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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Meath County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 23554**

**APPEAL** by David Ryan care of Jova Planning Consultants of Boyerstown, Navan, County Meath against the decision made on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 by Meath County Council to refuse permission.

**Proposed Development:** Retention of four number steel containers on site for the purpose of the secure storage of agricultural machinery and ancillary items and all associated site development works at Rush, Dunboyne, County Meath.

**Decision**

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

## Reasons and Considerations

1. It is an objective of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 to require all applications for agricultural buildings to comply with (DM OBJ 62) particularly the following text 'In the case of new farm enterprises, a clear evidence base must be provided which demonstrates the need for the proposal and details of how any buildings proposed form part of a comprehensive business plan for the farm holding supported by Teagasc'. The development proposed for retention, by reason of the absence of a sufficient agricultural justification for the development, its location accessed off a local route, and its design, would materially contravene this objective of the development plan, would establish an undesirable future precedent, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. Having regard to the nature of the development, and the entrance that is onto a narrow local road where the developer has failed to demonstrate adequate sightlines, the Board is not satisfied that the access is in compliance with Transport Infrastructure Ireland Document DN-GEO-03031. The proposed development would, therefore, endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

  
Mary Henchy

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

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2024.