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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 02/11/2020.

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

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development is located outside of an area open for consideration for Wind Energy Developments, as outlined in Map 3.2 of the Offaly County Development Plan 2014-2020. The proposed development would, therefore, contravene Objective EO-01 of the County Development Plan which aims to achieve a reasonable balance between responding to government policy on renewable energy and in enabling the wind energy resources of the county to be harnessed in an environmentally sustainable manner. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 02/11/2020

Dave Walsh

Note: The Board also considered that, in the absence of more detailed information provided with the application and appeal in relation to potential impacts of the proposed development on a number of European sites in the vicinity, including in relation to any proposed mitigation measures to protect these designated sites

during construction or operation, it could not 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 a number of proximate European sites, in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives.

The Board also noted the need for the proposed development to comply with the Wind Energy Development Guidelines, 2006, in relation to maintaining appropriate separation distances between turbines and in respect of distances to adjoining sites.