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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 27/10/2023.

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

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development would give rise to traffic movements of a residential nature which are considered to represent an intensification of an existing substandard shared laneway and entrance onto the heavily trafficked N53. It is the policy of Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 under policy NRP1 to restrict such changes to accesses onto such National Primary Routes in order to 'protect the traffic carrying capacity of national roads, the level of service they deliver and the period over which they continue to perform efficiently, by avoiding the creation of new access points or generation of increased traffic from existing accesses onto the N-2, N-53, N-54, and N-12 outside the 60 km/h speed limit'. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the provisions of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 and would also by reason of the use of the existing substandard access in which two vehicles cannot pass, endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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