



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/1827

APPEAL by P.J. and Corina Harte of Cahergal, Craughwell, County Galway against the decision made on the 16th day of May, 2018 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Mark Higgins care of Gabriel Dolan and Associates of Main Street, Craughwell, County Galway.

Proposed Development: Retention of domestic shed at Cahergal, Craughwell, 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

The site of the development proposed for retention is located within the rural area of County Galway where emphasis is placed in Development Management Standards 6 and 8 of the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021 on the importance of designing with the landscape and of siting of development to minimise visual intrusion, which are considered to be reasonable. Having regard to the rural nature of the site, the positioning of the proposed development along the north-west boundary adjacent to an existing residential property, together with its excessive height and scale, it is considered that the development proposed for retention would form a discordant and obtrusive feature on the landscape at this location, would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, would fail to be adequately absorbed and integrated into the landscape, would militate against the preservation of the rural environment and would set an undesirable precedent for other such prominently located development in the vicinity. The development proposed for retention would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2018.