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

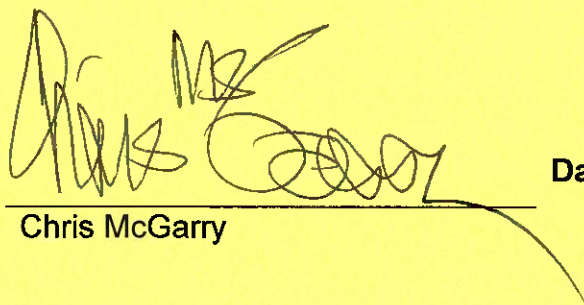
The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

1. It is considered that the agricultural need for the scale and extent of the shed structure and ancillary works for which retention permission is sought, has not been demonstrated in terms of serving an agricultural landholding. Having regard to its height, bulk and mass, it is, therefore, considered that, in the absence of such justification, the development for which retention permission is sought, which is visually prominent in a rural context, would interfere with the character of the landscape which it is necessary to protect and accordingly would contravene policies CPO 12.13 (which seeks to protect the character of the landscape) and CPO 13.16 (which requires development to be sensitively designed to minimise its visual impact on the landscape) of the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027. The development for which retention permission is sought would, therefore, seriously injure the amenities of the area and be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note: The Board noted the second reason for refusal as recommended by the Inspector and shared the concern expressed by the Inspector therein. In this regard, the Board considered that on the basis of the information submitted with the application and appeal, further information might be warranted to confirm the locational source, vehicle types and detailed quantum of agricultural traffic movements to and from the development for which retention permission is sought, to enable a final determination on traffic matters. However, given the substantive reason for refusal as set out above, it was decided not to pursue this issue under the current appeal.

Board Member



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Chris McGarry

Date: 05/05/2021