

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

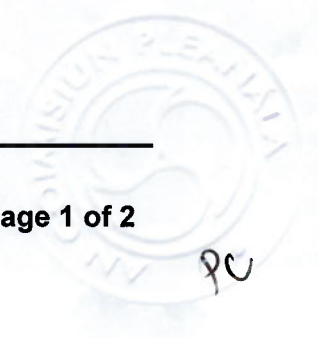
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APPEAL by Padraig and Sarah Ryan and Others against the decision made on the 11th day of December 2025, by Galway County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Pastor Dale Limited in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Development of an existing mechanical secondary RBC WWTS system and septic tank along with all ancillary works, planning permission for two proposed tertiary wastewater treatment systems and pump stations along with all ancillary works, within the curtilage of Protected Structures, being RPS. number 141, RPS. number 142 and RPS. number 143 listed as protected structures all at Esker Redemptorist Monastery, Esker, Kiltullagh, Athenry, County Galway.

Decision

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



Reasons and Considerations

The Commission is not satisfied, having regard to deficiencies in the information provided, in relation to the design and capacity of the proposed wastewater system and percolation areas/polishing filters, particularly having regard to the proposed hydraulic loading rates into the polishing filters, which are considered to be excessive and would not be in accordance with the recommended hydraulic loading rates set out in Table E2 of Appendix E within the Environmental Protection Agency's Guidance on Authorisation of Discharges to Groundwater (2011), that the proposal would not be prejudicial to public health.

Furthermore, the Commission is not satisfied the applicant carried out a suitably robust technical assessment of the impact of the proposal on underlying groundwater, in accordance with the methodologies set out in the Environmental Protection Agency's Guidance on Authorisation of Discharges to Groundwater (2011), that the proposed development and the development proposed to be retained, would not negatively impact upon public health or the groundwater status, and would therefore fail to comply with the requirements of Policy Objective WR1- Water Resources of the Galway County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Paul Caprani

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

**Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**



Dated this 15th day of April 2026.