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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 15/07/2021.

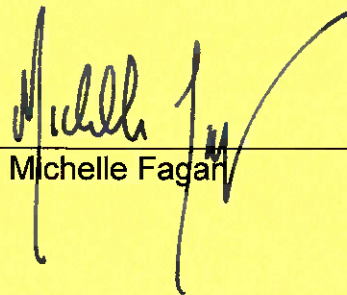
The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the design, external materiality, signage and lighting, the proposal to retain alterations and new finishes to the existing canopy, along with the proposed signage, fails to comply with 11.6 "Advertisements and Signage" of the Galway City Development plan 2017-2023 and Section 4.1 "Signage and Advertising" and Section 4.2 "Canopies" of the Galway City Council's Galway Shop Front and Design Guidelines. The visual appearance of the canopy is overbearing and obtrusive which fails to assimilate well with the existing building and streetscape and creates a detrimental visual impact on the character and setting of the neighbouring Protected Structure, the Methodist/Presbyterian Church House with Burial ground and the Eyre Square Architectural Conservation Area. The proposed development and the development for which retention is sought is therefore contrary to the provisions of the Galway City Council Development Plan and contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note: Then Board considered that there was sufficient information available on the file to enable a decision to be determined.

Board Member



Michelle Fagan

Date: 21/07/2021