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**Board Direction**  
**BD-009947-22**  
**ABP-311171-21**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 07/02/2022.

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 rural location and the nature and scale of the proposed development and the objectives of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022 as they relate to commercial development in a rural area, the lack of a sufficient justification for the provision of a pyrotechnics storage facility at this location, and the surrounding pattern of development in the area, it is considered that the proposed development would represent haphazard sporadic development in a rural area, would be contrary to the objectives of the current County Development Plan to only permit commercial developments in a rural area where there is a proven need to locate therein and would be detrimental to the rural character of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development.

**Note:** The Board had concerns about the lack of detail regarding the protection of the environment in the management of run-off generated in the event of fire (or fire water) but decided not to include this as an additional reason having regard to the substantial reason for refusal above

[Please issue a copy of this Direction with the Board Order to the parties.]

**Board Member**

  
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Stephen Bohan

**Date:** 07/02/2022