

**Board Direction BD-018045-24 ABP-319628-24** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 01/11/2024.

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 Birr Local Area Plan 2023-2029 and specifically Objective BHP03 which seeks to protect and enhance the character of streetscapes in Birr, and Objective BHP05 which seeks to ensure that any proposal will not negatively detract from the special character of the built environment, the Board considered that the proposed development, which includes the removal of a historic masonry wall and the widening of the narrow street, would impact adversely on the morphology of the streetscape at this location and detract from the character of the area. The proposed development would thus conflict with the above-mentioned objectives and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Mary Gurrie

Date: 05/11/2024

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