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**Board Direction
BD-015607-24
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 27/02/2024.


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 stated provisions of the County Development Plan 11.2.9.3 Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities DoECLG 2012 in particular sections 2.5 and 2.6 which indicate the importance of the national route network; to ensure that the strategic traffic function of national roads is maintained by limiting the extent of development on national routes; that proper planning is central to ensuring road safety and capacity and that the intensification of existing accesses to national roads gives rise to the generation of additional turning movements that introduce additional safety risks to road users.

It is therefore considered that the proposed development would be in conflict with the stated guidance, would danger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and be an obstruction to road users by limiting the safety and free flow of traffic on the N68 National Secondary Route arising from the additional traffic movements generated onto the route at a point where the maximum speed limit applies and therefore the proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member



Liam Bergin

Date: 28/02/2024