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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 11/01/2024.

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 identification of the Western Distributor Road on Map A – City Map of the Galway City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 as a bus route and its identification on Figure 4.1 of this City Development Plan for use by two core bus routes in the Galway Transportation Strategy (2016), and
- Policies 4.1 and 4.3 of the Galway City Development Plan 2022 – 2028, which undertake to support the implementation of the Galway Transport Strategy and the implementation of Bus Connects Galway and “the overall bus transport network which will include for a high frequency cross-city network of services and all associated infrastructural requirements, traffic management and priority arrangements.”

It is considered that the proposal would be premature in advance of the determination of the infrastructural requirements, traffic management and priority arrangements that may be required to be made to the Western Distributor Road in the vicinity of the site to facilitate improvements to bus services. Accordingly, to permit this proposal now would prejudice such determination, and so it would

contravene the aforementioned policies of the City Development Plan and, thereby, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note: With regard to the alternative proposal, the Board noted the Inspector's assessment and conclusion as outlined in section 8.2 to 8.7 of the Inspector's report.

Board Member



Mary Cregg

Date: 11/01/2024