

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order
ABP-320483-24

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2351266

Appeal by Transport Infrastructure Ireland of Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 18th day of July 2024, by Donegal County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Tommy O'Neill care of McCullagh Architecture and Surveying Limited of Glenfinn Road, Ballybofey, County Donegal in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Change of use of existing licensed premises to use as a childcare facility providing full day care services. The development includes demolition of a flat roof extension to the rear, modifications to the internal layout of the premises, minor alteration to window openings, reconfiguration of external pedestrian access ramps, signage and associated site development works all at Cloughfin, Castlefinn, Lifford, County Donegal.

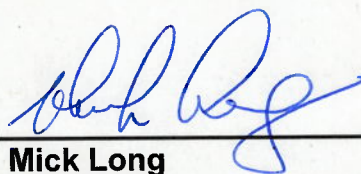
Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development would be accessed from the N15 national primary road at a location where a speed limit of 100 kilometres per hour applies.

Objective T-O-10 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2024-2030 seeks to safeguard the carrying capacity and safety of National Roads and associated junctions in accordance with the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DECLG, 2012), whilst Policy CC-P-2 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2024-2030 requires that social and community development proposals do not cause a traffic hazard. Based on the submitted documentation, the Commission is not satisfied that the proposed development would not result in an adverse intensification of an existing access point onto a national road, where the speed limit of 100 kilometres per hour applies, and in the absence of the design speed visibility splays in both directions, being a road safety measure recommended in the submitted Road Safety Audit, it is considered that the proposed development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on a national primary road with a design speed of 100 kilometres per hour, thereby endangering public safety by reason of traffic hazard, contrary to the above referenced Objective T-O-10 and Policy CC-P-2 of the Donegal County Development Plan 2024-2030. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Mick Long

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

**Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**



Dated this 18 day of November 2025.