



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

## **Observation on a Planning Appeal: Form.**

### **Your details**

#### **1. Observer's details (person making the observation)**

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

Your full details:

**(a) Name**

Rebecca McGuire

**(b) Address**

2 Grange Manor  
Tulsk  
Co Roscommon

### **Agent's details**

#### **2. Agent's details**

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

**(a) Agent's name**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**(b) Agent's address**

Click or tap here to enter text.

## Postal address for letters

3. During the appeal process we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this observation, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only.)

You (the observer) at the address in Part 1

The agent at the address in Part 2

## Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the appeal you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

(a) **Planning authority**

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Roscommon County Council

(b) **An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)**

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

RL20. 322287

© **Planning authority register reference number**

(for example: 18/0123)

DED 845

**(d) Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Academy House, Goff Street, Ballypheasan, Roscommon Town, Co.  
Roscommon.

## Observation details

5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

**• Public Services are already overloaded.**

-In Roscommon town the waiting lists for doctors, mental health services, hospital beds, educational services are already too overstretched. Bringing in a large number of people who are state dependent will create further chaos in these areas which is unfair to the people who are living and working in the area.

**• Lack of transparency of how this plan will affect locals right to live, work and enjoy their public space**

-There has been no public consultation from local representatives regarding how placing a large number of migrants into a town centre will affect the daily lives of people living and working in Roscommon town.

- There are many questions to be asked as to how will they integrate, what will they do? If they are fleeing war, what psychological supports will be there for them, because there is little support there for the existing community.

-What local paper if any was this notice published in? I have been unable to find it

-If this is to be temporary accommodation, where are they to go when this expires?

**• Obvious threat of danger posed to locals**

-One only need to look at every other town, where IPAS has been implemented, to see the results this has had on the local communities.

Academy House is located right in the centre of town on the Main Street.

The majority of these migrants have been single adult males. Single males

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with no outlet, nothing to occupy them, no family or women to share their lives with. The cultural difference is vast. This will pose a serious threat to the safety of local natives particularly females and children, the most vulnerable in society. In other towns there have been reports of men exposing themselves at playgrounds, attempted child abduction, violent beatings- again aimed mostly at women. Violent crimes with knives and machetes. Is this what is being proposed to PUPOSEFULLY bring into Roscommon town?

- **Roscommon has been more than generous with intake of refugees**

-It is now time to look at the already existing problems of our locality instead of putting further pressure on our local society.

- **Financial gain- a big incentive**

One must also look at the motives behind this IPAS application, something that has turned somewhat into an industry of relocating people for financial gain.

Is this move for the good of anyone, including the refugees, or is it purely a get rich scheme?

- **Threat to local businesses**

- Many people will stop visiying the town and will cause further closure to businesses and kill the already dwindling nightlife.

More public consultation, transparency and planning MUST be undertaken before a decision like this can be made on behalf of the people of Roscommon.

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There are far too many unanswered questions leaving this project open to huge risks taken with people's lives and businesses.

I would ask that this planning exemption is strongly rejected.

## Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

## Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct **fee** is included with your observation. You can find out the correct fee to include in our [Fees and Charges Guide](#) on our website.

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