

**Board Direction BD-010726-22 ABP-312846-22** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 18/05/2022.

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

## **Reasons and Considerations**

The application site is located in an area of outstanding natural beauty and in an area where there are views and prospects designated for protection in the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 – 2022. Having regard to the nature of the proposed development, including its height, and its location on the slopes of the Little Sugarloaf Mountain, it is considered that the proposed development would comprise a prominent and obtrusive feature in the landscape and in designated views and prospects in the area, would be contrary to Objective NH50 of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022 and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would not be consistent with the relevant policies and objectives of the County Development Plan and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member** 

Date: 18/05/2022