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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 14/10/2025.

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

Planning

Commissioner:

Date: 15/10/2025

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the location of the proposed development, on a local road with a speed limit of 50 kmph and which is substandard in horizontal and vertical alignment in the vicinity of the subject site, and the entirety of the information on file which shows that the proposed development cannot provide adequate sightlines in an easterly direction in accordance with the technical standards set out DM Standard 28 in the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, it is considered that traffic turning movements into and out of the site would create a traffic hazard due to the limited visibility and stoppage distance on approach to the proposed entrance from the east. The Commission considered that the proposed development would

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endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note: The Commission noted that the applicant had not demonstrated that she had sufficient legal interest to provide a 40m sightline to the east of the development. In any case the Commission accepted and agreed with the assessment of the inspector that the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard even with a reduced operational speed of 40kmphr on the road and in the event that a sightline of 40m could be provided and maintained..