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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on December 19th 2017.

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. It is considered that the development, for which retention and completion is sought, would result in intensification of an access onto the National Primary Road N15, which is substandard in terms of both horizontal and vertical alignment and where a speed limit of 100kph applies, would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and obstruction of road users because of the intensification of traffic movements, where sightlines are insufficient and would lead to dangerous traffic cross-over movements into and out of the site. The subject development would if permitted, be contrary to *DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012)*, and would materially contravene Policy T-P-16 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2012-2018, as varied. The development for which retention and completion is sought would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. The subject site, and the development for which retention and completion is sought, is located within the route corridor of the N15 Stranorlar to Lifford Road Realignment Scheme. It is an objective of the planning authority, as set out in

Objective T-O-6 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2012 – 2018, as varied, to “protect the corridors and routes and to acquire the lands necessary for transportation improvement projects as identified in Chapter 10.14” of the Plan. The realignment and improvement of the N15 Corcam Bends Safety Scheme, which forms part of the overall Stranorlar to Lifford Road Realignment Scheme, comes within the ambit of this Objective. It is considered that to permit the subject development would prejudice the planning and delivery of this Scheme and would be premature pending the realisation of this Scheme. The subject development would, therefore, materially contravene Objective T-O-6 of the Development Plan, and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area

Board Member

Date: 19th December 2017

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