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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 22/10/2018.

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 is located alongside the R177 Regional Road, which is designated in the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021 as a Protected Regional Route where the Planning Authority considers it necessary to restrict new accesses in the interests of preserving the carrying capacity and life span of the road and in the interests of traffic safety. It is considered that the proposed development does not satisfy any of the exceptions set out in Section 7.3.5 of the Development Plan, and that the proposed creation of a new access point onto the R177 would therefore contravene Policy TC 10 of the Development Plan (which is considered reasonable), which prohibits the creation of new accesses or intensification of existing accesses onto Protected Regional Routes.
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 the R177 Regional Road, which is designated in the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021 as a Protected Regional Route, at a point where the applicant has not demonstrated that the minimum visibility standards for accesses onto such Protected Routes

required under Table 7.4 of the Development Plan can be achieved. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to Policy TC 12 of the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021.

Board Member

Date: 22/10/2018

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