

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Galway City

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APPEAL by Rocco Stone Limited care of Manahan Planners of 38 Dawson Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 21st day of January, 2016 by Galway City Council to refuse permission.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Retention of two number existing internally illuminated single raised letter signs on the front façade, all at 9-11 Prospect Hill, Eyre Square, 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

Having regard to the location of the proposed development in the Eyre Square which is designated as an Architectural Conservation Area in section 7.2 of the Galway City Development Plan, 2011-2017, it is considered that retention of the two internally illuminated single raised letter signs on the front façade, in particular the sign on the upper façade, the colouring, the addition of a corporate shamrock symbol, the materials and the internal illumination would constitute a conspicuous and unsympathetic visual impact on the integrity of the Architectural Conservation Area and would be injurious to the character of the area and would be inconsistent with the recommendations set out in the Shopfront and Signage Design Guidelines issued by Galway City Council. The proposed development would, therefore, adversely affect an Architectural Conservation Area, would materially contravene section 7.2 of the Galway City Development Plan 2011-2017 and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2016.