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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 30/07/2024.

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. The proposed development does not provide satisfactory or sufficiently detailed proposals for connectivity to the wider urban pedestrian and cycle network, this poses an increased risk to the safety of pedestrians and other road users, and in addition, lead to unsustainable travel and mobility patterns. As such, the proposed development would not accord with policy objective ASP 53 Pedestrian and Cycle Network of the Athenry Local Area Plan 2024-2030, or policy objectives ILUTP1 and WC3 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, and would not meet the requirements of section 4.4(i)(b) together with section 1(ii) Appendix D of the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities that states new developments should connect to the wider urban street and transport networks and improve connections between communities, to public transport, local services and local amenities such as shops, parks and schools, where possible.

Having regard to the uncertainty regarding the provision of and connection to existing pedestrian and cyclist networks in the area, the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard, including hazard to pedestrians and cyclists. The proposed development,

would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member Eamonn James Kelly **Date:** 30/07/2024
Eamonn James Kelly

Note

In agreeing with the Inspector's assessment regarding sense of place, the Board noted that any revised access arrangements may necessitate revisions to the layout of the site.