



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/1448

APPEAL by Aidan McGuinness care of McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan of Block 1, G.F.S.C., Moneenageisha Road, Galway against the decision made on the 15th day of February, 2018 by Galway County Council to refuse permission to the said Aidan McGuinness.

Proposed Development: Development of forecourt with pump islands consisting of: (1) the construction of a solid fuel store/repository, (2) construction of a forecourt with four pumps and canopy cover, (3) installation of three underground fuel storage tanks with a total fuel storage capacity of 100,000 litres, associated pipe works and overground fill points, (4) construction of three car parking spaces and an electric car charging point, (5) installation of air and water dispensers for vehicles, (6) all ancillary signage, site works, boundary treatments, drainage systems and landscaping, all at Cosmona, Loughrea, County Galway.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with 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

1. The proposed development of a petrol filling station with four pumps, underground storage tanks and fuel repository/store on a site zoned for mixed use commercial and retail development is unacceptably close to existing and proposed residential development. It is considered that the proposed uses are not a complementary use on a suitable site as required by the C2 zoning objective, as set out in the Loughrea Local Area Plan 2012-2018 which has been extended to 2022. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. It has not been demonstrated that the proposed development, in addition to the development proposed on the adjoining sites, can be safely accommodated by the existing public sewer network. The proposed development would, therefore, be prejudicial to public health.

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

Dated this day of 2019.