



Board Direction

Ref: PL93.245211

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on February 4th 2016.

The Board decided, by a vote of 4 to 1, to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Notwithstanding the location of the site within a preferred area for wind energy in the Waterford County Development Plan 2011 – 2017, it is considered that the proposed development, by reason of its height and extent, would constitute a visually dominant feature in a vulnerable scenic landscape, as outlined in policy 6.2 of this Plan, and would interfere with the character of the landscape which it is considered necessary to preserve.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board noted the inherent conflicts between the wind energy policies and the policies relating to landscape and scenic routes, as set out in the County Development Plan, and considered that, in this particular location, the proposed development would, if permitted, become a dominant feature and impact detrimentally on the environmental quality and scenic landscape of the area.

Board Member: _____
Philip Jones

Date: 5th February 2016