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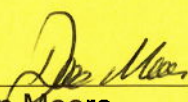
The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 13/06/2025.

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

Reasons and Considerations

The location of the proposed development on unzoned land outside the Westport town boundary, in a rural area remote from areas of population and at a significant distance from existing housing and service centres, would be contrary to Section 5.2.1 and SSO2 of the Mayo County Development Plan 2022-2028 where the orderly development of Westport in a sustainable manner that does not detract from the vitality and viability of the town centre's retail and commercial uses is sought. The location of development would fail to adhere to a sequential approach where town centre, off centre and edge of centre locations should first be considered. In this regard the proposed use would constitute an unsustainable form of development dependent on car borne journeys as it would be remote from the existing built up urban area from where the majority of the customer base would be drawn. The proposed development, therefore, would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member


Declan Moore

Date: 16/06/2025