



**An
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Pleanála**

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

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

Reasons and Considerations

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board considered that the creation of a new or replacement dwelling at this location would result in intensification of the use of an existing access by virtue of the fact that the residential capacity of the site served by the access would be increased. The N55 is identified in the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027 (CPO 5.19) as a route of strategic importance, and development is required to be in accordance with the provisions of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines (2012) which states that the policy of the planning authority will be to avoid the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses to national roads. The proposed development would entail the intensification of use of an existing access off the N55 in an area where a 100KPH speed limit applies and the board considered that this would be contrary to objectives CPO 5.25 and 5.19 of the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027. The board also noted that, notwithstanding any potential improvements to sightlines resulting from the proposed development, sightlines to the south, indicated at 180m, remain significantly below the requirement of 215m outlined in Transport Infrastructure Ireland Publication DN-GEO-02043. The