

## Board Direction PL19.249027

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

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

## Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the site is located alongside the heavily-trafficked National Secondary Road N52 at a point where the speed limit of 100 km/h applies and the additional traffic turning movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the public road. The proposed development would also materially contravene the objectives of the planning authority (which are considered reasonable and in line with the policy objectives set out in the TII Guidance Document **Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities, January 2012**) as set out in policy STAP-18 of the Offaly County Development Plan 2014-2020 to preserve the level of service and carrying capacity of the National Road Network and to protect the public investment in the road.

<b>Board Member</b>		Date:	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
	Eugene Nixon		