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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 30/07/2020.

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, which would result in the intensification of use of a vehicular access onto the National Primary Road N3 at a point where a speed limit of 100 km/h applies, would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard, and the additional vehicular traffic generated by the proposed development would lead to conflicting traffic movements, which would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the heavily trafficked National Primary Road. In addition, the proposed development would militate against national policy on the control of access to national roads, as set out in *Spatial Planning and National Roads: Guidelines for Planning Authorities*, published by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in January 2012, which seeks to preserve the level of service and carrying capacity of national roads, to protect public investment in same, and to control frontage development that adversely affects road safety. The proposed development would be contrary to these 2012 Ministerial Guidelines and would,

therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 30/07/2020

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