

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 21/280

APPEAL by Cleverson Limited care of MKO of Tuam Road, Galway against the decision made on the 22nd day of October, 2021 by Galway City Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Retention permission for up to a two year period from the date of August 29th 2020, for the use of the site as a car park for public use (53 number parking spaces) to include advertising signage, pay and display unit and height restriction barriers at Headford Road (formerly Esso Garage site) in 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

1. Having regard to the Galway Transportation Strategy adopted in the Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023, where it is policy to reduce parking provision and manage availability at a scale and structure that encourages a transfer to increased level of use of sustainable modes including public transport in the city centre, it is considered that the retention of the proposed development which facilitates use of a private car for transport to the city centre for a further period, in an area in which there is also a significant quantum of surface carparks, would be contrary to the Galway City transportation policy and the development for which retention is sought would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. It is considered that the proposed retention of the temporary carparking use would be contrary to the achievement of the regeneration objectives for the Headford Road Area as provided for in Section 10.2.4 of the Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023 which seek an integrated approach to the redevelopment in accordance with high quality urban design principles and public realm standards. The Board considered the development for which retention is sought, would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would be contrary to the regeneration policies of the Galway City Development Plan 2017-2023, and therefore, that the development proposed for retention would not be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

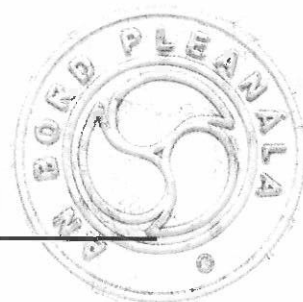
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Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.



Dated this 1st day of April 2022