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10/03/2022

RE: Section 5 Declaration R704/22 St. Francis College, Rochestown

A Chara,

With reference to your request for a Section 5 Declaration at the above named property, I wish to advise and having regard to:-

the provisions of section 5(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the following further information is required in order to properly assess this application:

- 1. Please confirm the duration of time that the proposed and relocated temporary structures would be in situ.
- 2. Please provide evidence that the proposed structures shall comply with the Department of Education Primary and Post Primary Technical Guidance Documents for the time being in force.

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**Kerry Bergin** 

**Development Management Section** 

Community, Culture and Placemaking Directorate

**Cork City Council** 

Kerry Belgin



#### PLANNER'S REPORT

**Ref.** R704/22

Cork City Council

Development Management Strategic Planning and Economic Development

Application type

**SECTION 5 DECLARATION** 

Question

Location

St. Francis College, Rochestown, Cork

Applicant

Board of Management of St Francis College, Rochestown, Cork

Date

10/03/2022

Recommendation

Constitutes development; is exempted development

#### INTERPRETATION

In this report 'the Act' means the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended and 'the Regulations' means the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended, unless otherwise indicated.

# 1. REQUIREMENTS FOR A SECTION 5 DECLARATION APPLICATION

Section 5(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended states,

5.—(1) If any question arises as to what, in any particular case, is or is not development or is or is not exempted development within the meaning of this Act, any person may, on payment of the prescribed fee, request in writing from the relevant planning authority a declaration on that question, and that person shall provide to the planning authority any information necessary to enable the authority to make its decision on the matter.

The requirements for making a section 5 declaration are set out in the Act.

#### 2. THE QUESTION BEFORE THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

The question to the planning authority is as follows:

Is the relocation of the existing temporary buildings and the provision of new temporary buildings for educational use exempted development?

#### 3. SITE DESCRIPTION

The 3.7ha site is on a steeply sloping site. A three and partly four storey school building occupies the centre of the site, with disused playing courts to the upper northern half of the site. There are several one and two storey prefabricated buildings to the rear of the existing school. There are tarmac areas to the front and sides of the buildings for parking areas and narrow areas to the rear used as playgrounds.

#### 4. DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

To facilitate a major construction project to the existing school building, the existing temporary classrooms must be relocated, along with the provision of replacement temporary classrooms and temporary toilets. At the end of the construction of the new extension, all temporary accommodation will be removed from the site.

Of the 17 existing temporary classrooms,

- 9 will be temporarily relocated during construction
- 8 will be demolished (due to poor condition) and replaced with
  - o 8 new temporary classrooms provided in a 2 storey temporary block
  - 2 new temporary toilet blocks will be required due to the distance from the existing schools toilet facilities

#### 5. RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

22/40789 Current planning application for (I) the demolition of the existing sports hall building: (II) The reconfiguration of and alterations to the existing school building with link building and a new entrance canopy: (III) The construction of a partly 3 - storey and partly 4 - storey extension comprising classrooms, science laboratories, specialist teaching rooms, offices, PE Hall, changing rooms, fitness suite, general purpose room, special education needs base, stores, toilets, ancillary spaces, ESB substation, plant rooms, external stores, covered yard and photovoltaic panels: (IV) Site works, including widening of 2 no. existing vehicular entrances to L2474 public road, ballcourts and all weather playing pitch, roadworks, bus set - down areas, surface car parking, bicycle parking, alterations to existing boundary walls, new vehicular entrance for deliver y maintenance, new gates, fencing, drainage and surface water attenuation works, landscaping, signage and all associated site works. Determination date: 07.03.2022

17/06579 Permission granted for the demolition of the existing front entrance porch and construction of a new entrance extension to include a meeting room, secretary's office, reception and waiting area, with external access ramp, steps and ancillary associated works at St. Francis College.

10/8291 —Temporary permission granted to St. Francis College for the retention of a 4 no. modular cabin classroom extension to existing school, retention of extension to existing toilet area to provide additional facilities following increased pupil numbers and ancillary works including retention of alterations to fire escape stairs, levels, retaining walls and external stairs.

