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**Board Direction**  
**BD-004575-19**  
**ABP-304555-19**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 22/11/2019.

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

### **Reasons and Considerations**

1. The proposed development would be served by an existing entrance onto a national road which is part of the county's Strategic Road Network which is identified in the Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024 as being of importance in terms of connectivity between towns and villages and to the wider road network. Policy T-P-4 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024 is not to permit developments requiring new accesses or those which would result in adverse intensification of existing access points onto national roads where the speed limit is greater than 60kph and Objective T-O-6 to safeguard the carrying capacity of national roads.

It is considered that the proposed development of a house at this location would result in the intensification of use of a private access onto the N56 national secondary road, where a speed limit of 100 km/h applies. It is considered that the additional and conflicting turning movements generated by the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard, would interfere with the free flow of traffic on this national road, would compromise the level of service and carrying capacity of the road at this location, and would fail to protect public investment in the national road network, both by itself and by the undesirable precedent it would set for

similar such development. The proposed development would contravene the provisions of the Donegal County Development Plan, would be contrary to the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012), would conflict with national policy as set out in the National Planning Framework Strategic Outcome 2 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 22/11/2019

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