

An  
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Pleanála

## Board Order ABP-319378-24

**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Roscommon County Council**

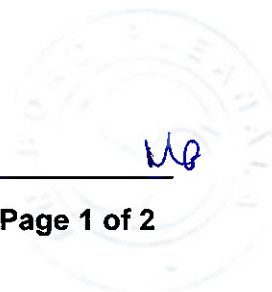
**Planning Register Reference Number: LC/24/01**

**Appeal** by Creagh Community Development Council care of Conor Hayes  
Consulting Engineer of Kiltiomer, Ballinasloe, County Galway against the decision  
made on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 by Roscommon County Council to refuse a  
licence.

**Licence Application:** Licence for the erection of artwork/sculpture at Beagh  
(Brabazon) Roundabout, Birchgrove, Ballinasloe, County Roscommon.

### Decision


In exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 254 of the Planning and  
Development Act, 2000, as amended, An Bord Pleanála, directs the planning  
authority to **REFUSE TO GRANT** a licence, based on the reasons and  
considerations set out below.



## REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the provisions of Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and to the proposed location of the sculpture on a busy roundabout it is considered that the proposed development has the potential to endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and would potentially impede traffic visibility and create a distraction to road users and thus interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic at this location. The proposed development would set an undesirable precedent for similar types of structures at busy road junctions and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to direct the Planning Authority to grant a Section 254 licence, the Board considered that the proposed development, by its nature, would create a distraction to road users and therefore has the potential to endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard.

  
*Mary Gurrie*  
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**Member of An Bord Pleanála  
duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this 18 day of December 2024.**