An Coimisiún Pleanála

Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 06/11/2026.

The Commission decided (on a majority 2:1 vote) to set aside the determination of the local authority and allow the appeal for the following reasons and considerations set out in the inspector's report.

Reasons and Considerations

In the assessment of this appeal, regard was had to submissions on file, to the relevant legislation including the provisions of Section 653B of the Taxes Consolidation Act, as amended, to the recommendation of the inspector and to the judgments of the High Court [2026] IEHC 703 and [2026] IEHC 720.

Having regard to the commentary of the inspector that the Uisce Eireann capacity register dated April 2026 asserts that a Level of Service improvement is required in relation to water supply and to the correspondence dated 14th August 2026 received by The Commission from Uisce Eireann, which states that while the site is serviceable, a developer led extension is required (less than 40m), it is not reasonable to consider that the lands had access or could be connected to public infrastructure and facilities necessary for dwellings to be developed.

In deciding not to accept the inspector's recommendation to confirm the determination of the Local Authority, the Commission noted and acknowledged the assessment and recommendation as set out in the inspector's report. However, on consideration of the subsequent judgments of the High Court High Court [2026]

IEHC 703 and [2026] IEHC 720, and a review of the content of the file by reference to same, the stated requirement for a Level of Service improvement with respect to water supply and to the correspondence dated 14th August 2026 received by the Commission from Uisce Eireann, which backs up this requirement, the Commission concluded otherwise, that it is not reasonable to consider that the lands had access or could be connected to public infrastructure and facilities necessary for dwellings to be developed on the assessment date of 01 January 2026. Therefore, the Commission concluded (by a majority 2:1 vote) that the site is not within scope of the applicable legislation.

Planning Commissioner: Patricia Calleary **Date:** 06/11/2026

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