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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 28/07/2023.

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the policies contained in the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027, specifically those relating to Economic Development & Employment (Chapter 5) and Rural Westmeath (Chapter 9), to target new business to locations within settlements and to consider proposals in rural locations which have specific requirements to be sited outside settlements, in order to support towns and villages where development will make a greater contribution to the vitality of the county and where infrastructure and services are available; preserving rural areas mainly for agriculture and selected tourism and recreation uses. It is considered that the development proposed would contravene these policies by reason of the nature and scale of the proposal and the potential presented for traffic congestion and hazard on narrow rural roads. Accordingly, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board noted the Inspector's view that the disposal of waste and wastewater arising from the proposed development is not adequately addressed in the application and appeal, however in light of the decision of the Board to refuse the planning appeal on other grounds decided not to pursue the matter further with the appellant.

Board Member



Date: 31/07/2023

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