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**Board Direction**  
**BD-018630-25**  
**ABP-319935-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 13/01/2025.

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

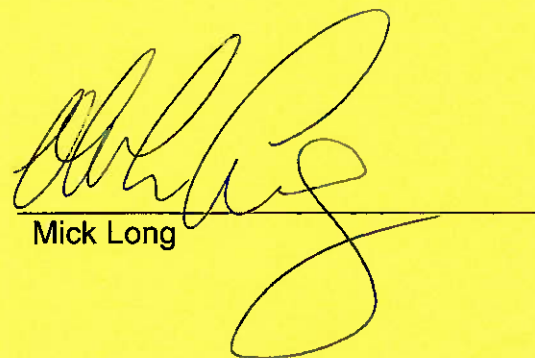
#### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to

- the nature and location of the proposed development,
- the lack of adequate sightlines for vehicles exiting the access point and
- the layout of parking spaces in particular the adjacent disabled car parking space,

it is considered the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard. The proposed development would conflict with national policy objectives and the policy and objectives in the Laois County Development Plan and having regard to the Draft Joint Local Area Plan for Portarlington would increase safety risks for pedestrians, which seeks to promote permeability in town centres, promote active modes of transport over the needs of the private car and make town centres more pedestrian and cycle friendly. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

**Board Member**



Mick Long

**Date:** 13/01/2025