

**Board Direction BD-008076-21 ABP-308718-20** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 04/05/2021.

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

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the significant pressure for housing along the Black Road, and to the substantial amount of housing already existing in this area, which is not zoned for residential development, it is considered that the proposed development for a standalone residential structure would constitute an undesirable pattern of ribbon development and would contravene section 10.5.2 of the current Meath County Development Plan. The proposed development would seriously injure the rural amenities of the area and militate against the preservation of the rural environment and the efficient provision of public services and infrastructure. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member Levy Rendergan

Terry Prendergast

Date: 04/05/2021

**Note:** The Board also considered that the proposed development would not be consistent with national policy for rural housing as set out in NPO 19 of the National Planning Framework Project Ireland 2040.

Please issue Direction with Order.

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