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Subject: FW: APPLICATION FOR SECTION 5 DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION/NON-EXEMPTION
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From: John Gallagher <doneyloopfarm@gmail.com>
Sent: 11 March 2026 17:45
To: [planning mailbox <Planning@Donegalcoco.ie>](mailto:Planning@Donegalcoco.ie)
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Dear Planning Office.

Please find attached the required form to make an application as to whether the replacement of cladding on agricultural buildings is/is not exempted development.

Also enclosed is a site layout plan which highlights the buildings to be reclad as well as photos which indicate both the extent of the recladding and the need for same.

New cladding will be standard grey cladding as existing on other structures within the complex.

I attach also details of payment of fee as required.

I look forward to hearing from you.

John Gallagher,
Doneyloop Farm.



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RECEIVED DATE: 11/03/2026



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SECTION 5 APPLICATION

FOR DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

Completed application form & supporting documentation to be returned to the Planning Authority by email to planning@donegalcoco.ie

Name of Applicant(s):	JOHN GALLAGHER
Agent Name: (if applicable)	N/A
Location of Proposed Development / Works: (Townland or postal address as appropriate and Eircode if available)	CALHAME, CASTLEFIN. CO. DONEGAL
Description of Proposed Development including details of works (where applicable): (Only works listed below will be assessed under this section 5 application)	
<p>REPLACING EXISTING CLADDING ON AGRICULTURAL SHED WITH NEW AGRICULTURAL CLADDING. WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT THIS WILL MATERIALLY CHANGE THE STRUCTURE AS THE CLADDING WILL BE SIMILAR IN PROFILE AND COLOUR TO THAT ALREADY EXISTING.</p> <p>NO NEW STRUCTURES AS PROPOSED AND THE NEW CLADDING WILL HAVE NO IMPACTS ON THIRD PARTIES.</p> <p>WE FEEL THAT THIS WILL COME UNDER SECTION 4(h) OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) WHICH PROVIDES THAT "development consisting of the carrying out of works for the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of any structure, being works which affect only the interior of the structure or which do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures" BE CONSIDERED EXEMPT DEVELOPMENT</p>	





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Ref. No: S526/38

Date: 13th March 2026

John Gallagher
Millview House
Magherycallaghan
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Co Donegal
F93 V27C

DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT & EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT

Re: Application for a Section 5 Declaration – Replacement of existing cladding on agricultural shed with new agricultural cladding at Calhame, Castlefin, Co Donegal.

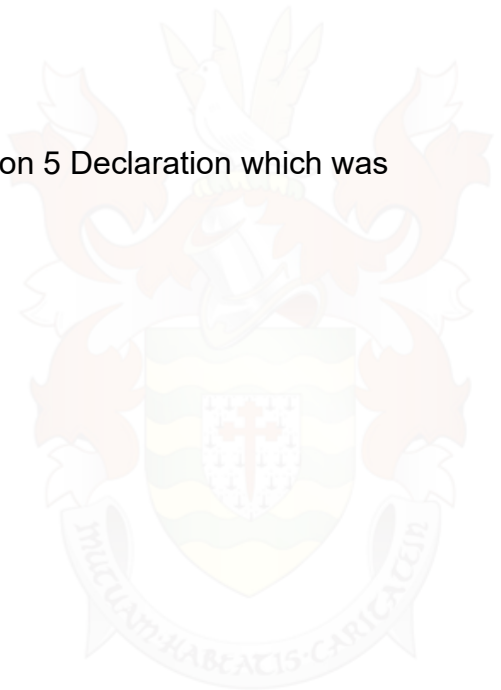
A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your application for a Section 5 Declaration which was received on 11th March 2026.

Mise, le meas

Martina Parke

Donegal County Council
Planning Services



DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED)

**Chief Executive
Order No:**

2026PH0817

Ref Number:

S526/38

Section 5:

Request received 11th March 2026 from John Gallagher Millview House, Magherycallaghan, Castlefin, Co. Donegal F93 V27C in relation to the replacement of existing cladding on an agricultural shed with new agricultural cladding (like for like) at Calhame, Castlefin, Co. Donegal.

Submitted:

Written request received 11th March 2026 as above and report dated 25th March 2026 from the Planner (Ref. No: S5 26/38 refers).


STAFF OFFICER

Order:

Having considered the said request, the report of the Planner, and the record forwarded to the Council by An Coimisiún Pleanála in compliance with Sub-Section 6(c) of the said Section I have concluded that a declaration on the questions in the said request should be made in the terms of that in the Schedule to this Order, the main reasons and considerations therefore being detailed therein. I therefore Order that the declaration issue to the said requester and the owners/occupiers of the land concerned and, further, that it be entered in the Council's Planning Register in compliance with Sub-Section (5) of the said Section.


SENIOR EXECUTIVE PLANNER

DATED THIS 27th DAY OF MARCH 2026

Ref. No: S526/38 - Chief Executive Order No: 2026PH0817

SCHEDULE

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE REQUEST AS ABOVE

IS Development

IS Exempted Development

WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ABOVE ACT

The Planning Authority in considering this referral, had regard particularly to:

- Sections 2, 3, 4 and 177U of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

And concluded that:

The proposal **IS DEVELOPMENT** within the meaning of Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and **IS EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT** as it falls within the scope of within the scope of Section 4(1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

JS 27/03



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27th March 2026

JOHN GALLAGHER
MILLVIEW HOUSE
MAGHERYCALLAGHAN
CASTLEFIN
CO. DONEGAL
F93 V27C

Re: Replacement of existing cladding on an agricultural shed with new agricultural cladding (like for like) at Calhame, Castlefin, Co. Donegal.

A Chara,

I refer to your request received on 11th March 2026 under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). Same has now been decided and I now issue to you herewith the Council's Declaration thereon. You are now advised that, in accordance with Section 5 (3) (a) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) where a Declaration is issued, any person issued with such a Declaration may, on payment to An Coimisiún Pleanála of such fee as may be prescribed, refer a Declaration for review by the Commission within 4 weeks of the date of issuing of the Declaration.

Mise, le meas,

**For Senior Executive Planner
Planning Services**

/j/mcc



Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended)

(Declaration and Referral on Development and Exempted Development)

DECLARATION

Chief Executive Order No: 2026PH0817
Reference No: S526/38
Name of Requester: JOHN GALLAGHER
MILLVIEW HOUSE
MAGHERYCALLAGHAN
CASTLEFIN
CO. DONEGAL
F93 V27C

Summarised Description of development the subject matter of request:

Replacement of existing cladding on an agricultural shed with new agricultural cladding (like for like).

Location: Calhame, Castlefin, Co. Donegal.

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**For Senior Executive Planner
Planning Services**

Dated this 27th day of March 2026

From: [JESSICA McCLURE](#)
To: ["doneyloopfarm@gmail.com"](mailto:doneyloopfarm@gmail.com)
Subject: S526.38 Response
Date: 27 March 2026 15:18:00
Attachments: [S526.38-Letter & Declaration.pdf](#)
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A Chara,

Please find attached S526.38 declaration letter.

Kind Regards,
Jessica

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