

**Board Direction** BD-017199-24 ABP-317510-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 08/08/2024.

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 the provisions of Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and to the nature and location of the proposed development in the vicinity of the junction of the N25/L7019, at a grade junction where a 100kph speed limit pertains on the national primary road, it is considered that the proposal to erect a fingerpost sign (not exceeding 1m) on the side of the N25, has the potential to impact on traffic safety, would lead to a proliferation of signage and set an undesirable precedent for further such signage. As such the proposal would be contrary to Development Management Policy DM 21 of Volume 2 of the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028, Section 3.8 'Signage' of the 'Spatial Planning & National Road Guidelines (2012) which are Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines and "Policy on the Provision of Tourist and Leisure Signage on National Roads" published by the National Roads Authority in 2011. It would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member** 

Date: 08/08/2024