



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 20/298

APPEAL by Byrne Hotel Management Limited care of William O'Connor of Currantarmuid, Athenry, County Galway against the decision made on the 21st day of January, 2021 by Galway City Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: The development consists of retention of: (1) alterations and new finishes to existing canopy, new signage to canopy over main entrance and retention of minor alterations to entrance doors at Victoria Hotel, Victoria Place in the townland of Townparks, 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 design, external materiality, signage and lighting, the proposal to retain alterations and new finishes to the existing canopy, along with the proposed signage, fails to comply with 11.6 'Advertisements and Signage' of the Galway City Council Development Plan 2017-2023 and Section 4.1 "Signage and Advertising" and Section 4.2 'Canopies' of the Galway City Council's 'Galway Shop Front and Signage Design Guidelines'. The visual appearance of the canopy is overbearing and obtrusive which fails to assimilate well with the existing building and streetscape and creates a detrimental visual impact on the character and setting of the neighbouring Protected Structure, the Methodist/Presbyterian Church House with Burial ground and the Eyre Square Architectural Conservation Area. The proposed development and the development for which retention is sought are, therefore, contrary to the provisions of the Galway City Council Development Plan and contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Michelle Fagan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.



Dated this 27th day of July 2021