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**21st November 2022**

**Section 5 referral Reference R22-73 – Lisdoonvarna Fáilte CLG**

Is the construction of a Hydro-Geo-Pillar between the Iron and Magnesia wells at the library site in Lisdoonvarna development, and if so, is it exempted development?


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I refer to your application received on 3rd November 2022 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**

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

**Reference No.: R22-73**



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Clare County Council

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**AND WHEREAS**, Lisdoonvarna Fáilte CLG has requested a declaration from Clare County Council on the said question.

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

- (a) Sections 2, and 3 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) Articles 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (c) Classes 33 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.
- (d) The works as indicated in submitted documents from the referrer as received by the Planning Authority on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.

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

- (a) the construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium wells at the library site in Lisdoonvarna constitutes “works” which come within the scope of section 2 (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended
- (b) the said works constitute “development” which comes within the scope of section 3 (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended
- (c) the said development consisting of the construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium wells at the library site in Lisdoonvarna is exempted development having regard to Section 2 and 3 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, and 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 construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium wells at the library site at Lisdoonvarna Library, Kincora Road, Rathbaun, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare constitutes development which is exempted development as defined within the Planning & Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) and associated regulations.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Anne O'Gorman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

**21st November 2022**

**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:** 80814

**Reference Number:** R22-73

**Date Referral Received:** 3rd November 2022

**Name of Applicant:** Lisdoonvarna Fáilte CLG

**Location of works in question:** Lisdoonvarna Library, Kincora Road,  
Rathbaun, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare

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**AND WHEREAS** Clare County Council has concluded:

- (a) the construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium wells at the library site in Lisdoonvarna constitutes "works" which come within the scope of section 2 (1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended
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**ORDER:** Whereas by Chief Executive's Order No. HR 152 dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Pat Dowling, Chief Executive for Clare County Council, did, pursuant to the powers conferred on him by Section 154 of the Local Government Act 2001, delegate to Gareth 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, Gareth Ruane, Senior Executive Planner, hereby declare that construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium walls at the library site in Lisdoonvarna at Lisdoonvarna Library, Kincora Road, Rathbaun, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare is considered development which is exempted development.

**Signed:**

  
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**GARETH RUANE**  
**SENIOR EXECUTIVE PLANNER** 

**Date:**

**21st November 2022**

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

**FILE REF:** R22-73  
**APPLICANT(S):** Lisdoonvarna Failte CIG  
**REFERENCE:** Whether the construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium wells at the library site in Lisdoonvarna is considered to be development and if so is it exempted development.  
**LOCATION:** Lisdoonvarna , County Clare  
**DUE DATE:** 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 22

**Site Location**

The subject site is located on land zoned community .

**Planning History on Site**

None .

The library building on site is not a protected structure.

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**Background to Referral**

This referral under Section 5(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) has been made by Lisdoonvarna Falite C.I.G. The applicant is seeking a Section 5 Declaration as to whether the construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium wells at the library site in Lisdoonvarna is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

**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*.

‘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.*

*'Development' is defined in Section 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended as follows*

*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.*

Planning & Development Regulations, 2001, as amended  
Article 6

*Class 33 states;  
Development for amenity or recreation purposes*

*Development consisting of the laying out and use of land :*

- (a) as a park, private open space or ornamental garden*
- (b) as road side shrine*
- (c) for athletic or sport where no charge is made for admission of the public to the land.*

*Limitations and conditions*

*The area of any such shrine shall not exceed 2 sq.m., the height shall not exceed 2m above the centre of the road opposite the structure and it shall not be illuminated.*

Article 6 refers to Exempted Development and states that subject to Article 9, development of a class specified in column 1 of Part 3 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 3 opposite the mention of that class in the said column 1.

Article 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended

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 construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium wells at the library site in Lisdoonvarna County Clare is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

### Particulars of Proposal

- Dimensions : 2.2m high and 1.8m wide.
- Drawing has been submitted showing front elevation of pillar and cross section .
- The magnesium and iron wells between which the pillar is to be located are on the eastern boundary of the subject site.
- Connected 300mm from the top will be a water pipe connected to the iron well and to the magnesium well. A pump will power the water to the pillar. A sensor light will activate the flow of water which will drip slowly over the pillar. A drain will return the water to the nearby Kilmoon stream . Information boards will explain how, when, and why waters pick up minerals as it flows through the rock strata. The geology beneath Lisdoonvarna will be explained in a practical way.
- The structure will be composed of limestone, shale and glacial till composite.

