

Board Direction BD-009177-21 ABP-309914-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 01/10/2021.

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

## Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development, when taken in conjunction with existing development in the vicinity of the site, would consolidate and contribute to the build-up and extension of ribbon development in this coastal rural area. This would militate against the preservation of the rural environment and lead to demands for the uneconomic provision of further public services and community facilities. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the Ministerial Guidelines "Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities" issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in April 2005 and to the relevant provisions of the Donegal County Development Plan 2018-2024, relating to ribbon development and guidance on the location of new development in rural areas. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member** 

Date: 01/10/2021

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