



## Board Direction

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**Ref: 08.247428**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup>, January 2017.

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

### REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

1. The proposed development, by reason of the partial removal and alteration of the existing roadside boundary wall, would seriously detract from the built heritage and historic character of the village of Ardfert and would materially conflict with the development strategy for the village as set out in the Ardfert Local Area Plan contained in the Tralee / Killarney Hub Functional Area Local Area Plan, 2013-2019, which seeks to protect the natural environment, architectural and archaeological heritage of the village from developments of an inappropriate nature and scale given that these attributes contribute greatly to the distinctive character of the village, and also to protect and enhance the existing stone walls within the village. The proposed development would further materially contravene Objective AH-2 of the said Local Area Plan which seeks to 'preserve and enhance existing stone walls'. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. It is considered that the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard, because of the inadequate sightlines available from the proposed entrance onto the public road at a point where a speed limit of 80 km/h applies.

Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 19<sup>th</sup>, January 2017  
Paddy Keogh