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Board Direction
BD-013811-23
ABP-317260-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 19/09/2023.

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

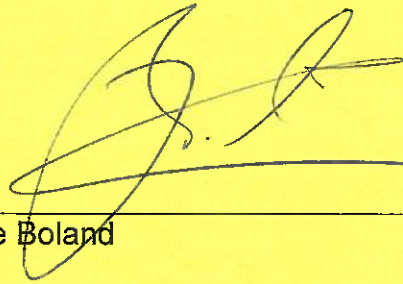
Reasons and Considerations

1. It is a policy of the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 (Policy T-P-7) to require that access to strategic roads such as the N13 National Primary Road is designed in compliance with the road design standards required by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). It is considered that the development to be retained would not be in compliance with TII standards, particularly 'The Design of Road Restraint System (Vehicle and Pedestrian) for Roads and Bridges' (DN-REQ-03034, May 2019) and 'Cross Sections and Headroom' (DN-GEO-03036, May 2023).

The development to be retained would constitute a roadside hazard and it is not considered that the application contains appropriate proposals to justify or mitigate this hazard. The development would therefore endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard which is located alongside the heavily-trafficked National Primary Road N13 at a point where a speed limit of 100 km/h applies and would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic.

The development to be retained would also contravene the objective of the Development Plan (Objective T-O-6) to safeguard the carrying capacity and safety of National Roads and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member



Date: 20/09/2023

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