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**Board Direction**  
**BD-014329-23**  
**ABP-314615-22**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 26/10/2023.

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

#### **Reasons and Considerations**

The proposal to create a new entrance on the R161 regional road, a strategic corridor, is considered to be contrary to Policy RD POL 40 of the Meath County Development Plan, 2021-2027, which seeks 'To restrict new accesses for one-off dwellings where the 80km per hour speed limit currently applies in order to safeguard the specific functions and to avoid the premature obsolescence of identified regional and important county link roads (Map No 9.2.) through the creation of excessive levels of individual entrances and to secure the investment in non-national roads'. In this regard, the proposed development, involving the formation of a new entrance onto the regional road at this location, would be contrary to stated policy, would result in the creation of a serious traffic hazard at a location where visibility is restricted and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

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**Date:** 26/10/2023