

Board Direction BD-008753-21 ABP-309304-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 21/07/2021.

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. The proposed development, is located in Briarhill, (a small village nucleus in a rural area close to Galway City environs constituted of a school and a small number of individual houses), which is a Tier 6 settlement (Other settlements and the Countryside) as set out in section 2.6.1 of the current Galway County development plan. The site is not zoned for development and specific core strategy population have not been established for same, under Section 2.57 (Settlement Strategy Objectives) of the current County Development Olan. Therefore, it is considered that the proposed development would, by reason of population yield, scale and overall extent in the context of Tier 6 status of Briarhill, undermine the provisions of the core strategy of the current County development plan and inter alia Core Strategy Objectives SC 2, CS 7 and SS 7 of the Galway County development plan 2015-2021. The proposed development would therefore accordingly be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member Terry Ó Niadh

Date: 21/07/2021