

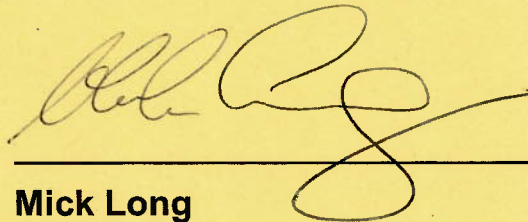
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Commission Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 08 June 2026.

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

Planning Commissioner:



Mick Long

Date:

8th day of June 2026

Having regard to the location of the site of the development for which retention is sought within an area designated "Structurally weak' as set out in Map 6.3.1 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2024-2030, Policy RH-P-3 and Policy RH-P-9 place an emphasis on ensuring the siting and design of any dwelling, that it integrates appropriately with its physical surroundings and the natural heritage of the area and that must comply with Donegal County Council's 'Rural Housing Location, Siting and Design Guide.' The prominent location, siting and design of the dwelling for which retention is sought is not appropriately sited or designed and

therefore does not allow it to be assimilated into the receiving landscape and does not accord with Policy RH-P-3 and Policy RH-P-9 of the Development Plan Donegal County Council's 'Rural Housing Location, Siting and Design Guide'. The development proposed to be retained would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Commission noted the substandard and haphazard nature of the development to be retained with an internal area of 52.35m² but did not seek further information given the substantive nature of the reason for refusal.