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**Board Direction**  
**BD-018944-25**  
**ABP-321126-24**


The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 12/02/2025.

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

#### **Reasons and Considerations**

1. It is considered, having regard to the limited size of the landholding, and the inadequate information provided regarding the proposed use of the lands, it has not been demonstrated that the proposed development is necessary to support the use of the lands for agriculture or agri-business consistent with the strategic objective for 'Agriculture' in Section 9.6 of the Wicklow County Development Plan, 2022 – 2028. The proposed development would therefore not be in accordance with the objectives of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028, which require that all new agricultural developments be compatible with the protection of rural amenities and should not create a visual intrusion in the landscape, would conflict with the preservation of the visual and rural amenities of this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, would be likely to set a precedent for other such entrances in the vicinity, and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

  
Liam McGree

**Date:** 17/02/2025