



Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 25/62257

APPEAL by Patrick Boyle against the decision made on the 19th day of February, 2026 by Donegal County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: Construction of a camper van park consisting of 10 number camper van parking bays with associated services, internal pathways, laneways and additional parking areas, play area and picnic benches within green areas, service building containing showers/toilets/reception area, and so forth, installation of new on-site sewage treatment system and percolation area and proposed new signage board at entrance to site together with all associated site development works, all at Naran, Portnoo, County Donegal.

Decision

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the visually prominent and exposed nature of the site devoid of substantial natural boundaries or screening, and its location within an Area of High Scenic Amenity, adjacent to an Area of Especially High Scenic Amenity, it is considered that, by reason of its detachment from the coastal tourism setting and general failure to integrate with, and reflect the character and amenity of this landscape, the proposed development would adversely impact on the scenic quality, visual amenity and rural character of the area, and would materially detract from the visual and scenic amenities of this important approach to Naran-Portnoo Strand, a significant tourism attraction and national Discovery Point along the route of the Wild Atlantic Way. The proposed development would contravene Policies TOU-P-2, TOU-P-3, TOU-P-8 (a) and L-P-2 of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. Having regard to the location of the proposed development in close proximity to adjacent and adjoining rural housing, it is considered that the proposed development would significantly impact on existing residential amenities by reason of noise, lighting and general disturbance in a quite rural area on the periphery of the settlement of Portnoo/Naran. The proposed development would contravene Policy TOU-P-8 (g) of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



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



Dated this 20th day of July 2026.