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**Board Direction**  
**BD-012929-23**  
**ABP-313539-22**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 18/07/2023.

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

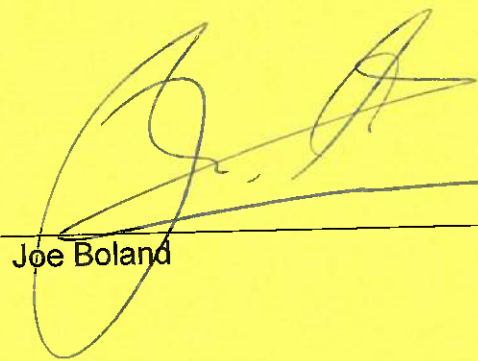
#### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to:

- Current development plan policies and objectives in the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027,
- The planning history of the landholding,
- Scale and design of the proposed structure,
- The restricted nature of the site
- The proximity to existing residential developments
- The current use of the landholding for the storage of vehicles associated with a commercial vehicle recovery business

it is considered the applicant has not demonstrated the justification for an agricultural structure at this location, the proposed structure is inappropriate in design and scale at this rural location in close proximity to existing dwellings, and it represents an ad hoc piecemeal form of development which would seriously injure the amenities of the areas, militate against the rural environment and would set an undesirable precedent for similar developments in the area, and therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

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Joe Boland

**Date:** 18/07/2023