

Board Direction BD-015004-24 ABP-315350-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 10/01/2024.

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

Reasons and Considerations

The site of the proposed development is located within Landscape Character Area 01 Agricultural lowlands as set out in the current Development Plan for the area, with a specific objective to discourage development of locally prominent sites. Having regard to the topography and open nature of the site on the slope of Knockfierna Hill, the elevated positioning of the proposed development and the removal of the front boundary wall and hedging, it is considered that the proposed development would form a discordant and obtrusive feature on the landscape at this location, would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, would fail to be adequately absorbed and integrated into the landscape, would militate against the preservation of the rural environment and would set an undesirable precedent for other such prominently located development in the vicinity. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Mick Lona

Date: 10/01/2024

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