

Ref: 323825-25

My ref: George Melville.

Attention of Daniel O'Connor.

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Further to the submission dated 08/01/2026 received from Galway County Council, a copy of which was forwarded to OMC.

My original Planning Application. Ref.19/149, was indeed refused.

Following the Planning Refusal, I was advised by two separate Engineers that I could renovate the existing property, built prior to the Housing Planning Act of 1963, using the original footprint of the existing dwelling without new Planning Permission. The renovation was completed over the following 6 months.

I had received excellent reports, submitted to the Planning Authorities from Ecological and Hydrologist Specialists.

I did, without authorization, update the existing sewage disposal facilities with good effect, but since been made aware it does not abide with new regulations. I replaced damaged stone walls with gabions to hold back path, patio and parking areas. These do not interfere with water courses or land drainage.

Regardless of many requests by myself and engineer for an on-site visit by Galway Planning to advise and discuss nothing was forthcoming. Staff in the Planning Department seemed to be ever changing with no continuity of contact or information. I have had two further check reports from specialist Ecologist over the past Four years ensuring that the integrity of the site is satisfactory. The Property and surrounds have been made much improved with regard to SAC principles by removal of manmade materials and rubbish on this bog and shore line, with increase and return of flora and wildlife.

If my application is approved it is in everyone's interest that I will proceed diligently.

Kind Regards

Geroge Melville