

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 25/61833

Appeal by Christine Evans and by Hugh Harper and others against the decision made on the 26th day of March, 2026 by Donegal County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Annette and Danny Martin Lafferty.

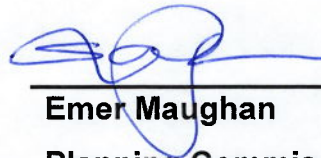
Proposed Development: Demolition of existing dwellinghouse, erection of a new building with connection to all public services which will incorporate shop, post office, off-licence, store, deli, toilets, including accessible toilets, staff welfare facilities, forecourt, underground storage tanks and pumps, external canopy, car wash facility, associated signage, including totem signage, an outdoor laundrette kiosk, outdoor fuel bunker storage and an ATM and all other associated site development works, all at Creeslough, Letterkenny, County Donegal.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

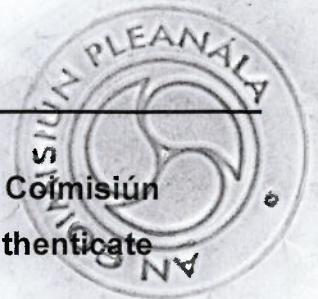
Having regard to the location of the proposed development, a significant portion of the appeal site forms part of an area identified as 'C' on the Creeslough Rural Settlement Map 21.19 of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030 is designated as an 'Amenity Area' which has an objective to reserve and enhance land for formal and informal amenity and open space purposes and to make provision for new recreation, leisure and community facilities. The proposed development, comprising a shop, post office, off-licence, forecourt, underground storage tanks and fuel pumps, is a commercial usage which would be contrary to the amenity zoning objective of the site. The proposed development would militate against the preservation of the area for recreational, leisure and community facilities, would establish an undesirable precedent for future similar developments on amenity zoned lands in the vicinity and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Emer Maughan

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

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



Dated this 12th day of October 2026.