

Board Direction BD-012235-23 ABP-312928-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 10/05/2023.

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

## Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the location of the site within an area identified as the buffer zone green belt of the Enniscrone Local Area Plan 2014-2020 (as extended) and an area under the urban influence of Ballina town where housing is restricted to persons who can demonstrate rural-generated housing need and 'where such persons can demonstrate that the home they propose is in the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in accordance with policy P-GBSA-HOU-1 of the Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023, and to National Policy Objective 19 of the National Planning Framework issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in February, 2018 which, for rural areas under urban influence, seeks to facilitate the provision of single housing in the countryside based on the core consideration of demonstrable economic or social need to live in a rural area, the Board is not satisfied that the applicant has sufficiently demonstrated that they have a ruralgenerated housing need. As a result, the Board considers that the proposed development would contribute to the further encroachment of random rural development in the area and would militate against the preservation of the rural

environment and the efficient provision of public services and infrastructure. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member** 

Joe Boland

Date: 22/05/2023