

Board Direction BD-016070-24 ABP-315674-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 12/04/2024.

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 County Development Plan 2022 2028, to the location of the proposed development on residential zoned lands (Phase 2) in the settlement of Headford and to Policy Objective SGT1 setting out that Residential (Phase 2) lands are generally not developable within the lifetime of the Development Plan, subject to specified exceptions, the Board is not satisfied that sufficient exceptional grounds have been presented demonstrating that the proposed residential development should be considered on Residential (Phase 2) lands at this time. The Board considers that the proposed development would, therefore, materially contravene Objective SGT1 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022 2028 and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
- Having regard to the absence of a footpath or cycle path along the N84 in the vicinity of the appeal site and the associated lack of pedestrian/cycle connectivity between the appeal site and the centre of Headford, it is

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considered that the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Joe Boland

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