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**Board Direction**  
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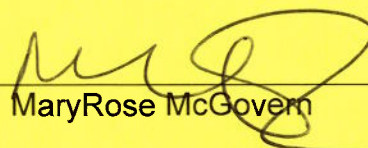
The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 04/03/2025.

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

**Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to Policy COS7 (Childcare Facilities) of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028, specifically COS7 Objective 5 which supports the provision of small-scale childcare facilities in residential areas, the Childcare Facilities - Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2001 which requires one childcare facility accommodating 20 children for approximately 75 dwellings, the planning history of the site, and its location within the urban area of Newcastle which is a Self-Sustaining Growth Town, it is considered that insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that there is sufficient capacity within existing childcare facilities in the environs of the site, and therefore, the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

  
MaryRose McGovern

**Date:** 04/03/2025