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**SECTION 131 FORM**

**Appeal NO:_ABP-321867-25** **Defer Re O/H** ☐

Having considered the contents of the submission ~~dated~~/(received) 9/03/2025 from

Andrea Rankin I recommend that section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 be/(not be invoked) at this stage for the following reason(s):. no new material planning issues

**E.O.:** Karen Byrne **Date:** 7/04/2025.

**For further consideration by SEO/SAO**

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage. ☐

Section 131 to be invoked – allow 2/4 weeks for reply. ☐

**S.E.O.:** _____ **Date:** _____

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**Please prepare BP** _____ **- Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission**

**to:** _____ **Task No:** _____

**Allow 2/3/4weeks – BP**_____

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**CORRESPONDENCE FORM**

**Appeal No: ABP** - 321867-25

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**From:** andrea rankin <andrearankin82@hotmail.com>
**Sent:** Sunday 9 March 2025 22:50
**To:** Bord; Appeals2
**Subject:** RE:Case Number ABP-321867-25 Planning Authority Reference Number 20120
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D01V902

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