

Board Direction BD-008440-21 ABP-309872-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 04/06/2021.

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 height, scale, and appearance of the extended elements to the wall, the proposed development for retention would be out of character with the design of the original subject wall and other walls characteristic of this rural area of county Galway. The proposed development to be retained would be injurious to the visual amenities of the immediately adjacent 'high amenity rural area' (area zoned Agri-Amenity 'G') and would not protect the character of the area within which it is situated (area zoned Agriculture-A), would be contrary to 4.6.2 (Open Spaces: Agricultural Lands) of the Galway County Development Plan 2017-2023, which aims to protect the rural character of such areas and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

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