

Board Direction BD-017104-24 ABP-317602-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 24/07/2024.

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 totality of the information on file and particularly to correspondence from Uisce Éireann, the Board was not satisfied a sufficiently developed commitment and specific timeframe has been provided that demonstrates the proposed development would have access to an effective wastewater treatment system. The proposed development would be premature pending the completion of the proposed Páirc na hAbhainn Waste Water Pumping Station under the Athenry Waste Water Network project, would set an undesirable precedent for other similar developments in the surrounding area and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Furthermore, on the basis that the proposed development includes for the siting of six residential units within a buffer zone associated with the existing wastewater treatment plant serving Maryfield Nursing Home, the development as proposed would be prejudicial to public health, contrary to DM Standard 38 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 and the provisions of EPA

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Wastewater Treatment Manuals - Treatment Systems for Small Communities, Business, Leisure Centres and Hotels (1999).

Board Member Eartonn James Kelly Date: 26/07/2024

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