



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 18/50695

APPEAL by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) of Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 22nd day of June, 2018 by Donegal County Council to refuse permission to Martin Gilroy (Doherty Tiles Limited) care of Paul Doherty Architects of Castle Street, Donegal Town, County Donegal.

Proposed Development: Erection of a double sided illuminated freestanding subdivided sign of approximately 1.5 metres wide and 5.4 metres high to be positioned in the car park adjoining the front boundary wall in front of the Doherty Tiles building, Drumark townland, Killybegs Road, Donegal Town, County Donegal.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with 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

It is considered that, when taken in conjunction with existing signage on adjacent sites, the proposed development would result in the proliferation of signs in the area which would contribute to visual clutter and cause distraction to road users, along a section of the N56 National Secondary Road where a speed limit of 80 km/h applies. The proposed development would be at variance with official policy as set out in the Spatial Planning and National Roads - Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in 2012 which seeks to control the proliferation of roadside signage on national roads outside the 50-60 km/h speed limit. It is considered, therefore, that the proposed development would seriously detract from the visual amenities of the area, would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Terry Ó Niadh

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2018.