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**Board Direction**  
**BD-016145-24**  
**ABP-316300-23**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 25/04/2024.

The Board treated this case under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The Board also decided that the planning authority be directed, as follows:

Remove condition

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, and the Development Contribution Scheme 2016 for Galway County Council, the Board considered that additional special contributions for inter alia quarries do not explicitly support long term maintenance of public infrastructure and such a contribution was therefore not justified in this particular application.

In disagreeing with the Inspector, the Board did not concur with their interpretation of the Development Contribution Scheme 2016 for Galway County Council concerning its general lack of provision for maintenance of public infrastructure. The Board considered the provision of the passing bay by the applicant and the planned closure

of the quarry by November 2026. In such circumstances, the Board considered an additional special contribution for long term maintenance of roads was not justified when considering the criteria set out in Part 2 of the Scheme.

**Board Member:** Eamonn James Kelly **Date:** 25/04/2024  
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