



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 02/06/2020.

The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

1. The Board considers that the applicant has failed to demonstrate that the proposal would be served by a satisfactory surface water drainage system. The proposed drainage scheme submitted to An Bord Pleanála by way of further information on 24th day of October 2019 fails to depict how soiled and clean water would be kept separate and it fails to explain how the measures proposed for the disposal of soiled surface water would be compatible with the operations of the anaerobic digestion facility, especially during periods of heavy rainfall. Furthermore, the proposed development in these circumstances would give rise to the pollution of adjoining land drains with adverse implications for water quality and, potentially, public health. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal and in the absence of a Natura Impact Statement the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually or in combination with other plans

or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (Site Code:002165), or any other European site, in view of the site's Conservation Objectives. In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting permission.

Board Member

Date: 02/06/2020

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