

# An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

**Monaghan County**

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**APPEAL** by Daniel Aughey care of [planning-appeals.ie](http://planning-appeals.ie) of Tirnaneil, Monaghan against the decision made on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 by Monaghan County Council to refuse permission.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Retention of existing temporary bridge structure at Cortolvin House, Clones Road, Monaghan.

## **DECISION**

**REFUSE** permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

## **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

## REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

1. The Ulster Canal is designated under the Monaghan County Development Plan 2013-2019 as an Area of Secondary Special Amenity Value and the part of the canal within the site is zoned under objective 'H' for recreation and amenity. The bridge whose retention is proposed would not be in keeping with the historic form, function and character of the Ulster Canal, would be visually obtrusive and would seriously detract from the amenity value of the canal. The development would, therefore, be contrary to the provisions of the development plan and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. The retention of the bridge would militate against the reopening of the Ulster Canal and would, therefore, materially contravene objective ST04 of the development plan.

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**Member of An Bord Pleanála  
duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this            day of            2016.**