

Board Order ABP-305015-19

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019 Planning Authority: Galway County Council Planning Register Reference Number: 18/1422

**APPEAL** by Pat and Bernie Canning and Others care of AK Planning and Development Limited of Mill Road, Corbally Limerick and by Others against the decision made on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Renville Sports Project Committee, on behalf of Oranmore Maree GAA Club care of Horganlynch, Consulting Engineers of Tellengana, Blackrock Road, Cork.

**Proposed Development:** Expansion to the existing recreational, sports and amenity facilities at Renville Park and Renville West. This development will comprise of the following: a public playground area complete with associated play equipment, a looped amenity walkway throughout the site and connectivity to existing amenity walkways at Renville Park, three number grassed playing pitches (pitches numbers one, two and four), one number all weather synthetic playing pitch (pitch number three), three number warm up/training areas, site lighting, together with six number 21 metre high floodlighting masts to both pitches two and three (12 number masts in total), with an average spread of 500 lux at pitch level, retractable netting system (30 metres long x 15 metres high) behind each goal of the four number playing pitches, a covered terrace for standing/seating to pitch number one, a single

storey machinery building, a single storey toilet block, a hurling wall, car parking for circa 248 number car spaces, eight number coach spaces and provision for internal access roads, a vehicular and pedestrian access onto the L-81043-0 Local Road, to the south of the site, a vehicular access road to serve the proposed machinery shed onto the L-41015-0 Local Road, to the north of the site, all associated perimeter fencing to pitches and boundary treatments to site, landscaping, site drainage works and all associated site works and services, a proprietary foul treatment plant complete with percolation area/polishing filter at Renville West, Oranmore, County Galway as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

## 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**

It is considered that the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard, due to the additional traffic turning movements which the proposed development would generate at the junction of the L-81043/L-8104 Maree Road, at a point where the general speed limit applies and where sightlines are restricted in both directions and in the absence of any specific measures confirmed as part of the proposed development, to address these deficiencies within the existing junction. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

> Chris McGarry Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board

Dated thisday of2020

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