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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 7th March 2018.

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

Reasons and Considerations

The "Spatial Planning and National Roads - Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government (2012) seek in Section 2.5 "to avoid the creation of any additional access point from new development . . . to national roads to which speed limits greater than 60 kmh apply". Policy IN P9 of the Limerick County Development Plan, 2010-2016 seeks to protect the capacity and safety of the national road network in the County and to ensure compliance with these Guidelines. Objective IN O17 of the Development Plan further states that developments that require a new access onto a national road will not be permitted. These objectives are considered to be reasonable. The proposed development would involve the creation of a new access onto the N24 national primary road, where a speed limit of 100 km/h applies. It is considered that the traffic turning movements generated by the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard, would interfere with the free flow of traffic on this national road, would compromise the level of service and carrying capacity of the road at this location, and would fail to protect public investment in the national road network, both by itself and by the undesirable precedent it would set for similar such development. The proposed development would contravene the provisions of the said Guidelines and of Policy IN P9 & Objective IN O17 of the County Development

Plan, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 8th March 2018

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