



Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2561299

Appeal by Thomas Ahern against the decision made on the 11th day of February 2026 by Limerick City and County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Retention permission to retain existing agricultural entrance serving agricultural lands at Dromtrasna Collins, Abbeyfeale, County Limerick.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

Permission for the retention of the existing agricultural entrance to serve as a second entrance from the applicant's landholding, as outlined in the submitted application, directly onto the N21 at a point where the 100kph speed limit applies would conflict with Policy TR P12 of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 which aims to Safeguard the Capacity of National Roads. It would

also materially contravene Objective TR O39 of the development plan which seeks 'to maintain and improve the capacity, safety and function of the national road network and restrict new access onto such roads to which speed limits greater than 60km/h apply save for exceptional circumstances', as it is considered that the applicant does not meet the criteria set out for exceptional circumstances having regard to the requirements of the Ministerial Guidance in Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines (DoECLG, 2012) as cited in the development plan in this regard. Furthermore, the Commission is not satisfied that proposed retention of a new access at this location would not interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic and would therefore endanger public safety by reason of traffic safety and would accordingly 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 17th day of June 2026.