

Board Order ABP-321020-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60105

APPEAL by Brian Higgins care of Urban ARQ of Pavilion House, 31/32 Fitzwilliam Square South, Dublin against the decision made on the 13th day of September, 2024 by Galway City Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Retention, completion and alterations to existing car park and grassed area immediately adjacent to the Galway Primary Care Centre. The proposed works consist of: (1) The completion of the recently gravelled area, developed into a formal macadam surface with fully lined-out and signage marked surface car park integrated with the existing perpendicular car parking spaces. The total proposed provision will be to accommodate 22 car parking spaces. (2) Within the proposed provision of 22 car parking spaces: two number parent and child car parking spaces will be assigned and one number disabled space will be assigned. (3) Modifications to the existing surface car park area, will include the setting out of new kerb lines and associated line marking, ramp access at kerb adjacent to entrance of Galway Primary Care building. Modifications to existing and additional hard and soft landscaping provisions to the site, including 12 number cycle parking spaces which will be provided adjacent to the existing building and pavement

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surface level. (4) Modifications and connection to all other associated site services as necessary. (5) Removal of existing free-standing advertising structure at Galway Primary Care Centre, Unit 1, IDA Small Business Park, Galway.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the provisions of the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029, including Section 11.11.1 (Parking Space Requirement) and Table 11.6 (Parking Space Requirement for Different Types of Development: Maximum Standards), and the amount of car parking spaces proposed, which is significantly more than the number of spaces set out for this type of land use under the maximum car parking standards, it is considered that the additional car parking spaces sought by the proposed development would not be in the interest of sustainable travel patterns, traffic safety or orderly development and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Marie O'Connor

Member of An Bord Pleanala

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board

Dated this Ob day of February