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**Board Direction**  
**BD-000692-18**  
**ABP-300644-18**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on July 16<sup>th</sup> 2018.

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

### **Reasons and Considerations**

1. The site of the proposed development is located within an "Area Under Strong Urban Influence" as set out in the "Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in April, 2005 and in an area where housing is restricted to persons demonstrating social and economic local need in accordance with the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022. Furthermore, the subject site is located in a rural area that is under urban influence, where it is national policy, as set out in National Policy Objective 19 of the National Planning Framework, to facilitate the provision of single housing in the countryside based on the core consideration of demonstrable economic or social need to live in a rural area. Having regard to the proximity of existing settlements to the subject site, from which daily supervision of the subject lands and of any potential future agricultural enterprise on these lands could be undertaken, and having regard to the documentation submitted with the application and appeal, the Board is not satisfied that the applicant has a demonstrable economic or social need to live in this rural area. It is considered, therefore, that the applicant does not come within the scope of

the housing need criteria as set out in the Guidelines and in national policy for a house at this location. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the Ministerial Guidelines and to the over-arching national policy, notwithstanding the provisions of the current Wicklow Development Plan, and 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 additional traffic turning movements the development would generate on a road at a point where sightlines are restricted. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
  
3. Having regard to the limited scale of the proposed horticultural business and associated plot and the fact that no such business is developed on the site, it is considered that the proposed development, by the precedent which the grant of permission for it would set for other relevant development, would adversely affect the balanced and orderly development of rural areas in the vicinity of Kilpeddar and would, therefore, constitute development which would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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