

Direction CD-021408-25 ACP-323211-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 19/11/2025.

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

Planning

Commissioner:

Date: 27/11/2025

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

It is a requirement of Policy DM RL 2 of the Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027 that justification be provided for locating commercial development in this rural area over a settlement where adequate zoning is in place. It is considered that there are no specific locational requirements of the development proposed to be retained that justify or necessitate its location in this rural area. Furthermore, having regard to the specific nature of the development proposed to be retained and its proximity to the adjacent residential property, it is considered that the on-going operation of the development proposed to be retained would seriously injure residential amenity by

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reason of noise and disturbance. The development proposed to be retained would be contrary to Policy DM RL 2 (11) and (12) of the Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027, would comprise an inappropriate rural commercial enterprise at this location, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.