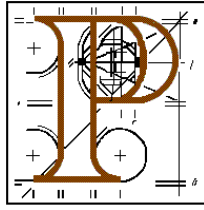


# An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

**Galway County**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 15/1305**

An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: PL 07.246059

**APPEAL** by Martin and Sabina Gavin care of Waldron and Associates of The Square, Claremorris, County Mayo against the decision made on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015 by Galway County Council to refuse permission.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Construction of a new dwellinghouse and domestic garage with new entrance from existing public access road to unconsecrated graveyard together with all ancillary site works and services at Cartron, Milltown, County Galway.

## **DECISION**

**REFUSE permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.**

## **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

## **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

The “Spatial Planning and National Roads - Guidelines for Planning Authorities” issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government (2012) seek in Section 2.5 “to avoid the...generation of increased traffic from existing accesses to national roads to which speed limits greater than 60 km/h apply.” The proposed development of a house at this location would result in the intensification of use of a private access on to the N17 national road, close to a bend to the north, having restricted sightlines, with chevrons/no passing markings on the road, and where a speed limit of 100 km/h applies. It is, therefore, considered that the additional and conflicting turning movements generated by the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard, would interfere with the free flow of traffic on this national road, would compromise the level of service and carrying capacity of the road at this location, and would fail to protect public investment in the national road network, both by itself and by the undesirable precedent it would set for similar such development. The proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of the said Guidelines and to Objective TI 6 and DM Standards 18, 20 and 21 of the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021. Having regard also to the planning history of the site and in the vicinity, including An Bord Pleanála appeal reference numbers PL 07.111794 and PL 07.098012, the proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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**Member of An Bord Pleanála  
duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this                      day of                      2016.**