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:*

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

The proposed development is to be located in the garden space associated with the library at Lisdoonvarna. Having regard to the description of the proposed development it is considered to constitute works and that those works constitute a development feature or installation for amenity and recreational purposes set within ornamental garden space associated with the library building.

### Recommendation

**The following question has been referred to the Planning Authority:**

Whether the the construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium wells at the library site in Lisdoonvarna is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

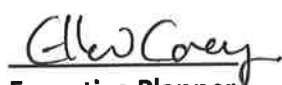
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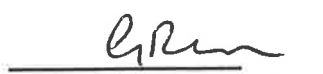
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Now therefore Clare County Council (Planning Authority), hereby decides that construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium wells at the library site in Lisdoonvarna is development and is exempted development.

  
Executive Planner

Date: 17/11/22

  
Senior Planner SEP  
Date: 17/11/22

**Clare County Council**  
**Screening for Appropriate Assessment & Determination**

1. Table 1 to be filled in for all development applications.
2. Where proposed development is within a European site(s) site, go directly to table 3.
3. For all other development proposals, fill in table 2, and if required, table 3.
4. A Habitats Directive Screening Statement should be sought for all developments regardless of location which require an EIS

**Table 1: Project Details**

<b>Planning File Reference</b>	R 22/73
<b>Applicant Name</b>	Lisdoonvarna Failte
<b>Development Location</b>	Lisdoonvarna
<b>Application accompanied by an EIS</b>	
<b>Application accompanied by an NIS</b>	
<b>Description of the project (To include a site location map):</b>	
<p>Section 5 referral</p> <p>Whether the construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium wells at the library site in Lisdoonvarna is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.</p>	



**Table 2: Identification of European sites which may be impacted by the proposed development.**

This section identifies the European Sites within the likely zone of impact of the plan or project. For plans an initial 15km zone of influence (NPWS-DAHG)<sup>1</sup> is recommended. For projects, the distance could be much less than 15km, and in some cases less than 100m, but this must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis with reference to the nature, size and location of the project, and the sensitivities of the ecological receptors, and the potential for in combination effects. Qualifying Interests/Special conservation Interests for each site and the distance relevant to the proposal are listed (Table 2 (a)).

**Table 2 (a): European Sites within 15km of Applicant Site**

European Sites <sup>2</sup>	Qualifying Interests (QIs)/Special Conservation Interests (SCIs) and conservation objectives (either generic or detailed) (available on <a href="http://www.npws.ie/protectedsites">www.npws.ie/protectedsites</a> ) or through Intranet.	Distance to Applicant Site (km)
Ballyteige SAC 000094	Annex I habitats: ☐ Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) [6410]	1.62 km

1	Impacts on designated rivers, streams, lakes and fresh water dependant habitats and species.	Is the development in the catchment of or immediately upstream of a watercourse that has been designated as a European site?	no
2	Impacts on terrestrial habitats & species.	Is the development within 1km of a European site with terrestrial based habitats or species?	no
3	Impacts on designated marine habitats & species.	Is the development located within marine or intertidal areas and within 5 km of a European site whose qualifying habitats or species include the following: Mudflats, sandflats, saltmarsh, shingle, reefs, sea cliffs	no
4	Impacts on birds in SPAs	Is the development within 1km of a Special Protection Area	no
5	Indirect effects	Is the development, in combination with other existing or proposed developments likely to impact on an adjacent European site?	No

<sup>1</sup> European Sites that are more than 15km from the proposal may have to be considered. For example in the case of sites with water dependent habitats or species and where a proposal could affect water quality or quantity it may be necessary to consider the full extent of the upstream and/or downstream catchment.

<sup>2</sup> European Site details are available on <http://webgis.npws.ie/npwsviewer/> or maybe obtained from internal mapping systems.

		Is any emission from the development (including noise) likely to impact on an adjacent habitat or species?	
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**Conclusion:**

- If the answer to all of the above is *no*, significant impacts on European sites are unlikely. No further assessment is required; go directly to the conclusion statement.
- If the answer is *unknown* or *yes* proceed to Table 3 and refer to the relevant sections of Table 3.

