

Board Direction BD-005400-20 ABP-305456-19

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 13/03/2020.

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 give rise to an increase in trip generation and traffic movements on a section of the N72, National Secondary Route, where the maximum permitted speed limit (100 kph) applies, resulting in a negative impact on the traffic safety and carrying capacity of this National Road. It is considered that the proposed development, by itself and the precedent that it would set for other similar development, would contravene the policies and objectives of the Waterford County Development Plan 2011-2017 (as extended) and be contrary to the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines issued by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (2012) which seek to restrict direct access to National Routes to appropriately zoned lands and service centres only. The proposed development would, therefore, give rise to a traffic hazard and establish an undesirable precedent for similar type development and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 13/03/2020

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