

Board Direction BD-009624-21 ABP-311035-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 09/12/2021.

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 government's guidelines on Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DoE, 1996, policies of the Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023, the nature and scale of the proposed development and its location within an open space area within a residential area, it is considered that insufficient evidence has been provided in respect of alternative sites, to support the location of the development.

It is considered, therefore, that the proposed development would negatively impact on the general amenity and character of the area, including the value of this public space which includes an area of outdoor dining space associated with the adjacent café. The development would therefore, conflict with government policy which seeks to direct such development away from residential areas and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Paul Hyde.

Date: 09/12/2021