**Table 3: Identification of potential impacts.**

<b>1</b>	<b>Impacts on designated rivers, streams, lakes and fresh water dependant habitats and species.</b> <i>Please answer the following if the answer to question 1 in table 2 was "yes" or "unknown". Does the development involve any of the following:</i>	
1.1	Removal of or interference with habitat within a European site. This may include any element of a project liable to interfere with breeding, nesting or roosting sites of birds, bats, water based species	NA
1.2	Discharges either directly (via pipe from the development) or indirectly (via sewer) to surfacewater or groundwater What is the likely volume of the discharge?	NA
1.3	Abstraction from surfacewater or groundwater in or adjacent to a European site, where hydrology is a critical element in the protection of habitat and species at the site? What is the likely volume of the abstraction?	NA
1.4	Is removal of topsoil proposed within 500m of watercourses? What transportation requirements are provided? Does the removal involve reduction in area, population density or fragmentation of area of any habitat or species?	NA
1.5	Infilling or raising of ground levels within 500m of watercourses? What transportation requirements are provided? Does the infilling or raising involve interference with area, population density or fragmentation of area of any habitat or species?	NA
1.6	Construction of drainage ditches - (scale?) Where the run off is directed to? Is the drainage run off directed to a European site where species are identified and whose conservation status may be impacted by this drainage?	NA
1.7	Installation of waste water treatment systems; percolation areas; septic tanks within 500m of watercourses?	NA
1.8	Construction within a floodplain or within an area liable to flood (See <a href="http://www.floodmaps.ie">www.floodmaps.ie</a> , internal flood risk maps, County Development Plan SFRA and <a href="http://www.cframs.ie">www.cframs.ie</a> )	NA
1.9	Crossing or culverting of rivers or streams, installation of weirs, temporary watercourse crossings or any interference with a watercourse.	NA



1.10	Storage of chemicals or hydrocarbons (including oils and fuels) within 500m of a watercourse	NA
1.11	Development within catchment of a European site of a scale or type which involves the production of an EIS	NA
1.12	Consideration of effects in combination with existing development?	NA
2	<b>Impacts on terrestrial habitats and species.</b> <i>Please answer the following if the answer to question 2 in table 2 was yes.</i> <i>Does the development involve any of the following:</i>	
2a	Removal of or interference with habitat within the European site. This includes reduction in habitat area or fragmentation of habitat. Is the timing of this interference liable to impact on the nesting or breeding period of any protected species?	NA
2b	Construction of roads or other infrastructure on peat habitats within 1km of bog, marsh, fen or heath habitat within a European site	NA
2c	Is the development liable to impact on water quality in the European site, or liable to give rise to any change in a key indicator of water quality, including salinity. If yes, is the site designated for any bird species or other plant species whose feeding ground or life cycle may be affected by changes in water quality?	NA
2d	Development within 1km of terrestrial European site of a scale or type which involves the production of an EIS.	NA
3	<b>Impacts on designated marine habitats and species.</b> <i>Please answer the following if the answer to question 3 in table 2 was yes.</i> <i>Does the development involve any of the following:</i>	
3a	Removal of or interference with habitat within the European site. This includes timing of the project if there is potential to interfere with nesting or breeding periods, either directly or indirectly (e.g. by noise emission) or any aspect of the life cycle of a protected species. This also includes potential fragmentation, size reduction of habitat, or reduction in species density.	NA
3b	Coastal protection works on intertidal or marine habitats within 5km of a European site supporting coastal or marine habitats or	NA

	species. This includes any works which may give rise to potential changes in hydrology or salinity of these areas.	
3c	Development of piers, slipways, marinas, pontoons or any other infrastructure within 5km of a European site that was designated because it supports marine habitats and/or species.	NA
3d	Dredging within 5km of a European site supporting coastal or marine habitats or species.	NA
3e	Removal of topsoil or infilling within 100m of marine habitats within the designated site.	NA
3f	Land based development within 1km of a European site of a scale or type which involves the production of an EIS.	NA
3g	Marine or intertidal based development within 5km of a European site of a scale or type which involves the production of an EIS.	NA

4	<b>Impacts on birds in SPAs</b> <i>Please answer the following if the answer to question 5 in table 2 was yes.</i> <i>Does the development involve any of the following:</i>	
4a	Removal of or interference with habitats within an SPA. This includes consideration of indirect and in combination effects on the feeding, breeding and nesting grounds of Annex 1 birds	NA
4b	Erection of wind turbines within 1km of an SPA.	NA
4c	All construction works within 100m of intertidal areas – Coastal SPAs, including indirect and in combination effects on the feeding, breeding and nesting grounds of Annex 1 birds	NA
4d	Infilling of coastal habitats within 500m of SPA, including indirect and in combination effects on the feeding, breeding and nesting grounds of Annex 1 birds	NA
4e	Discharges to coastal SPA, including any element of a discharge liable to give rise to disturbance of this habitat, either by direct, indirect, or in combination effects	NA
4f	Development of cycleways or walking routes within 100m of intertidal areas. This includes consideration of indirect and in combination effects on the feeding, breeding and nesting grounds of Annex 1 birds	NA
4g	Development within 1km of SPA of a scale or type which involves the production of an EIS. This includes consideration of indirect and in combination effects on the feeding, breeding and nesting grounds of Annex 1 birds	NA

