

## **Board Direction BD-008286-21 ABP-309437-21**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 25/05/2021.

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 location of the site within an Area Under Strong Urban Influence as designated in the current Kerry County Development Plan 2015 - 2021 and having regard to the provisions of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in April 2005 and National Policy Objective 19 of the National Planning Framework, which seek to manage the growth of areas that are under strong urban influence to avoid over-development and to ensure that the provision of single housing in rural areas under urban influence are provided based upon demonstrable economic or social need to live in a rural area, the Board is not satisfied that the applicant comes within the scope of the housing need criteria as set out in the Rural Housing Guidelines for a house at this rural location or comply with National Policy Objective 19. The proposed development, in the absence of a demonstrable economic or social need for the house, would contribute to the encroachment of random rural development in the area and would militate against the preservation of the rural environment and the efficient provision of public services and infrastructure. The proposed development would, thus, be contrary to the provisions of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities and rural policy provisions of the National Planning Framework, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member 25/05/2021
Terry Ó Niadh

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