

An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

Commission Order  
PL-500320-LD-25

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**Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended**

**Planning Authority: Longford County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 2560200**

**Appeal** by Magdalena and Artur Podgorna against the decision made on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025 by Longford County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

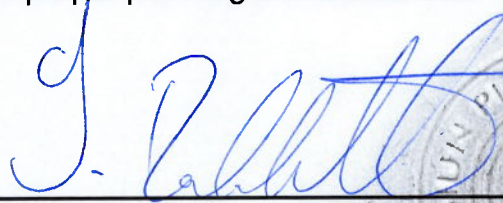
**Proposed Development:** Retention of an existing vehicular gated entrance which services existing dwelling house at number 10 Park Drive, Longford, County Longford.

## **Decision**

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

## Reasons and Considerations

The development proposed to be retained represents an unacceptable form of access that directly interferes with the functioning of the public road network. The vehicular entrance has been created onto a busy local route (L3010) through a designated public parking layby, resulting in the loss of public parking and the introduction of vehicular movements across a pedestrian zone where adequate sightlines or turning capacity have not been demonstrated. Accordingly, the development proposed to be retained endangers public safety by reason of traffic hazard and is contrary to Policy DMS 16.91 (Access and Sightlines) and DMS 16.114 (Safe Unobstructed Sight Distances) of the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027, which require that all vehicular accesses ensure safe ingress and egress and protect the functionality of the road network. The development proposed to be retained would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



**Tom Rabbette**

**Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún  
Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026

