

Commission Order ABP-322617-25

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 25/60221

Appeal by Amanda and John O'Donohue care of Grealish Glynn Associates of 1 The Punchbowl, Ennis Road, Gort, County Galway against the decision made on the 28th day of April, 2025 by Galway County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Retention of a garden shed and all associated site works at Bunnasrah, Gort, County Galway.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above development based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the secluded location of the site at the end of a very minor public road, and in an area designated as the lowest landscape category, that is Landscape Category 'Class 1-Low: unlikely to be adversely affected by change', and the modest scale of the development proposed to be retained, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development proposed to be retained would not seriously injure the general amenity of the area, would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of property in the vicinity, would not be prejudicial to public health, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

The development shall be retained and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority and the development shall be retained and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

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- (a) The structure hereby permitted shall be used for home office working only, and only by permanent occupants of the associated parent dwelling.
 - (b) Class 2 office use where services are provided principally to visiting members of the public or clients shall be prohibited.
 - (c) Within three months of the date of this Order, the access path between the vehicular access to the site and the proposed garden office shall be permanently blocked off in accordance with details to be agreed with the planning authority prior to commencement of such works.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development, in the interest of public safety, and to clarify the terms of the permission.

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3. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority that is provided or intended to be provided by or on behalf of the authority in accordance with the terms of the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The contribution shall be paid in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be subject to any applicable indexation provisions of the Scheme at the time of payment. Details of the application of the terms of the Scheme shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Coimisiún Pleanála to determine the proper application of the terms of the Scheme.

Reason: It is a requirement of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that a condition requiring a contribution in accordance with the Development Contribution Scheme made under section 48 of the Act be applied to the permission.

Patricia Calleary

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

Dated this 26 day of September 2025.