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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 10/12/2024.

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 proposed access to the subject site, via an existing entrance off the National Secondary Road N59 where the posted speed limit is 100kmph, the Board considered that the proposed development would:

- Endanger public safety due to uncontrolled pedestrian interactions with traffic utilising the N59, thereby resulting in a traffic hazard,
- Involve the intensification of use of an existing entrance directly onto the National Secondary, N59 Route by reason of the additional traffic likely to be generated by the new development proposed,
- Conflict with the Council's Policy, as expressed in policy P-NR-1 of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024 – 2030, and conflict with the Department of the Environment Guidelines with respect to Spatial Planning and National Roads (January, 2012) which seek to curtail development along National Roads, to safeguard the strategic role of the National Road Network and to avoid intensification of existing accesses to national roads.

The Board considered that the traffic movements likely to be generated by the proposed intensified use of an existing entrance onto the N59, would interfere with

the safety and free flow of traffic on the national road, and would contravene the County Development Plan, be contrary to Section 28 Guidelines, would set an undesirable precedent for similar such development and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member


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Date: 10/12/2024