

Board Direction BD-014934-23 ABP-313186-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 22/12/2023. A Notice under section 132 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), issued to the applicants as per Board Direction dated 20/07/2023, but no response was received within the statutory period.

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

Reasons and Considerations

- 1. It is 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 along a minor laneway which is inadequate in width, alignment and structural condition and where consent to provide adequate sightlines at the junction of the laneway and the local road has not been submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 16.10.7 of the Carlow County Development Plan.
- 2. On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal and in the absence of a Natura Impact Statement the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not result in adverse impacts on the integrity of the River Barrow and River Nore SAC (Site Code 002162) in view of the site's Conservation Objectives, or any other European Site. The likely significant effects cannot be ruled out having regard to the precautionary principle and the lack of information

submitted. In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting permission.

Board Member

Date: 22/12/2023

Peter Mullan