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Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 24/05/2021.

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 Fifth Interim Report (2019) and the Final Report (2020) of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes, and on the basis of the information submitted in the course of the application and oral hearing, the Board is not satisfied that the site was not previously used as, and does not contain, a children's burial ground and considers that there are reasonable concerns in relation to the potential for a children's burial ground within the site, associated with the former use of the lands as a Mother and Baby Home over the period 1922-1998. In this context, the Board considers that it would be premature to grant permission for the proposed development prior to establishing if there is a children's burial ground located within the site and the extent of any such burial ground. It also considered that it would be premature to grant permission given the implications of such for the delivery of the development as proposed. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

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Date: 24/05/2021