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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 14/03/2025.

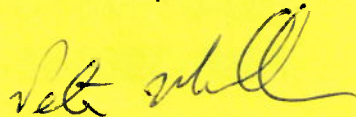
The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development is for the creation of a new vehicular access on to the N67 National Secondary Route at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. ABP320141-24 Inspector's Report Page 14 of 16 Having regard to stated provisions of the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities DoECLG 2012 in particular sections 2.5 and 2.6 which indicate the importance of the national route network; to ensure that the strategic traffic function of national roads is maintained by limiting the extent of development on national routes; that proper planning is central to ensuring road safety and capacity and that the intensification of existing accesses to national roads gives rise to the generation of additional turning movements that introduce additional safety risks to road users and also the stated provisions of the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 in particular section 11.2.9.3 relating to access onto National Roads and that in the assessment of new access points that all safety issues and considerations are adequately addressed in accordance with TII Publications. It is considered that all safety issues and considerations are not adequately addressed in relation to the proposed development. It is therefore considered that the proposed development would be in conflict with the stated guidance, would danger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and be an obstruction to road users by limiting the safety and free flow of

traffic on the N67 National Secondary Route arising from the additional traffic movements generated onto the route at a point where the maximum speed limit applies and therefore the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member



Peter Mullan

Date: 14/03/2025