

## **Board Direction**

PL61.247152

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on November 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.

The Board decided to refuse permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

## Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that the retention of the widened vehicular entrance, resulting in the loss of the majority of the front boundary of a residential dwelling, would be contrary to Section 11.3.1(g) of the Galway City Development Plan 2011-2017, which applies to vehicular entrances, and that the applicant has not justified any departure from this policy (which policy is considered reasonable). The development for which retention is sought would seriously injure the visual amenities of this residential area, which is generally characterised by narrow entrances and landscaped front gardens, and would create an undesirable precedent for similar such development in this area, including the further erosion of front gardens. The development for which retention is sought would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area

Board Member:

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Philip Jones