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**Board Direction**  
**BD-010688-22**  
**ABP-311241-21**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The Board decided to refuse permission for the proposed development for the following reasons and considerations.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

1. Having regard to the design, material and scale of the automatic sliding gate for which retention is sought, the Board considered that the development would be visually obtrusive, would interfere with the character of the rural landscape and would set an undesirable precedent for similar development in a rural area. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the provisions of the Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020, particularly the policy provisions as they pertain to Boundaries (Section 14.4) and their requirement to reflect local traditions and the landscape character of the area. The Board concluded that the development for which retention is sought, and the proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would not therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board concurred with the planning authority that the sliding gate was, by virtue of its

design, material and scale, commercial and industrial in character and would seriously injure the visual amenities of this rural area.

Board Member

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Date:

12<sup>th</sup> May 2022