

Board Order ABP-302880-18

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018 Planning Authority: Galway County Council Planning Register Reference Number: 18/1142

APPEAL by Rachel Konisberry care of Stephen Dowds Associates of 5 Mary Street, Galway against the decision made on the 3rd day of October, 2018 by Galway County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Retention and completion of agricultural shed and retention and widening of the existing access road coupled with ancillary site works at Rinville West, Oranmore, 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

Having regard to the planning history of the subject site, and its locational context, it is considered that the development for which retention is sought, which comprises a large shed to be used for agricultural storage and stables as a stand-alone building/facility on a relatively small landholding, by reason of its scale, mass and bulk, and its location on elevated ground within a rural area of High Landscape Sensitivity (Class 3) in the Galway County Development Plan 2015 – 2021, would detract from the visual and residential amenities of the area, would interfere with the character of the landscape, contrary to objectives LCM-1 and LCM 2 of this Development Plan, and would set an undesirable precedent for similar future development in the area. The development for which retention is sought would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2019.