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Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 22/01/2019.

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 the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the site accesses onto a local road which in turn accesses onto a national primary route where the speed limit of 100kph applies and the traffic turning movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the public road. The proposed development would also contravene the objectives of the planning authority (which are considered reasonable) as set out in Section 8.6.1 of the Wexford County Development Plan, 2013 – 2019, to preserve the level of service and carrying capacity of the National Primary Road and to protect the public investment in the road. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to Section 28 Ministerial guidelines. Section 2.8 of the DoECLG 'Spatial Planning and National Road' Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012) address Service Areas and in particular roadside Service Facilities at non-Motorway National Roads and

Junctions, states that a proliferation of service area facilities along rural sections of national roads and/or associated junctions, where the maximum speed limit applies, would create significant safety risks and affect the level of service available to road users, as well as impact on the viability and vitality of existing urban settlements. The guidelines advise that sufficient roadside facilities exist on the non-motorway national road network which passes through a significant number of urban towns and villages where such facilities can be provided for in a sustainable manner. It is considered that, by reason of the scale, range of uses and location at a remove from the settlement, the proposed development would have an adverse impact on the viability and vitality of New Ross and would therefore be contrary to the Ministerial Guidelines and contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 22/01/2019

Terry Ó Niadh