



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 19/1653

APPEAL by Rachel Konisberry care of James O'Donnell of Planning Consultancy Services, Suite 3, Third Floor, Ross House, Victoria Place, Eyre Square, Galway against the decision made on the 17th day of December, 2019 by Galway County Council to refuse permission to the said Rachel Konisberry.

Proposed Development (1) Permission for part demolition of existing agricultural shed. (2) Retention and completion of remainder of agricultural shed. (3) Retention of existing access road. (4) Permission for widening of existing access road, together with additional landscaping and all associated site works, all 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, as set out in Class 3 of 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 the 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.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board considered that the applicant's proposal did not overcome the Board's previous reason for refusal.

Stephen Bohan

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

Dated this day of 2020.