Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/6

APPEAL by Sean Curran care of Tobin Consulting Engineers of Fairgreen House, Fairgreen Road, Galway against the decision made on the 11ᵗʰ day of March, 2021 by Galway City Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Retention of development which will consist of an increase in front boundary wall height which has been raised along the front boundary walls for safety and security reasons at Quarry Road, Menlo, 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 height, scale, and appearance of the extended elements to the wall, the development proposed for retention would be out of character with the design of the original subject wall and other walls characteristic of this rural area of County Galway. The development proposed to be retained would seriously injure the visual amenities of the immediately adjacent 'high amenity rural area' (area zoned Agri-Amenity 'G'), would not protect the character of the area within which it is situated (area zoned Agriculture-A), and would be contrary to 4.6.2 (Open Spaces: Agricultural Lands) of the Galway County Development Plan 2017-2023, which aims to protect the rural character of such areas. The retention of the proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Stephen Bohan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 29th day of June 2021.