

**Board Direction BD-019583-25 ABP-320561-24** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 02/05/2025.

The Board decided to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to Objective UB-P-7 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2024-2030, which requires new residential developments to have due regard to connectivity and accessibility, having particular regard to active travel and sustainable modes of transport, it is considered that the proposed application to omit footpath and lighting that would connect the development to existing facilities in the village area, would be contrary to the stated objectives of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030, would create potential for conflict between pedestrians and vehicles and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation, the Board had regard to the history of planning applications on this site, and to Drawing PD16 as proposed by the applicant under Further Information submitted in planning application 20/51900. The Board agreed with the planning authority that the proposal to omit the condition for footpath and street lighting would be contrary to the objective of Donegal County Development Plan 2024-2030, to support the renewal and development of towns and villages, and to support communities in positive placemaking in a sustainable manner.

Board Member

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Date: 06/05/2025