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Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 03/12/2025.

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

Planning

Commissioner:

Eamonn James Kelly

Date: 03/12/2025

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Reasons and Considerations

The location of the entrance to the proposed development is directly onto the N2, a national strategic route, at a location where the speed limit of 100 km/h applies. It is the policy of Spatial Planning and National Roads: Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2012) (DOECLG) as reflected in Section 9.15.1 and Policies MOV POL 24 and RD POL 36 of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 to safeguard the capacity and safety of the National road network and to avoid the intensification of existing access to national roads to which speed limits greater than 60kph apply, in order to facilitate the efficiency and effectiveness of the national strategic road network. The likely increase in traffic and additional turning movements created by the development interfere with the unobstructed, safe and free flow of traffic on the adjoining national route and therefore contravenes Section 9.15.1 and Policies MOV

POL 24 and RD POL 36 of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027. The proposed development would, therefore, be# contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

Note

The Commission noted the removal of a substantial expanse of existing hedgerow and shared the concern of the Inspector as to whether such would be in compliance with the requirements of MCDP Policy HER POL 37 which seeks to encourage the retention of hedgerows and other distinctive boundary treatments in rural areas and to prevent their loss and fragmentation, where practically possible. However, given the substantive reason for refusal set out above, it was decided not to pursue further information on the matter at this time.