



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Mayo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: P21/331

APPEAL by Martin Carey of Gortnaraby, Crossmolina, County Mayo against the decision made on the 9th day of August, 2021 by Mayo County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Retention of automatic sliding gate, including all other ancillary site work and services at Gortnaraby, Crossmolina, Ballina, County Mayo.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the design, material and scale of the automatic sliding gate for which retention is sought, the Board considered that the development would be visually obtrusive, would interfere with the character of the rural landscape and would set an undesirable precedent for similar development in a rural area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the provisions of the Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020, particularly the policy provisions as they pertain to Boundaries (Section 14.4) and their requirement to reflect local traditions and the landscape character of the area. The Board concluded that the development for which retention is sought, and the proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would not therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board concurred with the planning authority that the sliding gate was, by virtue of its design, material and scale, commercial and industrial in character and would seriously injure the visual amenities of this rural area.

Dr. Maria FitzGerald

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Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board

Dated this 17th day of May 2022