

Board Direction BD-012074-23 ABP-312338-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 03/05/2023.

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

Reasons and Considerations

The roadside boundary of the property to the south of the application site, which the applicant has failed to adequately demonstrate that he has control over, would obstruct visibility from the proposed vehicular entrance, such that the maximum achievable sightline to the south would be significantly below the 160 metres required under DM Standard 28 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022 – 2028. It is therefore considered that the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because of the additional traffic turning movements the development would generate, at a point where sightlines are restricted in a southerly direction.

The Board noted the Inspector's concerns in relation to both ribbon development and wastewater treatment and disposal, but decided not to pursue these matters further given the substantive reason for refusal.

Board Member

Date: 04/05/2023