



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 18/722

APPEAL by Prior Park Ireland Assets Limited of 2 Friars Lough, Leighinbridge, County Carlow against the decision made on the 24th day of July, 2018 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Baswal Limited care of Simon J. Kelly Architects of 21 Middle Street, Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: (i) Demolition of existing substandard single-storey link building between main hotel and Abbey, (ii) construction of new single-storey link building between main hotel and Abbey, to include accessible entrance, (iii) a canopy and weather protecting entrance lobby at lower ground level leading to the existing 'Oak Cellar' bar and (iv) all associated landscaping/site works and ancillary services at Glenlo Abbey Hotel (Protected Structures numbers 3441 and 3952), Kentfield, 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 original chapel structure and the demesne dwelling which form part of the historic complex at Glenlo Abbey are included on the record of protected structures. It is considered that the proposed new link building fails to respect the historic relationship between the chapel and the demesne dwelling as two separated distinct structures within the historic demesne and that the profile, due to the footprint forward of the front building line of the chapel, the height which reaches the eaves height of the chapel, the massing and design, would be excessive in scale and profile, would be visually intrusive and would fail to respect the historic relationship, integrity, character and setting of the chapel and demesne dwelling within the complex. The proposed development would, therefore, seriously injure the integrity and character of the protected structures and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2019.