

Board Order ABP- 314615-22

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 22/853

Appeal by Amanda Kelly care of J.V. Quinn and Associates of Rathmolyon, Enfield, County Meath against the decision made on the 22nd day of August, 2022 by Meath County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Development will involve relocation of site entrance granted under TA20193, to form a shared entrance with the landholding to the west of the application site in compliance with Section 9.15.3 Development Assessment Criteria of Meath County Council County Development Plan 2021-2027 and Transport Infrastructure Ireland Road Link Design Standards DN-GEO-03031 (February 2012) and Geometric Design of Junction Standards DN-GEO-03060 (June 2017) all at Donore, Longwood, County Meath.

Decision

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

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Reasons and Considerations

The proposal to create a new entrance on the R161 regional road, a strategic corridor, is considered to be contrary to Policy RD POL 40 of the Meath County Development Plan, 2021-2027, which seeks 'To restrict new accesses for one-off dwellings where the 80 km/h speed limit currently applies in order to safeguard the specific functions and to avoid the premature obsolescence of identified regional and important county link roads (map number 9.2) through the creation of excessive levels of individual entrances and to secure the investment in non-national roads'. In this regard, the proposed development, involving the formation of a new entrance onto the regional road at this location, would be contrary to stated policy, would result in the creation of a serious traffic hazard at a location where visibility is restricted and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Patricia Calleary

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

Dated this Aday of Normbe 2023