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**Board Direction**  
**BD-001490-18**  
**ABP-302248-18**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 31/10/2018.

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

### **Reasons and Considerations**

1. Under section 2.5 of the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012) it is recommended policy for Planning Authorities "to avoid the creation of any additional access point from new development or the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses to national roads to which speed limits greater than 60 kaph apply". The proposal entails intensification of traffic at an existing access point onto the N25 National Primary Road where the maximum speed limit of 100kmh applies. The proposal would be contrary to national policy in regards to access to development along the national road network and would set an undesirable precedent for similar development. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. Having regard to the location of the development site on a heavily trafficked and overtaking section of the N25 (National Primary Road) where maximum traffic speeds apply it is considered that additional traffic movements arising from the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on this National Road.

The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 31/10/2018

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