

## Commission Order ABP-322352-25

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2460275

**APPEAL** by Thomas Hibbitt of Apartment 2B, William Street West, Galway against the decision made on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025 by Galway City Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Dawnbay Limited care of Urban Aro of 31-32 Fitzwilliam Square South, Dublin.

Proposed Development: Change of use comprising works to include for the provision of a quiet lounge within the existing curtilage of the current ground floor unit only; the provision of a new external door to access the adjacent Blue Note licenced premises, as well as the provision of Mobility Impaired Accessible W.C. Facilities; the existing unit shop front will remain in-situ; all at Unit 2A, William Street West, Galway.

## Decision

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

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## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the information submitted in connection with the application and the appeal, in particular the conclusions reached in the Noise Impact Assessment, the Commission is not satisfied that the proposed development, consisting of an extension to an existing licensed premises into a section of the ground floor of the adjoining property, would not seriously injure the existing residential amenity of the apartments at first and second floor level. It is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of Section 11.4.5 of the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Patricia Calleary

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 18 day of July 2025.