



15<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Director of Housing  
Louth County Council  
Millennium Centre  
Dundalk  
Louth, A91 KFW6

**Re: Greengates Manor, Haynestown, Dundalk, Co. Louth  
Designation as an Essential Project (COVID-19)**

**Ref No: EP – LCC-00010**

As you are aware there is a process in place that has been agreed with the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government to designate certain social housing projects as essential projects within the meaning of the COVID-19 health regulations. The criteria under which a project can be designated are that:

- a. the housing project is essential to prevent, limit, minimise or slow the spread of Covid-19.
- b. the housing project can be completed and be available for allocation/occupation by 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020. This includes all social housing projects – construction, turn-key, refurbishment and leasing projects.
- c. the Contractor employed by the local authority or the Approved Housing Body/Lessor has confirmed that they can undertake the works in accordance with HSE and Government COVID-19-related public health guidelines and recommendations.
- d. the local authority confirms that the completion of the housing project is necessary to alleviate homelessness /overcrowding /numbers in emergency or temporary accommodation/transfers from HAP etc. in order to prevent, limit, minimise or slow the spread of Covid-19.
- e. The project is funded by this Department under the range of social housing funding provisions.

I refer to your application to the Housing Delivery Co-ordination Office dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 for the designation of the below listed project as an essential project. In submitting such a request, it is understood that Louth County Council have confirmed that the project meets these criteria.



In accordance with the process agreed with Department and further to the application from the Local Authority to the Housing Delivery Co-ordination Office and based on a review of the information supplied with that application, the Housing Agency has now included the following project on a register of essential projects, on the basis that it is an essential project within the meaning of Schedule 2 paragraph 5(a) of the Health Act 1947 (Section 31A -Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) Regulations 2020.

**Designation:** Valid until 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
**Local Authority:** Louth County Council  
**Main Contractor:** **Aldeo Construction Ltd**  
**Project:** Greengates Manor, Haynestown, Co. Louth  
**No. of dwellings to be delivered:** 44

Prior to recommencement of construction activity, the Local Authority should advise contractors, consultants and their respective agents working on the project to adhere to the Public Health Guidelines COVID-19 and other relevant health and safety regulations, guidelines/protocols applicable to the construction sector.

**Approval Signatory:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O'Connor".

John O'Connor  
Chief Executive Officer