



## Board Direction

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**Ref: PL07.246059**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

The Board decided to refuse permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, and in accordance with the draft reasons and considerations set out below.

### REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The "Spatial Planning and National Roads - Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government (2012) seek in Section 2.5 "to avoid the...generation of increased traffic from existing accesses to national roads to which speed limits greater than 60 km/h apply." The proposed development of a house at this location would result in the intensification of use of a private access on to the N17 national road, close to a bend to the north, having restricted sightlines, with chevrons/no passing markings on the road, and where a speed limit of 100 km/h applies. It is therefore considered that the additional and conflicting turning movements generated by the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard, would interfere with the free flow of traffic on this national road, would compromise the level of service and carrying capacity of the road at this location, and would fail to protect public investment in the national road network, both by itself and by the undesirable precedent it would set for similar such development. The proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of the said Guidelines and to Objective TI 6 and DM Standards 18, 20 and 21 of the Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021. Having regard also to the planning history of the site and in the vicinity, including PL07.111794 and PL07.098012, the proposed development would, therefore contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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