07/9148 – permission granted to the Board of Mgt. Of St. Francis College Rochestown for the construction of 6 no. modular cabin classrooms and retention of 1 no. modular cabin classroom.

#### 6. LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

#### 6.1 Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended

#### Section 2(1)

"exempted development" has the meaning specified in section 4.

"structure" means any building, structure, excavation, or other thing constructed or made on, in or under any land, or any part of a structure so defined, and—

- (a) where the context so admits, includes the land on, in or under which the structure is situate, and
- (b) in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes—
  - (i) the interior of the structure,
  - (ii) the land lying within the curtilage of the structure,
  - (iii) any other structures lying within that curtilage and their interiors, and

(iv) all fixtures and features which form part of the interior or exterior of any structure or structures referred to in subparagraph (i) or (iii).

"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.

#### Section 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.

#### Section 4(2)

Section 4(2) provides that the Minister may, by regulations, provide for any class of development to be exempted development. The principal regulations made under this provision are the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

#### Section 4(3)

A reference in this Act to exempted development shall be construed as a reference to development which is—

- (a) any of the developments specified in subsection (1), or
- (b) development which, having regard to any regulations under subsection (2), is exempted development for the purposes of this Act.

#### Section 5(1)

See section 1 of this report.

#### Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended 6.2

#### Article 6(1),

Subject to article 9, development of a class specified in column 1 of Part 1 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  $oldsymbol{1}$  opposite the mention of that class in the said column 1.

#### Article 9,

Article 9 sets out restrictions on exemptions specified under article 6. Article 9(1) of the Regulations sets out circumstances in which development to which Article 6 relates shall not be exempted development, including (a) if the carrying out of such development would:-

"Contravene a condition attached to a permission under the Act or be inconsistent (i)with any use specified in a permission under the Act"...

### Planning and Development (Exempted Development) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 114 of 2021) - School Buildings

These new Regulations increase the existing provisions in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended (the Principal Regulations), to exempt specified works for School buildings and to enable the temporary use of public buildings as schools.

- Article 2(a) of these Regulations amends CLASS 20C to allow the temporary use as a school of all public buildings.
- Article 2(b) of these Regulations inserts a new CLASS 20D to allow schools to construct temporary structures to facilitate the continued delivery of education subject to certain conditions.
- Articles 2(c) and 2(d) of these Regulations increase the existing exemption under
- CLASS 57 for extensions to schools from 160sqm up to 210sqm and inserts a limit
- on the use of the exemption to just once.

## The proposed development falls under Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 20D

Column 2 Conditions and Limitations
No such structure shall be erected for a period exceeding 5 years.
2. The gross floor area of such structure shall not exceed 30% of the gross floor area of the existing school.
3. No such structure shall exceed two storeys.
4. Distance to party boundary -
(a) any single storey structure shall be a distance of not less than 2 metres from any party boundary,
(b) any two-storey extension facing an existing dwelling shall be a distance no less than 22 metres from the main part of the dwelling, or
(c) any two-storey extension closer than 12.5m to a party boundary, or facing and closer than 22 metres to the dwelling shall -
(i) have no windows overlooking, or
(ii) have obscure glass.
5. Such structure shall comply with the Department of Education Primary and Post Primary Technical Guidance Documents for the time being in force.

#### 7. ASSESSMENT

#### 7.1 Development

The first issue for consideration is whether or not the matter at hand is 'development', which is defined in the Act as comprising two chief components: 'works' and / or 'any material change in the use of any structures or other land'.

'Works' is defined in section 3(1) of the Act as including 'any act or operation of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal'. In relation to proposed temporary accommodation, it is described in the application form as comprising the relocation of 9 will be existing temporary buildings, demolition of 8 structures due to poor condition, the construction of 8 new temporary classrooms provided in a 2 storey temporary block and the construction of 2 new temporary toilet blocks. The proposals as described and shown on the submitted drawings constitute 'works'. As the proposal comprises 'works', it is clearly therefore 'development' within the meaning of the Act.

