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Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 21/11/2025.

The Commission decided to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

Planning

Commissioner: *Eamonn James Kelly*

Date: 25/11/2025

Eamonn James Kelly

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that, by reason of its overall design and material finishes, the development proposed to be retained (the retention and completion of a detached meeting room, including concrete base, the retention of the opening of an access/entrance in the existing stone wall, and all associated site works) would negatively impact on the special character and appearance of the existing church which is listed as a protected structure (RPS register reference number 183) in the development plan, and a building of interest on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH 21901124), and would be contrary to Objective EH O50

(Work to Protected Structures) of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028. The development proposed to be retained would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Furthermore, having regard to Policy Objective EH O3 of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 and to the design and positioning of the lighting and flood lighting proposed for retention, in the absence of such an assessment and appropriate mitigation measures it has not been satisfactorily demonstrated the external lighting proposed for retention would not have a significant impact on species of conservation concern on the site.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission for the retention of external lighting, the Commission did not concur with the Inspector's rationale that possible behavioural avoidance of the development site over time by bats in order to avoid potential light pollution arising from the external lighting proposed for retention constitutes an acceptable basis for concluding no significant effects on the receiving environment having regard to the requirements of Development Plan policy set out above.