



An
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Pleanála

Board Order

ABP-320034-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60110

Appeal by Transport Infrastructure Ireland of Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 4th day of June, 2024 by Sligo County Council to grant subject to condition a permission to Micheál Kearins Sculpture Committee care of OMD Design Limited of Unit 2, Killala Road Business Park, Killala Road, Ballina, County Mayo.

Proposed Development: Construction of a stone plinth and base with the erection of a sculpture along with associated access, walls, landscaping and to carry out all ancillary site works, all at Larkhill, Beltra, County Sligo.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the proposed access to the subject site, via an existing entrance off the National Secondary Road N59, where the posted speed limit is 100kmph, it is considered that the proposed development would:

- (a) endanger public safety due to uncontrolled pedestrian interactions with traffic utilising the N59, thereby resulting in a traffic hazard,
- (b) involve the intensification of use of an existing entrance directly onto the National Secondary N59 Route by reason of the additional traffic likely to be generated by the proposed development, and
- (c) conflict with the planning authority's policy, as expressed in Policy P-NR-1 of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030, and would conflict with the Spatial Planning and National Roads – Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in January 2012 which seek to curtail development along National Roads, to safeguard the strategic role of the National Road Network, and to avoid intensification of existing accesses to national roads.

It is considered that the traffic movements likely to be generated by the proposed intensified use of an existing entrance onto the N59 would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the national road, would contravene the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030, would be contrary to the Spatial Planning and National Roads – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, would set an undesirable precedent for similar such development, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



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



Dated this *11* day of *December* 2024.