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**Board Direction**  
**PL91.247861**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on June 6<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 County Development Plan contains a general presumption against the demolition of habitable dwellings as set out in Objectives RSO5 and RSO6, where it aims to promote rehabilitation of existing buildings, over demolition. Further the Parochial House is listed on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (Reference Number 21901332) as a medium sized house of regional importance that retains a strong sense of its original historic character. The Board is not satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for demolition of this habitable dwelling of significant documented character architectural heritage. Therefore, to permit the demolition of this habitable house would materially contravene Objectives RSO5 and RSO6 of the County Development Plan and would set an undesirable precedent for the future preservation of such buildings in the County and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 06.06.17

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