



An
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Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-321303-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Monaghan County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60332

APPEAL by Seamus Murray care of McGivney Consulting of Knockategart, Stradone, County Cavan against the decision made on the 25th day of October, 2024 by Monaghan County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Retention of partially constructed agricultural entrance onto public road (R179) together with permission to (a) complete same entrance with alterations and amendments, (b) complete all ancillary site works and associated site structures, all at Doohatty and Derrylavan, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to Policy AGP 1 of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025, which is to permit development on new and established agricultural holdings where it is demonstrated that it is necessary for the efficient use of the agricultural holding and, inter alia, the proposal will not result in a traffic hazard; and to Policy NNRP 3, which seeks to ensure that the traffic carrying capacity and the strategic nature of the road network in County Monaghan is not adversely affected, to the location of the proposed retention and permission for a new agricultural access and ancillary works to facilitate a large number of cattle crossing between lands on opposite sides of the regional road R179, the Board is not satisfied, on the basis of the submissions made in connection with the application and appeal, that the proposed staggered crossing, the receiving environment on the northern side of the regional road, the applicable speed limit of 80 km per hour and the proximity to an established factory, would not cause a traffic hazard at this location, irrespective of 120 metre sight lines being achieved by removing and reducing trees and hedgerows.

It is also considered that the development would adversely affect the traffic carrying capacity and the strategic nature of the road network in County Monaghan. Accordingly, it is considered, the proposed development and the development proposed to be retained would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users, would be contrary to the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.


Declan Moore

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

Dated this 3rd day of MARCH 2025.