



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

S.I. No. 507 of 2024

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (SECTION 181(2)(A))
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WHEREAS I, RODERIC O'GORMAN, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth –

- (a) having regard to –
- (i) my obligations under the European Communities (Receptions Conditions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 230 of 2018) (as adapted by the Disability, Equality, Human Rights, Integration and Reception (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 436 of 2020)),
 - (ii) the presence in the State of a large number of persons who are applicants within the meaning of the European Communities (Receptions Conditions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 230 of 2018), and
 - (iii) the acute shortage in the State of accommodation relative to the high demand for accommodation, including the demand for accommodation for persons referred to in subparagraph (ii) and for persons to whom a permission to reside in the State under section 60(6) of the International Protection Act 2015 (No. 66 of 2015) has been given,
- am satisfied that the carrying out of the development described in Part 1 of the Schedule to the following order proposed to be carried out by me or on my behalf is required by reason of an emergency, being the serious risk that persons, being applicants within the meaning of the European Communities (Receptions Conditions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 230 of 2018), will be without accommodation,
- (b) have considered whether an environmental impact assessment or an appropriate assessment of the development so proposed to be carried out is required and am satisfied, having had regard to Parts X and XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000), that such assessments are not required, and therefore am satisfied that an application to An Bord Pleanála for approval under section 181(2A)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 is not required, and
- (c) have complied with section 181(2)(aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000,

NOW THEREFORE I, RODERIC O'GORMAN, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, in exercise of the powers conferred

on me by section 181(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000), hereby make the following order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Section 181(2)(a)) (No.4) Order 2024.

2. The Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000) (other than sections 50, 50A, 50B and 181 of that Act) shall not apply to the development described in Part 1 of the Schedule proposed to be carried out by me or on my behalf.

3. This Order shall cease to have effect on the date that is the fifth anniversary of the date on which this Order comes into operation.

Schedule

Part 1

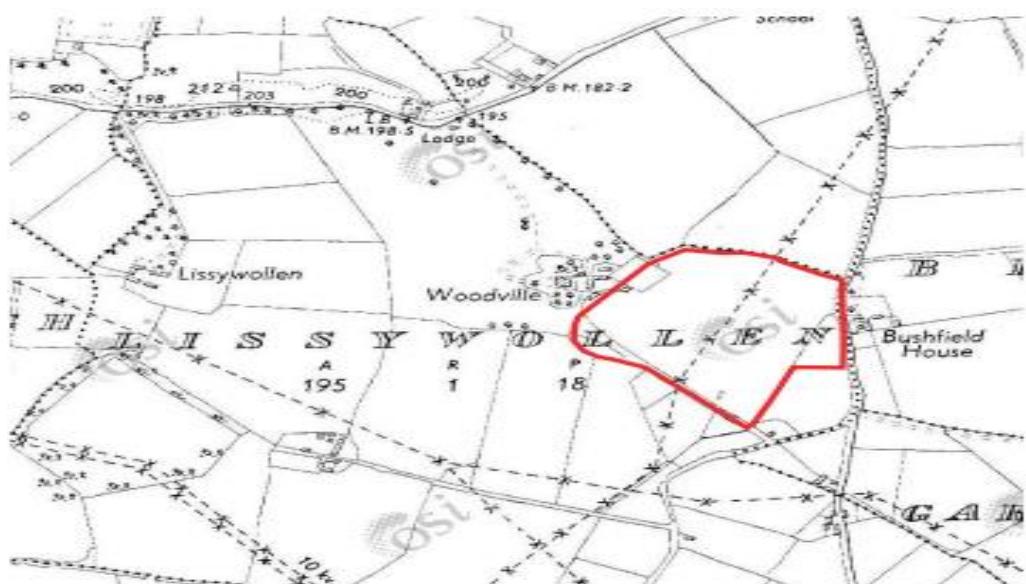
Site: Lissywollen, (as identified on site maps at Part 2 of Schedule)

Address: Athlone, Co Westmeath

Description: Initial development of up to 150 high-performance tents and associated ancillary works, including amenity areas, groundworks, landscaping, 1.8m to 2.4m high security fencing, external lighting, CCTV surveillance system, pipework, storage facilities, and electrical distribution boxes for the purposes of accommodating applicants within the meaning of the European Communities (Receptions Conditions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 230 of 2018), which will later be replaced with up to 250 accommodation modular units, to include:

1. The development will provide accommodation for approximately 1000 applicants within the meaning of the European Communities (Receptions Conditions) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 230 of 2018) with tents which will then be replaced by modular units.
2. Suitable groundworks will be completed for 150 high-performance tents. The development will involve extensive site preparation, ensuring that the ground is levelled and stable, with proper drainage systems in place.
3. The provision of sanitary and shower facilities with ready access to hot and cold water. Prior to establishing mains sewage connection, waste tank storage and collection services will be utilised for servicing such facilities.
4. Internal and external amenity areas are to be provided for recreation and leisure. These will have security fencing, adequate external lighting and protected by a certified external CCTV surveillance system.
5. The provision of suitable and adequate pest and vermin proof refuse storage facilities.
6. The installations for the supply of gas (LPG), oil and electricity including pipework, storage facilities and electrical distribution boxes including pipework, storage facilities and electrical distribution boxes and any necessary ancillary works required in relation to same.
7. The site perimeter to be enclosed/secured with 1.8m to 2.4m high security fencing and the external general/amenity areas to be provided with adequate external lighting and protected by a certified external CCTV surveillance system.
8. Access roads will be established for pedestrians and vehicles.
9. The installation of distribution boxes to manage and distribute electricity from generators to the various units and facilities on-site, including any necessary ancillary works required in relation to the same.
10. The project will also include further and other ancillary works necessary to support the above installations, ensuring comprehensive site readiness and functionality.

Part 2



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
1 October, 2024.

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RODERIC O'GORMAN,
Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and
Youth.

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