

Board Order ABP-308397-20

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020 Planning Authority: Galway City Council Planning Register Reference Number: 20/196

APPEAL by Colm Grogan of 46 Beach Court, Grattan Road, Galway and by Angela Casey of 2 Munster Avenue, Galway against the decision made on the 16th day of September, 2020 by Galway City Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Gas Networks Ireland care of RPS Group of West Pier Business Campus, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin.

Proposed Development: Installation of one District Regulation Installation (DRI) consisting of a solid concrete blockwork enclosure (measuring approximately 2.575 metres high by 4.25 metres by 1.3 metres) with a pitched GRP roof and concrete base (approximately 1.78 metres by 4.73 metres) galvanised steel vent stack (approximately three metres high) and associated ancillary facilities at Father Burke Park, Father Griffin Road, 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 its nature and scale, design and landscaping treatment, the Board considers that the proposed development at this location in a public park, which adjoins a public path and road, and is in close proximity to residential properties, would not integrate in a satisfactory manner into the visually prominent receiving environment. It is considered that the proposed development would not be acceptable in terms of visual and residential amenity and would, therefore, not be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

> Dave Walsh Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board

Dated this day of 2021