

Board Direction BD-002832-19 ABP-301951-18

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 16/04/2019.

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. It is considered that, having regard to the:

(a) the elevated nature of the site which is open to intermittent views from the nearby local road network and from the N80 National Secondary Road.

- (b) the scale and height of the proposed dwelling, and
- (c) the extent of the groundworks proposed,

the proposed development, notwithstanding the applicant's response letter dated 2nd January 2019 to the Boards letter of 11th December, 2018, could not be effectively assimilated into the landscape and would, therefore, form an incongruous and obtrusive feature in this rural area. The proposed development would, therefore, contravene the policy set out in the current Carlow County Development Plan and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. **Board Member**

Date: 16/04/2019

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