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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 04/02/2020.

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the fact that no planning permission exists for the use of the subject site for shooting purposes, which use would constitute a material change of use from the established use of the land for agriculture/forestry, (and which material change of use is not exempted development), it is considered that the development for which retention permission is sought, comprising containers, huts, access road, entrance barrier and site related works, which are directly related to and facilitate the use of the site for shooting purposes, would consolidate this non-authorised use, would represent an unacceptable piecemeal approach to development and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. Having regard to the location of the site on a hill top setting and the size and configuration of the site and the immediate landscape characteristics, the nature of the surrounding environment and the proximity to the nearest noise sensitive receptors, it is considered that based on the details submitted with the planning application and appeal, it has not been demonstrated that the

development for which retention permission is sought would not seriously injure the amenity of the area, and devalue property in the area, as a result of noise and disturbance arising from shooting activity carried out at the subject lands which the structures for which retention permission is sought facilitate. In this regard the development for which retention permission is sought would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. On the basis of the information submitted with the application and appeal in relation to waste arisings and waste management, in particular the risk to the environment as a result of lead shot waste and other waste arising from the activity on site which the structures for which retention permission is sought facilitate, the potential for soil and groundwater pollution cannot be ruled out. In this regard, the development for which retention permission is sought would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 06/02/2020

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