centre, shop, office, Defence Forces barracks, light industrial building, airport operational building, wholesale warehouse or repository, local authority administrative office, play centre, medical and other health and social care accommodation, event and exhibition space or any structure or part of structure normally used for public worship or religious instruction.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The temporary use shall only be for the purposes of accommodating displaced persons or for the purposes of accommodating persons seeking international protection.</li> <li>2. Subject to paragraph 4 of this class, the use for the purposes of accommodating displaced persons shall be discontinued when the temporary protection introduced by the Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March 2022<sup>1</sup> comes to an end in accordance with Article 6 of the Council Directive 2001/55/EC of 20 July 2001<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>3. The use for the purposes of accommodating persons seeking international protection shall be discontinued not later than 31 December 2028.</li> <li>4. Where the obligation to provide temporary protection is discontinued in accordance with paragraph 2 of this class, on a date that is earlier than 31 December 2028, the temporary use of any structure which has</li> </ol>
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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 71, 04.03.2022, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ No. L 212, 07.08.2001, p. 12.

	<p>been used for the accommodation of displaced persons shall continue for the purposes of accommodating persons seeking international protection in accordance with paragraph 3 of this class.</p>
	<p>5. The relevant local authority must be notified of locations where change of use is taking place prior the commencement of development.</p>
	<p>6. ‘displaced persons’, for the purpose of this class, means persons to whom temporary protection applies in accordance with Article 2 of Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March 2022.</p>
	<p>7. ‘international protection’, for the purpose of this class, has the meaning given to it in section 2(1) of the International Protection Act 2015 (No. 66 of 2015).</p> <p>8. ‘temporary protection’, for the purpose of this class, has the meaning given to it in Article 2 of Council Directive 2001/55/EC of 20 July 2001.”</p>



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GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
19 July, 2023.

DARRAGH O'BRIEN,  
Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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