



Board Direction

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 12th August 2016.

The Board decided to refuse permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, subject to the amendments shown below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The subject site has not been identified for use as a Motorway Service Area (MSA) in either the National Road Authority's Service Area Policy (August 2014), as outworked in the Transport Infrastructure Ireland's consultant's report dated April 2016 (relating to the identification of a suitable site for an MSA in the area between junctions 7 and 12 on the M18), or the Clare County Development Plan 2011–2017. Under Section 2.8 of the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines and Objective 11.3 of the County Development Plan, the selection of sites for MSAs should be identified in the Service Area Policy or they should be the subject of a co-ordinated approach that would seek their identification in an adopted Development Plan. Pending implementation of the TII plan-led approach to the provision of an MSA in the area cited above the Board considers the proposed development at junction 11 to be premature. The Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not be contrary to the said Guidelines and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member: _____ Date: 12th August 2016
G.J. Dennison