

**Board Direction BD-018489-24 ABP-318138-23** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 16/12/2024.

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 established development pattern in the area for bulky goods retail, the 'Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities', issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in January, 2012, the Wexford Retail Strategy contained in Volume 8 of the County Development Plan and Objective ED50 as set out in the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028, it is considered that the proposed retail and office development would be contrary to the policies and objectives aimed at restricting the role of retail warehousing parks to the retailing of bulky goods and would seriously injure the vitality and viability of Wexford Town Centre. The proposed development would conflict with National and Local policy and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member** 

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