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## Board Order ABP-318850-24

**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 23/60363**

**Appeal** by Paul Kinsella care of Matthew Fagan of 229 Clonliffe Road, Drumcondra, Dublin against the decision made on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 by Wicklow County Council to refuse permission.

**Proposed Development:** Retention of an entrance onto the L-6194 and access driveway through field on lands at Killahurler Upper, Woodenbridge, Arklow, County Wicklow.

### Decision

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

## Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to policy objective CPO 12.54 of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028, it is considered that the applicant has provided insufficient justification for the constructed entrance which appears unnecessary given that it is serving no purpose other than that which is already being adequately served by the existing laneway and access to the west. The development proposed to be retained would provide an overconcentration of unnecessary access points on to a low-capacity local rural road, would contravene policy objective CPO 12.54 of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. Having regard to the insufficient sightline to the west at the point of exit from the constructed entrance, it is considered that the development proposed to be retained would endanger public safety by reason of serious traffic hazard and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. Having regard to the large amount of excavation to create the entrance and access way forming an incongruous and obtrusive feature on the landscape, it is considered that the development proposed to be retained would result in an inappropriate precedent for unnecessary development in the area and would negatively impact on the character of the landscape, which it is necessary to preserve. The development proposed to be retained would contravene policy objective CPO 17.37 of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 and 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 6<sup>TH</sup> day of September 2024.