

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 05

**CRITERIA FOR A CIRCUS TO
PITCH UP IN AN AREA**

Question: Councillor M. McCamley

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the criteria for a circus to pitch up in an area and is a licence required?"

Reply:

Many circuses and similar are considered exempt under Class 37 of the Planning and Development Regulations, as amended. This states that planning permission is not required for:

Development consisting of the use of land for any fair, funfair, bazaar or circus or any local event of a religious, cultural, educational, political, social, recreational or sporting character and the placing or maintenance of tents, vans or other temporary or movable structures or objects on the land in connection with such use.

Where:

- 1. The land shall not be used for any such purposes either continuously for a period exceeding 15 days or occasionally for periods exceeding in aggregate 30 days in any year.*
- 2. On the discontinuance of such use the land shall be reinstated save to such extent as may be authorised or required by a permission under the Act.*

Any events falling outside these limitations will require planning consent.

Source of Reply:
Róisín Burke, Director of Planning and Development