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Planning Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) & the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001, (as amended).

Re: "Whether the change of use at Savoy Hostel, Eglington Street, Galway, H91 VW14, from hostel use to temporary accommodation for displaced persons seeking international protection under S.I No. 376/2023 is or is not exempted development?"

At: Savoy Hostel, 16-28 Eglington Street, Galway City, H91 VW14.

A Chara,

I refer to your recent application for a Declaration of Exemption under the provisions of the above and I wish to inform you that the proposed development is **not** an Exempted Development for the following reasons:

- The proposal as outlined in Q4 of the Section 5 application form "whether the change of use at Savoy Hostel, Eglington Street, Galway, H91 VW14 from hostel use to temporary accommodation for displaced persons seeking international protection under S.I No. 376/2023 is or is not exempted development", is **NOT exempted development**.

Of relevance to this proposal is Class 20F - S.I. No. 376/2023 (as specifically referenced in the Q4 of the Section 5 application form), **Class 20F, Schedule 2 Article 6, Part 1 Exempted Development – General Exempted Development of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2024**.

Class 20 F states the – ' *Temporary use by or on behalf of the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to accommodate or support displaced persons or persons seeking international protection of any structure or part of a*

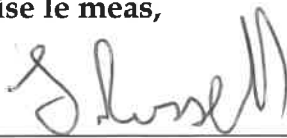
structure used as a school, college, university, training centre, social centre, community centre, non-residential club, art gallery, museum, library, reading room, sports club or stadium, gymnasium, hotel, convention centre, conference centre, shop, office, Defence Forces barracks, light industrial building, airport operational building, wholesale warehouse or repository, local authority administrative office, play centre, medical and other health and social care accommodation, event and exhibition space or any structure or part of structure normally used for public worship or religious instruction'.

Class 20F is subject to specific conditions and limitations (1-8). The Temporary use of a **youth hostel** by or on behalf of the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to accommodate or support displaced persons seeking international protection is not listed in Class 20F and furthermore the applicant has indicated that the temporary use has already occurred and is currently in use, therefore the Planning Authority is not satisfied that condition/limitation No. 5 of 20F has been complied with as required with Class 20F of Second Schedule, Part 1 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001-2024.

It must be emphasised that this opinion is given without prejudice to the provisions of Section 5(3) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

If applicants are dissatisfied with the determination of the Council in relation to a declaration of exempted development, then, within 4 weeks of the date that the declaration is issued by the Council, the person issued with the declaration can refer it to An Bord Pleanála for review of the matter.

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Senior Planner
Planning Department.