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Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-007447-21
ABP-307863-20

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 01/02/2021.

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 location, height and design of the proposal, it is considered that the proposed development would seriously injure and interfere with the setting of Granard Motte and Bailey, Recorded Monument LF 010-080001, which is subject to statutory protection in the Record of Monuments and Places, established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.

The proposed development would be contrary to policy HER 1 of the Longford County Development Plan 2015 to 2021, which seeks to protect and conserve heritage sites, artifacts and monuments as well as the integrity of their setting as listed in the Record of Monuments and Places. It would also be contrary to policy ARC 2 of the plan which seeks to protect the integrity and setting of archaeological areas, sites, structures, monuments, and objects in the County. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The proposed development, by reason of its height, design and location, on the basis of the information submitted with the application and appeal, would have a negative impact on the scenic, heritage and cultural value of listed view F.S-14 of the Longford County Development Plan 2015 to 2021, and would be contrary to policy LCA 1 of the plan not to permit proposed development which would have a detrimental impact on the landscape and to policy LCA 3 which seeks to preserve views and prospects. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 01/02/2021

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Note: The Board agreed with the Inspector that the proposed development has the potential to diminish the tourism potential of this area in a manner that would be contrary to policy and objective TOU 6 of the Development Plan. This policy seeks to promote and facilitate the sustainable utilisation of the County's existing assets including for tourism purposes that will act as key economic drivers capable of stimulating further growth and development opportunities with Granard and Granardkille identified under policy TOU 20 as being a 'honey spot' location.

Please issue Direction with Order.