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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 15 April 2026.

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

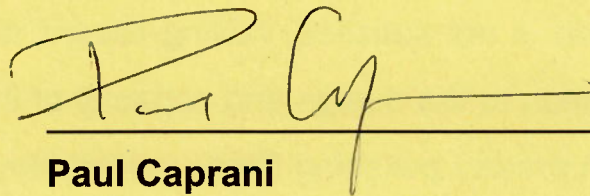
### **Reasons and Considerations**

The Commission is not satisfied, having regard to deficiencies in the information provided in relation to the design and capacity of the proposed wastewater system and percolation areas / polishing filters, particularly having regard to the proposed hydraulic loading rates into the polishing filters which are considered to be excessive and not in accordance with the recommended hydraulic loading rates set out in Table E2 of Appendix E set out in the EPA Guidance on Authorisation of Discharges to Groundwater (2011), that the proposal would not be prejudicial to public health. Furthermore the Commission is not satisfied the applicant carried out a suitably robust technical assessment of the impact of the proposal on underlying groundwater, in accordance with the methodologies set out the EPA Guidance on Authorisation of Discharges to Groundwater (2011), that the proposed development and the development proposed to be retained, would not negatively impact upon public health or the groundwater status, and would therefore fail to comply with the requirements of Policy Objective WR1- Water Resources of the Galway County

Development Plan 2022 - 2028 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note: The Commission noted the concerns of the inspector in relation to the potential impact of the proposed development on European Sites in view of the conservation objectives of these sites, however having regard to the separation distances between the subject site and the nearest European Sites, the Commission considered that this issue could be evaluated further by way of an additional information request, however having regard to the substantive reason for refusal, the Commission decided not to pursue this matter.

**Planning Commissioner:**



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**Paul Caprani**

**Date:**

**15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026**