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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 15/07/2022.

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

Reasons and Considerations

Development Plan policy under the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 is clear and consistent in terms of its policy and objectives in relation to retention/removal of hedgerow in rural areas. It is clear under Section 9.16 and policy and objectives DM OBJ 11 and RD POL 41 that there is a requirement to retain such unless removal is required to facilitate traffic safety. The proposal is for removal of substantial length of existing trees and hedgerow along the road frontage of an existing dwelling in a rural area in favour of provision of a wall and railings. The removal of such would not be justified on the basis of traffic safety and the proposed would be contrary to Development Plan policy in relation to such as well as resulting in diminished rural character. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member


Michelle Fagan

Date: 15/07/2022