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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 July 16th 2018.

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the existing development on site, which contributes to the architectural heritage and character of the rural area, and having regard to the policies of the Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024 and the provisions of the Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, and notwithstanding the additional details that accompanied the appeal, it is considered that the proposed development, by reason of the loss of an existing range of buildings that are included within the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH), the demolition of which has not been adequately justified by the applicant as being essential or exceptional, would detract from the character of the rural area, would materially contravene Policies BH-P-3 and BH-P-4 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2018 - 2024, which aim to maintain and reuse historic structures including those in the NIAH, and would be contrary to the Ministerial Guidelines as set out in the Architectural Heritage Protection – Guidelines for Planning Authorities. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 16th July 2018

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