

**Board Direction BD-017610-24 ABP-319259-24** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 24/09/2024.

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

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## Reasons and Considerations

- 1. Having regard to scale, form, detailed design and location relative to the Protected Structure and the North Main Street Architectural Conservation Area, it is considered that the retention of the existing awning and supporting structure and the proposed outdoor seating enclosures to Little Cross Street would have a negative visual impact, resulting in an obtrusive feature which would adversely affect the character, setting and heritage amenity of both the Protected Structure and the Architectural Conservation Area. The development proposed to be retained and the proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to Objectives 8.17, 8.19, 8.22 and 8.23 of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
- 2. The scale, positioning, and fixed nature of both the retained and proposed development would reduce the carriageway width on Little Cross Street such that it would hinder appropriate access for emergency service vehicles and, therefore, create a traffic hazard. The development would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member Date: 26/09/2024

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