

Board Direction BD-004071-19 ABP-304495-19

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on September 19th, 2019.

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

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development would result in the intensification of the use of an existing access onto the heavily trafficked N59 National Secondary Road at a location where the maximum speed limit applies. The proposed development would be at variance with national policy in relation to the control of development on national roads as set out in the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in January 2012, which seeks to secure the efficiency, capacity and safety of the national road network. The proposed development, by itself, or by the precedent which the grant of permission for it would set for other relevant development, would, therefore, adversely affect the use of a national road by traffic and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note: The Board fully agreed with the third reason for refusal, as recommended by the planning authority's Executive Planner and Senior Executive Planner in their report dated 23rd April 2019, but decided not to include this as an additional reason for refusal in the Board Order, as it would represent a new issue in the context of the appeal.

[Please issue a copy of this Direction, with the Board Order, to the parties.]

Board Member

Date: 19th September 2019

Philip Jones