

Board Direction BD-007103-20 ABP-307935-20

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 03/12/2020.

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

Reasons and Considerations

The site is located in a "Rural Area under Strong Urban Influence" in the current Cork County Development Plan and in the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities, issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in April 2005. Furthermore, it is national policy in such areas under urban influence, as set out in National Policy Objective 19 of the National Planning Framework issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in February 2018, to facilitate the provision of single housing in the countryside, based on the core consideration of demonstrable economic or social need to live in such rural areas under urban influence. Having regard to the documentation submitted with the application and appeal, the Board is not satisfied that the applicant has a demonstrable economic or social need to live in this rural area. It is considered that the proposed development would contravene materially objective RCI 4-2 of the County Development Plan, would be contrary to the Ministerial Guidelines and to the over-arching national policy. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 03/12/2020

Stephen Bohan