#### CONCLUSION Is development

#### 7.2 Exempted development

The next issue for consideration is whether or not the matter at hand is exempted development. Section 2(1) of the Act defines 'exempted development' as having 'the meaning specified in section 4' of the Act (which relates to exempted development).

Section 4(3) of the Act states that exempted development either means development specified in section 4(1) or development which is exempted development having regard to any regulations under section 4(2).

I consider that the proposal comes within subsection (2) of section 4, i.e. the Regulations, and not subsection (1).

#### Section 4(1)

I do not consider that the proposal comes within the scope of section 4(1) of the Act.

#### Section 4(2)

It is therefore necessary to consider whether the proposed temporary education accommodation comes under the scope of section 4(2) (i.e., exemptions specified in the Regulations), having regard to the use of the word 'or' in section 4(3).

I consider that Article 6 and Class 20 applies, as the development is for the erection on land on which a school is situated of a structure to facilitate the continued delivery of education.

Column 1 Description of Development	Column 2 Conditions and Limitations	Proposed development	
Class 20D  Development consisting of - The erection on land on which a school is situated of a structure to facilitate the continued delivery of education.	No such structure shall be erected for a period exceeding 5 years.	1. The timeframe for which the temporary structures would be in situ has not been provided on the application form. This information is required and will be sought under Further Information.	

Column 1 Description of Development	Column 2 Conditions and Limitations	Proposed development	
	2. The gross floor area of such structure shall not exceed 30% of the gross floor area of the existing school.	2.The proposed temporary accommodation strategy for St. Francis College would have an area of 1,083sqm which does not exceed 30% of the gross floor area of existing buildings (5,348sqm).	
	No such structure shall exceed two storeys.	3. None of the proposed temporary structure exceeds two storeys.	
	<ul> <li>4. Distance to party boundary -</li> <li>(a) any single storey structure shall be a distance of not less than 2 metres from any party boundary,</li> <li>(b) any two-storey extension facing an existing dwelling shall be a distance no less than 22 metres from the main part of the</li> </ul>	4.  (a) The proposed plan identifies the location of the temporary buildings an confirms that none of them would be less than 2 m from any party boundary.  (b) The proposed plan identifies the location of the temporary two storey building and confirms that it would not be less than 22 m from any party boundary.	
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and set of the set of	glass.  5. Such structure shall comply with the Department of Education Primary and Post Primary Technical Guidance Documents for the time being in force.	5.No evidence of the proposed structures compliance with the Department of Education Primary and Post Primary Technical Guidance Documents has been provided. Further information in this regard is required.	

#### RECOMMENDATION

Having regard to the provisions of section 5 (2) (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), it is considered that the following further information is required in order to properly assess this application for a Section 5 Declaration:

Gillian Tyrrell Assistant Planner 04.03.2022

#### **Further Information Request**

Having regard to the provisions of section 5(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the following further information is required in order to properly assess this application:

- Please confirm the duration of time that the proposed and relocated temporary structures would be in situ.
- 2. Please provide evidence that the proposed structures shall comply with the Department of Education Primary and Post Primary Technical Guidance Documents for the time being in force.

#### Valerie Kavanagh

From:

Valerie Kavanagh

Sent:

Thursday 10 February 2022 08:29

To:

**Eoghan Fahy** 

Subject:

Payment for Section 5

Hi Eoghan,

Could you contact St. Francis College, Rochestown on 021 4502319 for €80 payment for section 5 application.

**Thanks** 

Val.

Valerie Kavanagh | Senior Staff Officer

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7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Our Ref: 2690/3.1

The Development Management Section,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development Directorate,
Cork City Council,
City Hall,
Anglesea Street,
Cork.

Section 5 Declaration Application for Temporary Accommodation at St. Francis College, Rochestown, Cork.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

On behalf of our clients, The Board of Management of St. Francis College, we enclose a Section 5 Declaration Application with the following documents:

- 2 no. copies of the application form.
- 2 no. copies of drawings prepared by KOBW Architects.

