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**Board Direction**  
**BD-015864-24**  
**ABP-314488-22**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 19/03/2024.

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 Spatial Planning and National Roads – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, published by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in January 2012, to the provisions of the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029, to the location of the proposed access onto a regional road where a speed limit of 100 kilometres per hour applies, and the horizontal alignment of the road where sightlines are restricted, the Board was not satisfied that the required 215m sightlines in the northeasterly direction could be achieved without the necessity of the removal of hedgerow which is not in the applicant's control, it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to the guidelines and would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because of the additional traffic turning movements the development would generate on a road at a point where sightlines are restricted. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to national and local policy and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board in its decision to refuse permission did not accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission on economic or social grounds, accepting the evidence presented as part of the applicant's planning application and agreed with

the planning authority that the applicant had demonstrated compliance with objectives of the County Development Plan.

**Board Member**



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Peter Mullan

**Date:** 20/03/2024