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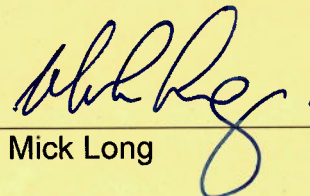
Direction
CD-021254-25
ABP-320483-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 12/11/2025.

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

Planning

Commissioner:


Mick Long

Date: 12/11/2025

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Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development would be accessed from the N15 national primary road at a location where a speed limit of 100 kilometres per hour applies. Objective T-O-10 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2024-2030 seeks to safeguard the carrying capacity and safety of National Roads and associated junctions in accordance with the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DECLG, 2012), whilst Policy CC-P-2 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2024-2030 requires that social and community development proposals do not cause a traffic hazard. Based on the submitted documentation, the Commission is not satisfied that the proposed development would not result in an adverse intensification of an existing access point onto a national road, where the speed limit of 100 kilometres per hour applies, and in the absence of the design

speed visibility splays in both directions, being a road safety measure recommended in the submitted Road Safety Audit, it is considered that the proposal would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on a national primary road with a design speed of 100 kilometres per hour, thereby endangering public safety by reason of traffic hazard, contrary to the above referenced Objective T-O-10 and Policy CC-P-2 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2024-2030. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note:

The Commission noted the matters raised by the Inspector in relation to the principle of a childcare facility at the proposed location and the requirements of Policy CC-P-1 and Section 12.2 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2024-2030 but did not pursue these issues further given the substantive nature of the reason for refusal.