

**Board Direction BD-010950-22 ABP-311128-21** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 04/07/2022.

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

## **Reasons and Considerations**

The proposal entails primary access and egress off a slip road running parallel to the N7, National Route. This slip road functions as a high level access and egress for traffic using the N7 as well as facilitating local access and bus routes. The nature of the proposed use is likely to generate a significant level of vehicular traffic/high level dependency on private vehicular traffic.

Based on the information submitted with the application and the appeal, the Board is not satisfied that the direct access and egress as proposed on to and from the N7 slip road would not result in conflicts with the existing flow, function and use of the N7 slip road at a location where there is a need to safeguard the capacity, safety and smooth traffic flow onto this strategically important multi-modal radial route and where the proposed development may have potential to endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction to road users, and would be at variance with national policy in the form of Transport Infrastructure Ireland's Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines 2014 the 'Spatial Planning and National Roads-Guidelines for Planning Authorities'. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member Raticia Callean Date: 04/07/2022

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