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## Board Order ABP-313539-22

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 22/80**

**Appeal** by Simon McGovern care of John Madden and Associates of Blackhall Street, Mullingar, County Westmeath against the decision made on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 by Westmeath County Council to refuse permission.

**Proposed Development:** Construct an agricultural storage shed for machinery storage (267.5 square metres) and all associated site works at Rathganny and Ballindurrow, Multyfarnham, County Westmeath.

### **Decision**

**REFUSE** permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the current policies and objectives set out in the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027,
- (b) the planning history of the landholding,
- (c) the scale and design of the proposed structure,
- (d) the restricted nature of the site,
- (e) the proximity to existing residential developments, and
- (f) the current use of the landholding for the storage of vehicles associated with a commercial vehicle recovery business,

it is considered that the applicant has not demonstrated the justification for an agricultural structure at this location, and that the proposed structure would be inappropriate in design and scale at this rural location in close proximity to existing dwellings and would represent an ad hoc piecemeal form of development which would seriously injure the amenities of the area, would militate against the rural environment, and would set an undesirable precedent for similar developments in the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



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**Joe Boland**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board**

Dated this 25<sup>TH</sup> day of

July

2023