



Board Direction

Ref: PL06S.246719

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a further meeting of all available Board members held on 5th January 2017.

The Board decided to refuse permission by a majority of 6:2 generally in accordance with the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development which involves, inter alia, the intensification of permitted use of the existing conference centre by an increase in capacity from 4,161 to 6,000 and for the provision of public concerts the Board is not satisfied, on the basis of the information submitted, that the proposed development would not have a significant negative impact on the residential amenities of the area by reason of traffic congestion and evening and night-time noise. The proposed development would, therefore, not be in accord with the PP and SD of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board did not agree that the proposed increase in capacity and the proposal to permit public concerts would not be likely to generate an unacceptable level of inconvenience for local residents and others in terms of noise and traffic congestion and furthermore were not satisfied that the proposed development would not give rise to potential detrimental impacts on the capacity, safety and operational efficiency of the national road network in the vicinity of the site.

Board Member: _____
G.J. Dennison

Date: 6th January 2017