

Commission Order ABP-322488-25

Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60874

Appeal by Michael Kelly care of Cathal Spellman of E.Spellman and Associates Limited of Pigott's Street, Loughrea, County Galway against the decision made on the 9th day of April, 2025 by Galway County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: The construction of:

- A two-classroom special educational needs base to the existing school.
- (2) Upgrade of the existing wastewater treatment system including soil polishing filter.
- (3) Upgrade and changes to the road traffic layout and traffic management system to include the provision of a car drop off area, set down area and a bus drop off area,
- (4) All associated services at Castlebin South, New Inn, Ballinasloe, County Galway.



Decision

Having regard to the nature of the condition the subject of the appeal, the Commission is satisfied that the determination by the Commission of the relevant application as if it had been made to it in the first instance would not be warranted and, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, directs the said Council under subsection (1) of section 139 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 to AMEND condition number 9 so that it shall be as follows for the reason set out.

- 9. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a bond of an insurance company, or other security as may be acceptable to the planning authority, to secure the provision and satisfactory completion, and maintenance until taken in charge by the local authority of roads, pedestrian crossings, footpaths and cycle paths, lighting, drains, and other services required in connection with the development, and to secure the reinstatement of public roads which may be damaged by the transport of materials to the site, coupled with an agreement empowering the local authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory completion or maintenance of any part of the development. The security to be lodged shall be as follows:
 - (a) An approved insurance company bond in the sum of €85,000 (eighty-five thousand euro), or
 - (b) such other security as may be accepted in writing by the planning authority.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion of the development.



Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature of the proposed development and the works required to facilitate safe access to the site for all travel modes, it is considered that the lodgement of an insurance bond to secure the satisfactory completion of development is a reasonable requirement, and further that the amount of such bond is not regarded as being excessive or disproportionate to the nature and scale of development proposed to be carried out.

MaryRose McGovern

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Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 21 day of August 2025