#### Conclusion:

- If the answer to all of the above is *no*, significant impacts on European sites are unlikely. No further assessment is required; go directly to the conclusion statement.
- If the answer to any of the above is *yes*, or *unknown* effects on the European sites need to be assessed and a Natura Impact Statement will be required

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination	
Planning File Reference	R22/73
Proposed Development	Section 5 referral
Development Location	Lisdoonvarna
European sites within impact zone	Ballyteige SAC
<b>Description of the project:</b>	
Whether the construction of a hydro geo pillar between the iron and magnesium wells at the library site in Lisdoonvarna is or is not development and is or is not exempted development	
<b>Qualifying Interests (QIs)/Special Conservation Interests (SCIs) of European site</b>	
As above	
Annex I habitats: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) [6410]	
<b>Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) is likely to affect the European site(s).</b>	
Not likely- no effluent arising	
<b>If there are potential negative impacts, explain whether you consider if these are likely to be significant, and if not, why not?</b>	
Not significant	
<b>Documentation reviewed for making this statement</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- County Development Plan (including Flood Maps, SEA &amp; AA)</li> <li>- NPWS website</li> <li>- Documents received as part of the planning application</li> <li>- EPA Code of Practice</li> </ul>	
<b>Conclusion of assessment (a, b, c or d)</b>	
(a) The proposed development is directly connected with or necessary to the nature conservation management of a European Site(s) <sup>3</sup>	No

<sup>3</sup> Appropriate Assessment is not required and therefore Planning permission may be granted at this stage subject to all other planning considerations. However, no material changes may be made to the proposed development after this conclusion has been reached as this would invalidate the findings of the screening exercise.

<b>(b) There is no potential for significant effects to European Sites<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>There is no potential for significant effects to European Sites<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>(c) The potential for significant effects to European Site(s) cannot be ruled out<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>The potential for significant effects to European Site(s) can be ruled out<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>(d) Significant effects to European sites are certain or likely or where potential for significant effects to European sites remains following receipt of Further Information requested under S177U of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010<sup>5</sup></b>	N/A
<b>Completed By</b>	Ellen Carey
<b>Date</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov 22

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with S177U of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010, the applicant should be requested to submit an 'Appropriate Assessment Screening Matrix' completed by a suitably qualified ecologist, by way of Further Information. Following receipt of this information a new Appropriate Screening Report should be completed. The requested 'Appropriate Assessment Screening Matrix' should be in accordance with the template outlined in Annex 2, Figure 1 of the EU (2001) guidance document 'Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting European Sites – Methodological guidance on the provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC. This guidance document is available from [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/docs/art6/natura\\_2000\\_assess\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/docs/art6/natura_2000_assess_en.pdf) Alternatively, where other planning concerns arise the proposal could be refused planning permission.

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<sup>5</sup> The proposed development must either by refused planning permission or alternatively an 'Appropriate Assessment' (AA) should be carried out by the Planning Authority. In order to facilitate the preparation of an AA the applicant should be requested to submit a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) in accordance with S177 (T) of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010. However, in the case of an application to retain unauthorised development of land and where the authority decides that an 'appropriate assessment' should have been carried out prior to the commencement of development, the application is required to be invalidated by the Planning Authority as per S34 (12) of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 and accordingly an NIS should not be requested in such instances.





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**CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR**

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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*

**1. CORRESPONDENCE DETAILS.**

(a) Name and Address of person seeking the declaration	Cllr. Joe Garihy, Chairperson, Lisdoonvarna Fáilte CLG, Lisdoonvarna Enterprise Centre, Unit 3B Co Clare V95 WF68
(b) Telephone No.:	
(c) Email Address:	
(d) Agent's Name and address:	(as above)    



## 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 construction of a "Hydro-Geo- Pillar" between the Iron & Magnesia Wells @ the Library Site in Risdonvanna development and if so is it an exempted development?

