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C/o Sean Dockry & Associates,
24 Middle Street,
Galway

20/05/2026

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

Re: The construction of a new fire escape on the north elevation into the existing side lane

At: 22-26 Prospect Hill, Galway

A Chara,

I refer to your application for a certificate of exemption under the provisions of (Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act 2000) as amended, and I wish to advise as follows:

It is considered that the proposed formation of a new escape door and associated external fire escape arrangement on the north (side) elevation of the existing building at Nos. 22-26 Prospect Hill, Galway, as shown on the drawings and details submitted to the Planning Authority on 23 April 2026, constitutes development within the meaning of Sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Having regard to Article 6(1) and Article 9(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and to Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 41(e), it is considered that the works do not fall within Class 41(e) but comprise works of improvement/alteration to an existing structure which do not materially affect its external appearance so as to render it inconsistent with the character of the structure or neighbouring structures. The works are therefore considered to come within Section 4(1)(h) of the Act and to constitute exempted development.

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 Coimisiún Pleanála for review of the matter.

Mise le meas,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'James Russell', written in dark ink.

**Senior Planner,
Planning Department.**