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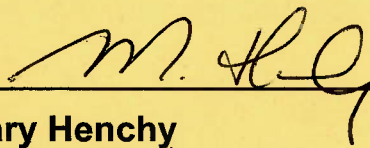
**Commission Direction**  
**CD-000784**  
**PL-500900-GY-26**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 23 June 2026.

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

**Planning Commissioner:**

  
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**Mary Henchy**

**Date:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2026**

**DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER**

**Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development, and the established use of the site, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the

conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area, would not have an adverse impact on the bat population in the vicinity of the site, and would be in accordance with the policy objectives of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, including Objective NHB 9 (Protection of Bats and Bat Habitats) and NHB 5 (Ecological Connectivity). The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## **Conditions**

1. The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, 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 proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

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

2. All mitigation measure outlined in the Bat Survey Report lodged with the planning application shall be implemented in full.

**Reason:** In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. Construction on site shall be limited to between 0800 hours and 1800 hours Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, and between 0900 hours and 1700 hours

on Saturdays, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the planning authority. No works shall take place on Sundays or public holidays.

**Reason:** In the interest of residential amenity and orderly development.

4. The operational hours of the floodlighting shall not extend beyond 2100 hours with automatic cut-off of floodlighting at that time.

**Reason:** To protect the residential amenity of properties in the vicinity.

5. Lighting shall use luminaires with CCT  $\leq 3000\text{K}$  in accordance with Environmentally Friendly Lighting Guide - Dark Sky Ireland Guidance (2024). The floodlighting shall otherwise be in accordance with the lighting report received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026. The luminaires shall be maintained in good order to ensure compliance with the required Lux levels and to ensure the correct light angles are maintained on the astro pitch and do not create increased light spill to nearby properties.

**Reason:** In the interest of residential amenity and for the protection of bats, a protected species.

6. The developer shall undertake monitoring of local bat populations for the first active season (April-October) post-construction to verify light levels and bat activity. This monitoring shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced bat expert and shall include an assessment of bat populations in the area to determine effectiveness, or otherwise of the implemented design and other mitigation measures, on the bats foraging and commuting in the area. A report

presenting findings shall be submitted to the planning authority and corrective measures shall be implemented, if required. Corrective measures shall include limitation of hours, adjustment of lighting angles, and additional shielding.

**Reason:** For the protection of bats, a protected species.