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**Board Direction**  
**BD-007859-21**  
**ABP-308747-20**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 09/04/2021.

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 location of the site within a rural area under strong urban influence as identified in the "Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in April, 2005, and to National Policy Objective 19 of the National Planning Framework (February 2018) which, for rural areas under urban influence, seeks to facilitate the provision of single housing in the countryside based on the core consideration of demonstrable economic or social need to live in the rural area, having regard to the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements, it is considered that on the basis of the documentation submitted with the application and appeal, the applicant has not provided definitive evidence to demonstrate sufficiently an economic or social need to live in this specific rural area having regard to the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements and, therefore, the proposed development does not comply with National Policy Objective 19.

The proposed development would contribute to the encroachment of random rural development in the area, would militate against the preservation of the rural environment and the efficient provision of public services and infrastructure, and

would contravene the provisions of the National Planning Framework. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 09/04/2021

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