



Board Direction

Ref: PL61.246172

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on May 4th 2016.

The Board decided to refuse permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, subject to the amendments shown in the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS.

Having regard to the location of the proposed development in the Eyre Square which is designated as an Architectural Conservation Area in section 7.2 of the Galway City Development Plan, 2011-2017, it is considered that retention of the two internally illuminated single raised letter signs on the front façade, in particular the sign on the upper façade, the colouring, the addition of a corporate shamrock symbol, the materials and the internal illumination would constitute a conspicuous and unsympathetic visual impact on the integrity of the Architectural Conservation Area and would be injurious to the character of the area and would be inconsistent with the recommendations set out in the Shopfront and Signage Design Guidelines issued by Galway City Council. The proposed development would, therefore, adversely affect an Architectural Conservation Area, would materially contravene section 7.2 of the Galway City Development Plan 2011-2017 and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member: _____ Date: 04.05.16

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