

## Board Direction PL19.247318

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2017.

The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

## Reasons and Considerations

The retention of gaming machines at this property would consolidate a non-retail use at this central location, within the core of the town of Tullamore, which would impact negatively on the central shopping area of the town and undermine the viability and vitality of the Town Centre as a whole and would therefore be contrary to policies TTEP 07-07 and TTEP 07-09 of the Tullamore and Environs Development Plan 2010 -2016. These policies are considered to be reasonable. Having regard to this issue, and also to the planning history of the subject property, it is considered that the development for which retention is sought would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member		Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
	Philip Jones	<b>-</b> '	