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**Board Direction**  
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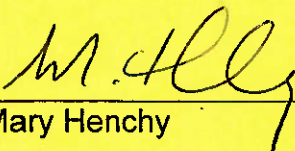
The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 10/11/2023.

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

#### **Reasons and Considerations**

The subject site is located within an area identified for the development of a 'Strategic Road Link' as identified on the Strategic Transportation Map and included in Objectives No. O-TM2 and O-TM20 of the Athlone Town Development Plan 2014-2020. Having regard to the location of the future proposed link road which traverses the application site, the development would be premature pending the final design of the strategic road link and consequently the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

  
Mary Henchy

**Date:** 13/11/2023