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**Board Direction**  
**BD-010390-22**  
**ABP-311977-21**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 30/03/2022.

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

### **Reasons and Considerations**

1. Having regard to the Galway Transportation Strategy adopted in the Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023, where it is policy to reduce parking provision and manage availability at a scale and structure that encourages a transfer to increased level of use of sustainable modes including public transport in the city centre, it is considered that the retention of the proposed development which facilities use of a private car for transport to the city centre for a further period, in an area in which there is also a significant quantum of surface carparks, would be contrary to the Galway City transportation policy and the development for which retention is sought would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. It is considered that the proposed retention of the temporary carparking use would be contrary to the achievement of the regeneration objectives for the Headford Road Area as provided for in Section 10.2.4 of the Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023 which seek an integrated approach to the redevelopment in accordance with high quality urban design principles and public realm standards. The Board considered the development for which retention is sought, would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would be contrary to the regeneration policies of the Galway City

Development Plan 2017-2023, and therefore, that the development would not be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member** Maria FitzGerald **Date:** 30/03/2022  
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