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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 04/12/2023.

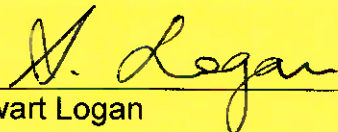
The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

1. The site of the proposed development is located on lands identified as 'Zone 1' (Areas under Strong Urban Influence) in the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. Furthermore, the subject site is located in an area that is designated as an area under urban influence, where it is national policy, as set out in National Policy Objective 19 of the National Planning Framework, to facilitate the provision of single housing in the countryside, based on the core consideration of demonstrable economic or social need to live in a rural area and the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements. Having regard to the documentation submitted with the planning application and appeal, the Board is not satisfied that the Applicant has a demonstrable economic or social need to live in this rural area, as per the requirements of Policy HO P11 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. The proposed development would result in a haphazard and unsustainable form of development in an un-serviced area and would seriously injure the amenities of this rural area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. Taken in conjunction with extent of existing development in the surrounding area, the proposed development would give rise to an excessive density of development in a rural area lacking certain public services and community facilities and would contravene the policy of the Planning Authority, including Policy HO P26 and Objective HO O59, as expressed in the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 - 2029, which seeks to manage rural residential density to avoid a proliferation of one-off houses, extensive ribbon development, and piecemeal and haphazard development that erodes the intrinsic character of the Irish countryside. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member


Stewart Logan

Date: 11/12/2023

NOTE:

In deciding to refuse permission for the proposed development, the Board considered the policies and objectives of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 related to rural housing and rural development in County Kildare. The Board was satisfied that the proposed development was fully considered and assessed in relation to the relevant policies in the current Development Plan.