As per your email correspondence dated 7<sup>th</sup> February, please contact Sinéad in our office on 021 4502319 to arrange payment of the €80 fee by phone.

We trust that the application addresses all relevant issues and look forward to your decision in due course. Please address all correspondence to this office.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Kelly, B. Arch (UCD), FRIAI, RIBA.

**KOBW Architects** 

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#### **SECTION 5 DECLARATION APPLICATION FORM**

under Section 5 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended)

1. POSTAL ADDI	RESS OF LAND OR STRUCTURE FOR WHICH DECLARATION IS SOUGHT
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	DECLARATION DETAILS
	SPECIFIC QUESTION FOR WHICH A DECLARATION IS SOUGHT:
<u>Sample Question:</u>	Is the construction of a shed at No 1 Wall St, Cork development and if so, is it exempted development?
Note: only works listed	and described under this section will be assessed under the section 5 declaration.
Is the relocation of existin	g temporary buildings and the provision of new temporary buildings for educational use
exempted development?	
	REGARDING QUESTION/ WORKS/ DEVELOPMENT:
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In order to facilitate a majo	or construction project to the existing school building, existing temporary classrooms must to be
relocated, along with the p	rovision of replacement temporary classrooms and temporary toilets. At the end of the
	tension, all temporary accommodation will be removed from the site.
Of the 17 existing tempora	ry classrooms located to the rear of the existing school building,
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o 8 new temporary	classrooms provided in a 2 storey temp block
o 2 new temporary	toilet blocks will be required due to distance from the existing schools toilet facilities
S.I. No. 114 of 2021 allows	for a planning exemption for Temporary Buildings Class 20D Development consisting of the
erection on land on which	a school is situated of a structure to facilitate the continued delivery of education. The proposed
	n strategy (floor area 1,083sqm) does not exceed 30% of the gross floor area of existing buildings
(5,348sqm) and does not e	xceed 2 storeys.

#### 3. APPLICATION DETAILS

Answer the following if applicable. Note: Floor areas are measured from the inside of the external walls and should be indicated in square meters (sq. M)

(a) Floor area of existing/proposed structure/s		re/s		ldings to be relocated = 456sqm	
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behalf of the Applicant (if any):	Address:	2 Empre Summer Cork	ss Place, Hill,		
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6. I / We confirm that the information contained in the application is true and accurate:

#### **ADVISORY NOTES:**

The application must be accompanied by the required fee of €80

The application should be accompanied by a site location map which is based on the Ordnance Survey map for the area, is a scale not less than 1:1000 and it shall clearly identify the site in question.

Sufficient information should be submitted to enable the Planning Authority to make a decision. If applicable, any plans submitted should be to scale and based on an accurate survey of the lands/structure in question.

The application should be sent to the following address:

The Development Management Section, Strategic Planning & Economic Development Directorate, Cork City Council, City Hall, Anglesea Street, Cork.

- The Planning Authority may require further information to be submitted to enable the authority to issue the declaration.
- The Planning Authority may request other person(s) other than the applicant to submit information on the question which has arisen and on which the declaration is sought.
- Any person issued with a declaration may on payment to An Bord Pleanala refer a declaration for review by the Board within 4 weeks of the date of the issuing of the declaration.
- In the event that no declaration is issued by the Planning Authority, any person who made a request may on payment to the Board of such a fee as may be prescribed, refer the question for decision to the Board within 4 weeks of the date that a declaration was due to be issued by the Planning Authority.

The application form and advisory notes are non-statutory documents prepared by Cork City Council for the purpose of advising as to the type information is normally required to enable the Planning Authority to issue a declaration under Section 5. This document does not purport to be a legal interpretation of the statutory legislation nor does it state to be a legal requirement under the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, or Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended.

