

Board Direction BD-015841-24 ABP-318381-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 15/03/2024.

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 extant permission for a dwelling on the applicant's landholding, taken in conjunction with existing and permitted development in the area, it is considered that the proposed development would contribute to an excessive density of suburban type development in a rural landscape that is designated in the County Donegal Development Plan as being of 'High Scenic Amenity'. The proposed development, if permitted, would result in the expansion and consolidation of a suburban pattern of development in the rural area, would further erode the rural character of the area and would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, and accordingly would be contrary to the provisions of policies RH-P-2 and NH-P-7 of the County Donegal Development Plan. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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