

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

**Commission Order
PL-501410-GC**

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 25/60360

Appeal by Tom Pierse against the decision made on the 29th day of April, 2026 by Galway City Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Barbara Cunningham in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Construction of four apartments in two number building blocks. Block A will consist of a two-storey building to accommodate one number two-bed apartment on the ground floor and one number one-bed apartment on the first floor, with pedestrian access via Shantalla Road. Block B will consist of a two-storey building to accommodate one number two-bed apartment on the ground floor and one number two-bed apartment on the first floor, with pedestrian access via Shantalla Road and Willow Park, together with private open space provision and all ancillary site works and site services, all at 7 Shantalla Road, Galway.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the location of the site, its proximity to services and employment centres, and the nature and scale of the proposed development, which would allow for the efficient re-development of an under-utilised, brownfield site, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure adjoining residential amenities or the established character of the area, would be in accordance with the provisions of the Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024) and the Galway City Development Plan 2023-29, and would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 3rd day of April, 2026, and by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 30th day of June, 2026, 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 prior to commencement of development and the proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. Details of the materials, colours and textures of all the external finishes to the proposed development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The developer shall replace the proposed brick façade along Shantalla Road with nap plaster finish. The proposed brick finishes for Block B shall be the same as that used in the adjoining residential development to the west. A two-way, obscure glazing (permanent) screen 1.8 metres high shall be provided for the upper floor balconies.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and to ensure an appropriate standard of development.

3. A scheme indicating boundary treatments shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The boundary treatment scheme shall provide a circa 1.8-metre-high wall along the boundary shared with numbers 6 and 8 Shantalla Road. The works on the boundary wall shall be completed prior to commencement of construction works for the proposed apartment blocks.

Reason: In order to screen the proposed development, in the interest of visual and residential amenity.

4. 10 number enclosed safe and secure bicycle parking spaces shall be provided within the site. Provision shall be made for a mix of bicycle types, including cargo bicycles and individual lockers. The developer shall ensure the provision of a one-metre-wide access path between the bicycle parking spaces and the proposed amenity space. Details of the layout and marking demarcation of these spaces shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To ensure that adequate bicycle parking provision is available to serve the proposed development, in the interest of sustainable transportation.

5. The management and maintenance of the proposed development following its completion shall be the responsibility of a legally constituted management company, or by the planning authority in the event of the development being taken in charge. Detailed proposals in this regard shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of the development.

6. A plan containing details for the management of waste (and, in particular, recyclable materials) within the development, including the provision of facilities for the storage, separation and collection of the waste and, in particular, recyclable materials and for the on-going operation of these facilities shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide for screened communal bin stores, the locations and designs of which shall be included in the details to be submitted. Thereafter, waste shall be managed in accordance with the agreed plan.

Reason: To provide for the appropriate management of waste and, in particular recyclable materials, in the interest of protecting the environment.

7. Drainage arrangements, including the attenuation and disposal of surface water, shall comply with the requirements of the planning authority for such works and services.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

8. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into connection agreements with Uisce Éireann to provide for a service connection to the public water supply and/or wastewater collection network.

Reason: In the interest of public health and to ensure adequate water/wastewater facilities.

9. All service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunications and communal television) shall be located underground. Ducting shall be provided by the developer to facilitate the provision of broadband infrastructure within the proposed development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

10. The proposed development shall be served by a pedestrian access only. No vehicular access or on-site car parking shall be provided, and no part of the site shall be used or converted for vehicle parking or turning without prior permission.

Reason: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

11. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with, the planning authority a Construction Management Plan, which shall be adhered to during construction. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the proposed development, including construction access arrangements, noise and dust management measures, and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

Reason: In the interest of public safety and amenity.

12. A wheel washing facility shall be provided for the duration of the construction period, adjacent to the site exit, the location and details of which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of traffic safety and biosecurity.

13. Site development and building works shall be carried out only between the hours of 0800 to 1800 Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, between 0800 to 1400 on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or public holidays. Deviation from these times shall only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written agreement has been received from the planning authority.

Reason: To safeguard the amenity of property in the vicinity.

14. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or other security to secure the provision and satisfactory completion and maintenance until taken in charge by the planning authority of roads, footpaths, watermains, drains, public open space and other services required in connection with the development, coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory completion or maintenance of any part of the development. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Coimisiún Pleanála for determination.

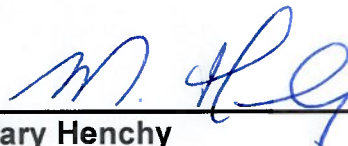
Reason: To ensure the satisfactory completion and maintenance of the development until taken in charge.

15. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or such other security as may be acceptable to the planning authority, 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 planning authority to apply such security or part thereof to the satisfactory reinstatement of the public road. The form and amount of the security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Coimisiún Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To ensure that the public road is satisfactorily reinstated, if necessary.

16. 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 prior to commencement of development or 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.



Mary Henchy

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 19th day of September 2026.