#### **DATA PROTECTION**

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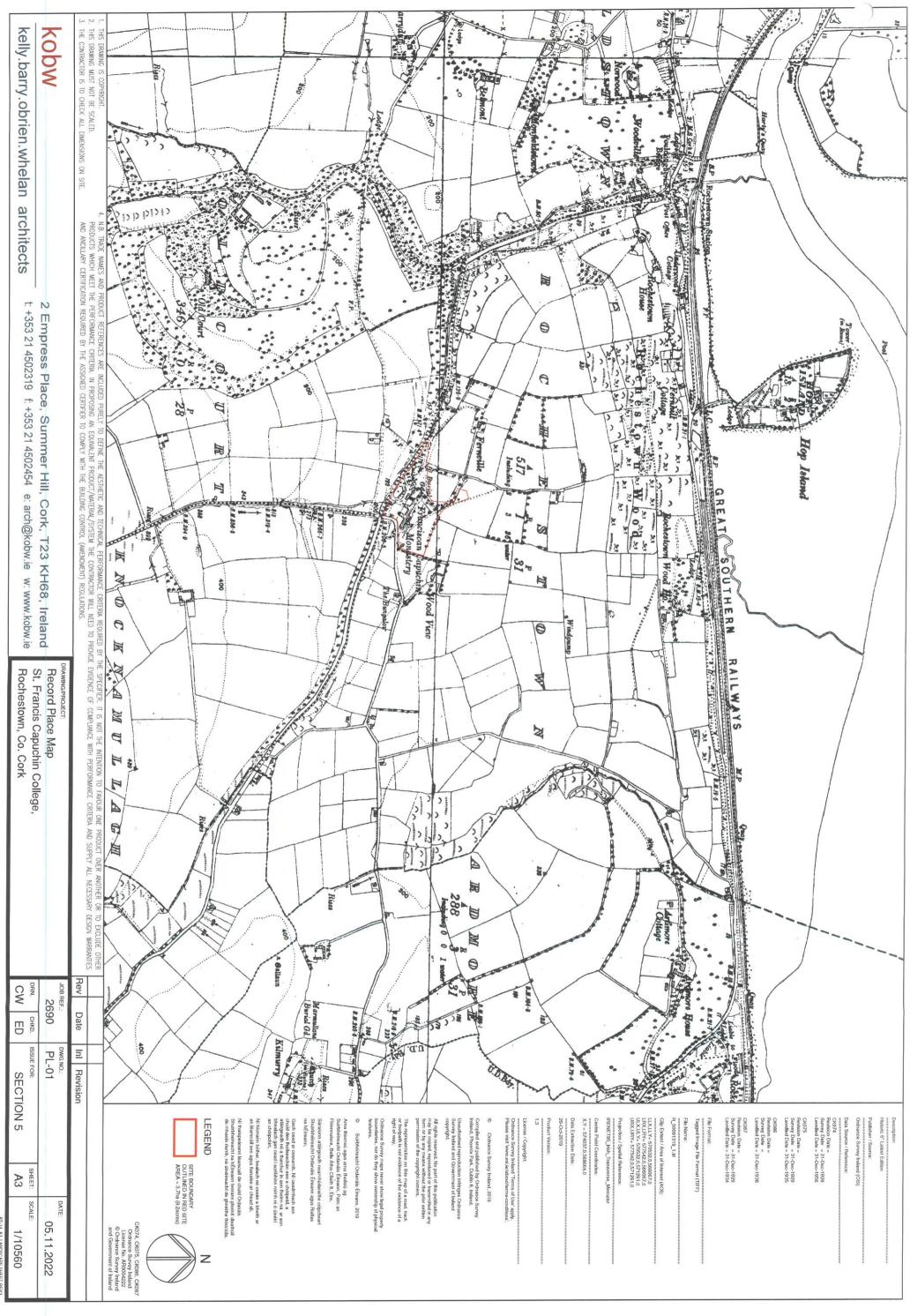
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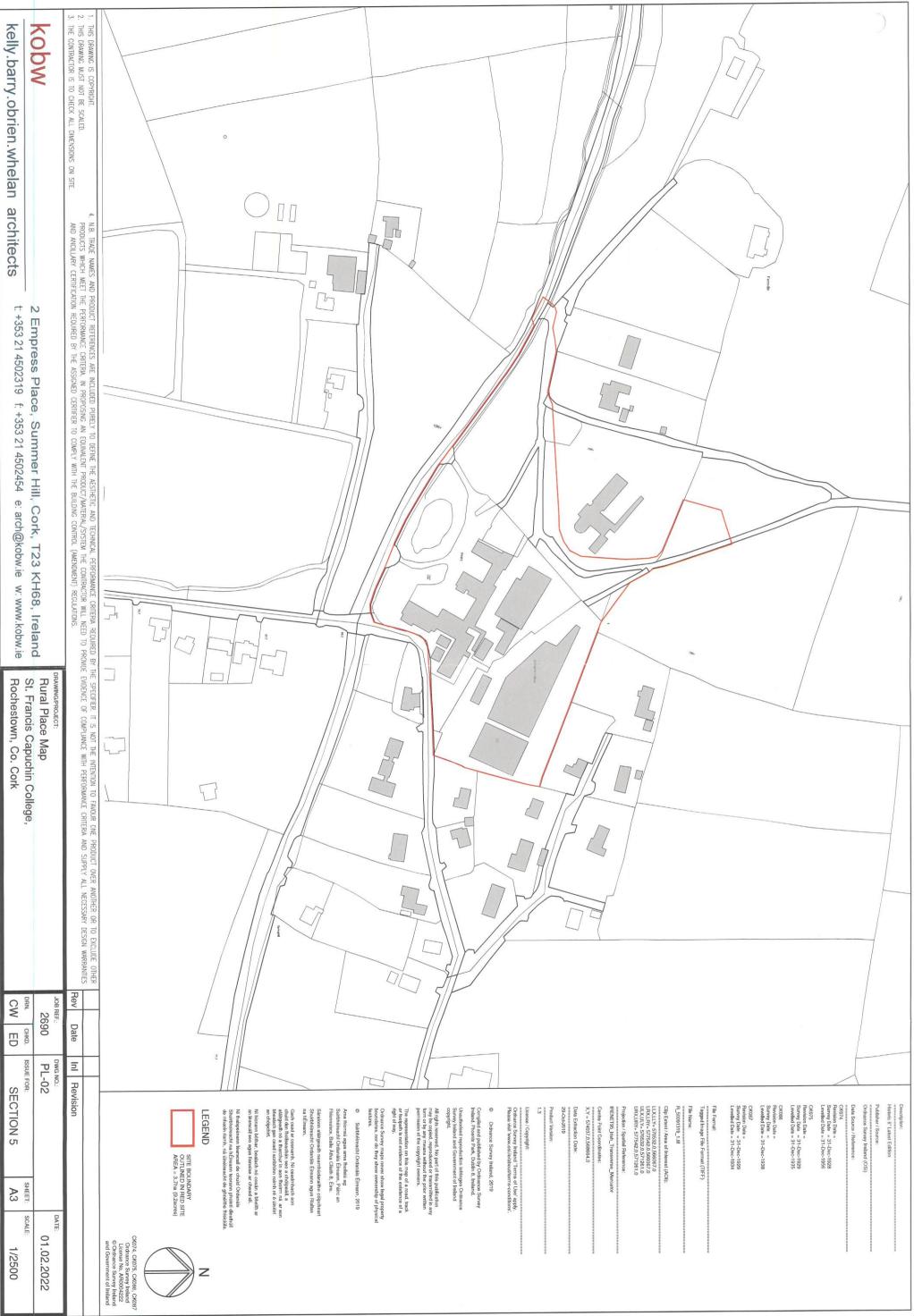
#### **Section 5 - Application Drawings**

Reference	Title	Scale
PL-01	Record Place Map	1:10560
PL-02	Rural Place Map	1:2500
PL-03	Existing Site Plan	1:500 @ A1
PL-04	Site Plan Temporary Accommodation Strategy	1:500



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