

**An
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Pleanála**

**Board Direction
BD-008644-21
ABP-307551-20**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 02/07/2021.

The Board decided to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

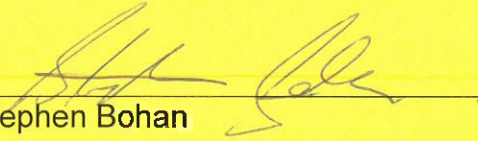
Reasons and Considerations

The site of the proposed development is located in close proximity to a significant junction linking the N2 and N33 national roads and the R171 regional road (Carrickmacross Road Roundabout). This junction forms an integral part of the national road network. The Board is not satisfied, on the basis of the information submitted with the application, appeal and the response to the S.132 notice, that the proposed development, would not give rise to vehicle turning movements in proximity to the roundabout junction which would interfere with the safe flow of traffic on the public road and the level of service and carrying capacity of the national road infrastructure at this location. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to policies of the County Development Plan and the government's Spatial Planning and National Roads: Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2012, which seek to preserve the level of service provision and the carrying capacity of the national road network, and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board agreed with the Inspector's concerns that there is a lack of clarity regarding the number of customers/vehicles likely to use the proposed facility and the risk of

intensification of the site, but considered that these matters could not be adequately addressed by condition.

Board Member



Stephen Bohan

Date: 02/07/2021