

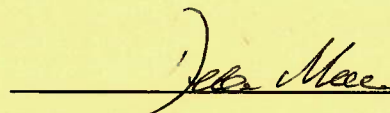
An
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Pleanála

Commission Direction
CD-001046
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 11 August 2026.

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

Planning Commissioner:


Declan Moore

Date:

11th day of August 2026

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Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the the provisions of Section 11.194 (Advertising on Buildings), Section 11.195 (Fascia Signage & Illuminative & Projecting Signs) and Section 11.200 (Digital Advertising/Signage) of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028, the location of the proposed development on the façade of a protected structure proximate to Cork Courthouse which

is a protected structure, and within the North Main Street Architectural Conservation Area, it is considered that, by reason of its prominence and changing illuminated nature, the proposed development would introduce a visually dominant and active element onto the façade of the protected structure which would adversely affect the legibility of the structure, neighbouring protected structures, and would negatively impact on the character, setting and heritage amenity of both the protected structures and the Architectural Conservation Area. The proposed development would be contrary to Objectives 8.17, 8.19, 8.22 and 8.23 of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. Having regard to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028, including in particular the provisions of Section 11.200 (Digital Advertising/Signage), the provisions of the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (January 2012), in particular Section 3.8, the location of the site within Cork city centre and the layout of adjacent pedestrian paths, cycle and vehicular lanes, it is considered that by reason of its scale, illumination, changing content and prominent location on the façade of the existing building, and its visibility to drivers and cyclists approaching the site, particularly from the west on a public road which is a national route (N22), the proposed development would create an unacceptable level of visual distraction and would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.