

Board Direction BD-016134-24 ABP-318358-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 23/04/2024.

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

## **Reasons and Considerations**

1. Having regard to RH-P-9 and Appendix 4 of the County Donegal Development Plan 2018 – 2024, it is considered that, due to its size and siting, the development to be retained and the proposed development would fail to be either subordinate to or have a complementary relationship with the applicant's dwelling house. Accordingly, the development to be retained and the proposed development would contravene Policy RH-P-9, would be contrary to advice set out in Appendix 4 of the Development Plan, and, by extension, in an area of high scenic amenity, would contravene Policy NH-P-7 of the Development Plan. To grant retention permission for the works already carried out and planning permission for the completion works needed to provide the proposed building for use as private garaging/domestic storage would lead to a negative landscape impact and it would risk the establishment of an adverse precedent for such oversized and poorly sited buildings in areas of high scenic amenity. The proposal would thus be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member** 

Date: 23/04/2024

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