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

The proposed Geo-Pillar will be constructed of limestone, shale and glacial till composite. It will measure 2.2m high by 1.8m<sup>in</sup> width. Connected 30cm from the top will be water pipes connected to (a) Iron Well & (b) Magnesia Well. A pump will power the water to the construction. A ground installed sensor light will activate the flow of water which will drip slowly over the construction. A drain will return the water to the nearby Kilmoon Stream. Information boards will explain how, why, where the water picks up the minerals as it flows through the rock strata. The geology beneath Risdonvanna will be thus explained in a practical way where the visual representation will be more meaningful to locals & visitors alike. The development will focus on these 2 Wells which were the first Spa Wells discovered in Risdonvanna, many more wells followed & the nucleus of a village took shape.

- (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)*

Please see attached.

**3. DETAILS RE: PROPERTY/SITE/BUILDING FOR WHICH DECLARATION IS SOUGHT**

(a) Postal Address of the Property/Site/Building for which the declaration sought:	Lisdoonvarna Library Kincora Road Rathbaun Lisdoonvarna
(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):	Chairperson, Lisdoonvarna Fáilte CLG
(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>	
(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>	Clare Co Co, Library Site
(h) Date on which 'works' in question were completed/are likely to take place:	Preferred date: by year end 2022

SIGNED:



DATE: 26th October 2022

### **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:

Planning Department,  
Economic Development Directorate,  
Clare County Council  
Aras Contae an Chlair,  
New Road,  
Ennis,  
Co. Clare  
V95DXP2

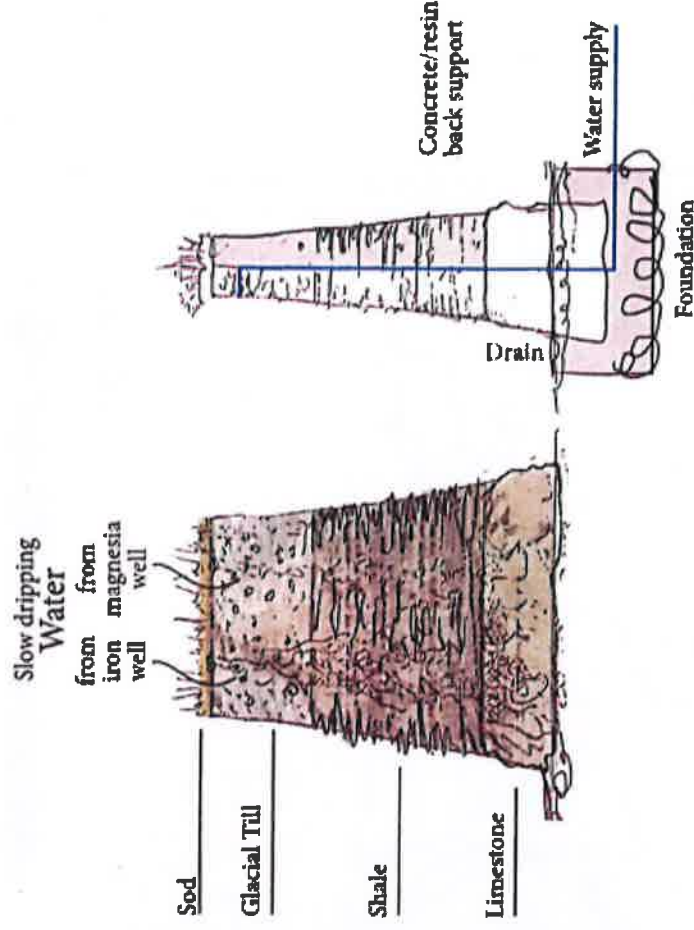
- (v) Notwithstanding the completion of the above form, the Planning Authority may require the submission of further information with regard to the request in order to enable the Authority to issue a declaration on the question.
- (vi) The Planning Authority may also request other persons to submit information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

### **FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

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

# A "Hydro-Geo Pillar" between the Iron and Magnesia Rathbaun Wells, Lisddonvarna.

Concept: a facsimile, scale model of a cross-section of the geology beneath Lisdoonvarna: limestone, shale and glacial till. From near the top of the tower, about 2 m tall, there are sources of slowly dripping water each from the iron and magnesia wells. Over time this will lead to different surface and colouring effects on the 3 layers of stone. The surface will also change appearance with the weather and as it ages, deposits will build up and vegetation should begin to establish. A multi-temporal timeline of the geo-hydric intersection.





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SCALE 1/8"=1'

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