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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 12/12/2018.

The Board decided, on a vote of 2:1, to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the retail policies of the Mullingar Town Development Plan 2014-2020, in particular policies P-RET1, P-RET3 and P-RET6 and the level of retail floor space proposed in combination with the expanded café use, it is considered that the proposed development would cause serious injury to the vitality and vibrancy of the town centre retail core and would not, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board considered that the floor space of the combined retail/café area would be of a scale that would not be consistent with the retail policies of the development plan and would adversely affect the viability of the town centre retail core.

Board Member

Date: 17/12/2018

Stephen Bohan