

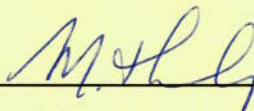
An
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Commission Direction
CD-001294
PL-501409-GY-26

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 18 September 2026.

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

Planning Commissioner:



Mary Henchy

Date:

18th day of September 2026

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Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the nature, scale, and location of the proposed development, and in particular the proximity to the DERRYMULLAN_010 (River) which is designated as a good status waterbody under the Water

Framework Directive, the Commission is not satisfied that, in the absence of a sufficient buffer, the proposed development would not give rise to a risk of deterioration in the ecological and/or chemical status of the said water body. Permitting the proposed development would therefore be contrary to the requirements of Article 4 of the EU Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC), as transposed into Irish law by the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 722 of 2003), as amended, and would be inconsistent with the objectives of the Water Action Plan 2024, contravene Policy Objective WR1 objective of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-28.

2. The applicant has not demonstrated that the proposed road accords with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine's Minimum Specifications for Farm Roads and Underpasses, specifically with regard to:

- the alignment of the road relative to the watercourse and
- the proposals for the management of surface water during construction and operation

Furthermore, that applicant has not provided adequate design and construction details of the proposed river crossing to enable this aspect of the proposed works to be assessed.

Due to this lack of detail, the applicant has not demonstrated that the proposed development would accord with Galway County Development

Plan 2022-2028, Policy IW1 (Inland Waterways) and Policy FL7 (protection of Waterbodies / Watercourses). The proposed development therefore is contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.