

Commission Order ABP-321239-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60138

Appeal by Paul Davey of Bothuna, Spiddal, County Galway and by others against the decision made on the 21st day of October, 2024 by Sligo County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Francis Kelly care of Elliott Swetak of Pandora, Skervan, Smithboro, County Monaghan.

Proposed Development: Construction of a new automotive wholesale and warehousing premises comprising of the following: Construction of a 1,001-square-metre wholesale/warehouse unit. Hard-standing areas to include for parking, roads, and turning heads. Connection to public mains services. Upgrade to existing site entrance and formation of new access road. Company sign on building. The proposal of a new wastewater treatment system and percolation area. Site lighting and site services. Bin compound, bicycle provision, boundary treatments with all other associated ancillary site works, all at Drumaskibbole, Carraroe, County Sligo.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

The site of the proposed development is located in a rural area outside a settlement boundary and outside any designated land use zone under the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030. In respect of development proposals for business or enterprise outside designated zones, Policy P-BIE-4 of the development plan requires that the proposed use has locational requirements that can only be accommodated in a rural area. The Commission is not satisfied, on the basis of the nature of the proposed development for wholesale and warehousing of car parts, and on the basis of the documentation submitted in connection with the planning application and the appeal, that the proposed use has locational requirements that can only be accommodated in a rural area. The proposed development would be contrary to Policy P-BIE-4 of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Eamonn James Kelly

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún

Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 25 day of Jul 2025.