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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 17/05/2019.

The Board decided, by a majority of 2:1, to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

It is the policy of Section 5.2.1 of the Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 to support the development of Sligo town centre as a hub for commercial activity through the provision of a diverse mix of uses, in particular of the retail and leisure type. This is considered reasonable. Having regard to the location of the site at a remove from the centre of Sligo town, in a location that is poorly served by public transport and walking and cycling facilities, it is considered that the proposed development would fail to consolidate the town centre, would fail to deliver synergies with town centre activities, would have a negative impact on the town centre's vitality and viability, and would conflict with the policy provisions of both the Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 and the delivery of the National Strategic Outcomes of Project Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework which seeks to pursue a compact growth policy providing for sustainable well connected settlements. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 17/05/2019

Terry Prendergast