

*Reg. Ref.***ED25/0063**

Appeal Notified: 16/09/2025
Appeal Lodged Date: 15/09/2025
Appellant Type: 1 st Party
Nature of Appeal: AGAINST DECISION
Councils Decision: DECLARED EXEMPT
Applicant: Ballyboden Tidy Towns Clg
Location: Sean Keating Garden/Park, Rathfarnham Castle Park, Rathfarnham Castle, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14

Description: Ballyboden Tidy Towns clg (BBTT) have submitted under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, an application to request a declaration as to whether specific works carried out at the Se?n Keating Garden (sometimes referred to as the Se?n Keating Park), located within the curtilage of Rathfarnham Castle, constitutes exempted development.

The area in question lies adjacent to Rathfarnham Castle, a National Monument in State care, and a Protected Structure; and is also situated adjacent to an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA); and forms part of the landscape character of Rathfarnham Castle. It is our understanding that the following works were carried out without the benefit of planning permission:

1. Formation of a public garden/amenity park, including land grading, introduction of ornamental planting, and structured landscaping.
 2. Installation of paved surfaces, hard landscaping, and fixed boundary treatments or kerbing.
 3. Construction of an artificial pond and associated infrastructure.
 4. Placement of street furniture, signage, and public amenities such as benches and bins.
 5. Possible alterations to existing curtilage walls, access routes, or gates.
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