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**Board Direction**  
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**ABP-317976-23**

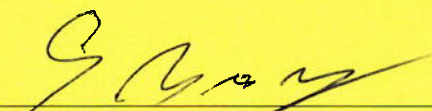
The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 29/04/2024.

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

#### **Reasons and Considerations**

The proposed development seeks to achieve access to a Protected Regional Road (R215) and the traffic movements to which it would give rise, in conjunction with existing traffic movements, road capacity with restrictive width and poor horizontal alignment on approach, would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic at a point where the maximum speed limit of 80kph applies. The applicant has also failed to demonstrate that adequate visibility can be achieved at the junction with the public road as required under Table 13.13 of the Development Plan. The Board had regard to the appellant's submission but did not consider it appropriate from a traffic safety perspective to permit a standard lower than that provided for in the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 in this instance. As such, the proposed development, if permitted would conflict with the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 and would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard and obstruction of road users and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

  
Stephen Brophy

**Date:** 29/04/2024