

Board Order ABP-320279-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022 Planning Authority: Wicklow County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 24/240

Appeal by Hugh and Maura Lambert care of Farry Town Planning Limited of Suite 180, 28 South Frederick Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 17th day of July, 2024 by Wicklow County Council to refuse a licence for the proposed development.

Licence Application: Section 254 licence for an advertisement structure (finger post sign) at Ardnaboy, Hacketstown, County Wicklow.

Decision

In exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, An Bord Pleanála, directs the planning authority to REFUSE TO GRANT a licence, based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the location of the proposed sign and associated tourism accommodation, Objective CPO 12.71 of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 and the requirements of Section 1.1.10 of the Traffic Signs Manual 2024 issued by the Department of Transport which states that signs should only be erected where there is a demonstrable need, it is considered that the proposed development is not necessary directional signage and would, if permitted, act as an undesirable precedent for the proliferation of further such signs in the area and lead to visual clutter. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

PL 0 MaryRose McGovern Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this 27 day of May 2025.