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**Board Direction**  
**BD-018093-24**  
**ABP-319663-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 05/11/2024.

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 Section 4.4 of the Sustainable Rural Housing Development Guidelines (2005) and Sections 9.2.5.1 and 13.22.1 of the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021-2027, which require that existing hedgerow be retained unless its removal is required to facilitate traffic safety, it is considered that the proposed development, which would involve the removal of a substantial length of existing mature hedgerow along the frontage of two roads in a rural area for the provision of sightlines to achieve the standards of the National Roads Authority – Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, would not be justified on the basis of traffic safety alone and would be contrary to development plan policy, as well as resulting in a substantially diminished rural character and the loss of biodiversity. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

  
Marie O'Connor

**Date:** 06/11/2024