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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority:** Limerick City and County Council.

**Planning Register Reference Number:** EC46/23.

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether the extension of Shannon Rugby Clubhouse by the erection of an adjoining and linked marquee measuring 30 feet by 70 feet for the purposes of discos and other events and consequent intensification of use of the clubhouse premises at Thomond Park, Old Cratloe Road, Limerick is or is not development or is or is not exempt development:

**AND WHEREAS** Pat Downes of 42 Mayorstone Park, Old Cratloe Road, Limerick requested a declaration on the said question from Limerick City and County Council and the council issued a declaration on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 stating that the said matter was development and was exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** the said Pat Downes referred the declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023:

**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála, having considered the nature of the question, is satisfied that the referral should not be further considered by it:

**NOW THEREFORE** An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 138(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby dismisses the said referral under subsection (1)(b)(ii) of section 138 of the said Act, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Under Section 138 (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Board has the absolute discretion to dismiss a referral where the Board is satisfied that, in the particular circumstances, the referral should not be further considered having regard to the nature of the referral or any previous referral which in its opinion is relevant. The referral relates to the erection of a marquee which was previously deemed exempted development under Planning Authority Register Reference EC17/22. As it has been established that the marquee is exempted development the Board is therefore satisfied that, in this particular circumstance, the referral should not be further considered by the Board having regard to the nature of the appeal.



**Mick Long**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this <sup>9<sup>th</sup></sup> day of *January* 2025.