

An  
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**Board Direction**  
**BD-018940-25**  
**ABP-321129-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 17/02/2025.

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

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the existing pattern of development in the area, the location and setting of the site within the designated rural settlement of Clarinbridge, as set out within the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, and to its policies and objectives and development standards, and in particular Policy Objectives CS 2, CGR 1, LCM 1 and DM Standard 8, it is considered that, subject to compliance with conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the residential or visual amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would not adversely impact the landscape character of the area, is appropriate in terms of design, scale and layout and consistent with the established built character of the vicinity, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions.  
Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes of the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** In the interest of visual amenity.

3. The mitigation measures contained in the Bat Survey and Report received by the planning authority as part of the application shall be implemented in full.

**Reason:** In the interest of biodiversity and protecting bats.

4. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall enter into a Connection Agreement (s) with Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) to provide for a service connection(s) to the public water supply and/or wastewater collection network.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health and to ensure adequate water/wastewater facilities.

5. a) The site shall be landscaped in accordance with a scheme of landscaping, details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The



landscaping plan shall include hedgerow(s) comprising fruit bearing species, such as hawthorn, dog rose, and alder trees.

- b) All planting shall be adequately protected from damage until established. Any plants which die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, within a period of three years from the completion of the development, shall be replaced within the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority.
- c) A tree survey of the site shall be carried out by an arborist or landscape architect and submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The survey shall show the location of each tree on the site, together with the species, height, girth, crown spread and condition of each tree, distinguishing between those which it is proposed to be felled and those which it is proposed to be retained.
- d) Measures for the protection of those trees which it is proposed to be retained shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority before any trees are felled.

**Reason:** In the interest of residential and visual amenity, protection of biodiversity, and to facilitate the identification and subsequent protection of trees to be retained on the site.

- 6. a) The development shall connect to the communal wastewater treatment plant as per the details submitted as part of the original application to the Planning Authority. The applicant shall ensure that the communal effluent treatment and disposal system is maintained in accordance with current EPA best practice standards. Arrangements in relation to the ongoing maintenance of the system shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.

- b) Within three months of the occupation of the dwelling, the developer shall submit a report from a suitably qualified person with professional indemnity insurance certifying that connection to the communal proprietary effluent treatment system has been installed and commissioned in accordance with the approved details and is working in a satisfactory manner in accordance with best practice EPA standards.

**Reason:** In the interest of public health.

- 7. The disposal of surface water shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit final details for the disposal of surface water from the site for the written agreement of the planning authority.

**Reason:** To prevent flooding and in the interests of sustainable drainage.

- 8. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development. Details of the ducting shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. Any existing overground cables shall be relocated underground as part of the site development works.

**Reason:** In the interests of visual and residential amenity.



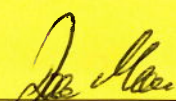
9. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0700 to 1800 Mondays to Fridays inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and public holidays. Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from the planning authority.

**Reason:** In order to safeguard the residential amenities of property in the vicinity.

10. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefitting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contribution shall be paid prior to the commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the application of the terms of the Scheme shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developers or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

**Reason:** It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Act be applied to the permission.

**Board Member**

  
Declan Moore

**Date:** 17/02/2025