

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Galway County

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APPEAL by Shane Foran care of 68 Gort Greine, Ragoon, County Galway and by Attracta Burke of 'Cregville', Hazelwood, Castlegar, County Galway against the decision made on the 11th day of April, 2016 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to IDA Ireland care of ORS Consulting Engineers of ORS Building, Marlinstown Office Park, Mullingar, County Westmeath in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Construction of a link road and junction to connect an existing access road within the IDA Parkmore West Business and Technology Park, Parkmore West to the LS7101 road known locally as the Parkmore Road at Parkmore, County Galway. The proposed link road will connect the Parkmore Road via a "left in – left out" junction arrangement. The proposed works include the construction of a seven metre wide carriageway, footpaths, cycle paths to tie into the existing infrastructure, provision of traffic signs, road markings, additional public lighting, construction of a central island on the Parkmore Road, provision of traffic calming infrastructure and all associated site works and services.

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

Notwithstanding that the provision of a link road and junction is acceptable in principle at this location, it is considered that proposed design conflicts to such an extent with the principles, approaches and standards set out in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) (2013), which are the applicable standards, the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard to road users and in particular vulnerable road users including pedestrians and cyclists and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board considered that the level of variance between the submitted design and the appropriate Design Manual for Urban Roads and Street approach was so great as to be not capable of being amenable to acceptable resolution by condition and to warrant refusal.

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

Dated this day of 2016.