



The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 07 April 2026.

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

Planning Commissioner:

Emer Maughan

Date:

8th day of April 2026

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that the proposed development, which would result in the intensification of use of an access onto the National Primary Road N13 at a point where a speed limit of 100 km/h applies, would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and that the additional and conflicting traffic movements

generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the public road and, by itself or by the precedent which the grant of outline permission for it would set for other relevant development, would adversely affect the use of a national road. The proposed development would also contravene the objectives of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030 (including Key Strategic Objective S-O-9 and transport objectives T-O-10 and T-O-14) to preserve the strategic function, safety, and capacity of the National Roads network, and would, therefore, be contrary to the provisions of the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities published by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (2012). Furthermore, on the basis of the information submitted with the application and appeal, the Commission is not satisfied that it has been demonstrated that adequate sightlines can be achieved on the junction of the private lane and the N13, particularly in the north eastern direction. It is considered that the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because of the additional traffic turning movements the development would generate on a junction between a private lane and a national road at a point where sightlines are restricted in a north easterly direction.