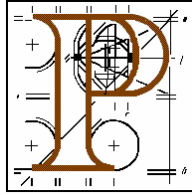


# An Bord Pleanála



**ROADS ACTS 1993 to 2007**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 to 2011**

**Kerry County Council**

**An Bord Pleanála reference number: 08.HA0035**

**APPLICATION** by Kerry County Council for approval under section 51 of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended, in accordance with documentation, including an environmental impact statement, lodged with An Bord Pleanála on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2011.

**PROPOSED ROAD DEVELOPMENT:** Proposed road development consisting of the upgrade of two discrete sections of the N86 National Secondary Road as follows: (a) N86 Dingle to Annascaul (16.5 kilometres) which commences on the eastern outskirts of Dingle Town and continues eastwards, passing through the villages of Lispole and Annascaul, before terminating at the eastern end of Annascaul village; (b) N86 Gortbreagoge to Camp (11.5 kilometres) which commences in the townland of Gortbreagoge (four kilometres east of Annascaul village) and continues north-eastwards, passing through the village of Camp, before terminating at the junction of the N86 and the R560.

## **DECISION**

**REFUSE TO APPROVE** the above proposed road development based on the reasons and considerations hereunder.

## **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

The Board acknowledged the demonstrated need to upgrade the N86 Tralee to Dingle route, as identified in the National Secondary Roads Needs Study 2011 (National Roads Authority), and accepted the 'online' approach to such improvement. However, it is considered that the existing N86 National Secondary Road is a route of tourism value with an attractive landscape setting, and it is noted that the proposed width of the road development corridor would result in a typical overall finished road width of 16 metres, and a significantly wider construction corridor width (typically 28 metres in width and wider in some locations). The Board considered that the road improvement scheme, as proposed, would represent an excessive intervention into the landscape, not commensurate with the single-carriageway route being delivered, would have an unacceptable detrimental impact on the visual amenities and landscape character of the area, and would seriously detract from the tourism value and amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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**Member of An Bord Pleanála  
duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this                      day of                      2013.**