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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at Board meetings held on 18/02/25 and 11/06/2025.

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the information on file which indicates that the practice of tankering effluent from Bearna pumping station occurs during periods of heavy rainfall, and in the absence of a response from Uisce Éireann (on foot of a Section 131 request for clarification issued by the Board) as to whether tankering is required, and whether such tankering, if required, restricts the capacity at Bearna pumping station to accept wastewater from the development, it is considered that it has not been demonstrated that there is adequate collection/conveyance capacity in the foul sewer network in Bearna to cater for the effluent generated by the proposed development, and as such the proposed development would be contrary to Policy Objective WW4 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, which requires that new developments will only be permitted which are adequately serviced with sufficient capacity for appropriate collection, treatment and disposal. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

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Date: 12/06/2025