



Board Direction

Ref: PL26.245475

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 18th January 2016.

The Board decided to refuse permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, subject to the amendments shown below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The PD provides for the abstraction of water from an aquifer which is a source of both public and private water supplies. The Board is not satisfied, in the absence of appropriate hydrogeological studies, including groundwater quality assessment, that the PD would not impact negatively on nearby water wells or on the groundwater body more generally. Furthermore the Board is not satisfied, on the basis of the information submitted, that the PD would not impact negatively on the amenities of nearby residential properties by way of noise or other nuisance associated with the proposed pumping and treatment of water. Finally, the Board considered the information submitted with regard to the proposed underground water storage tank and the proposed rising main inadequate to enable a proper assessment of the planning aspects of either element to be undertaken. The PD would therefore be contrary to the PP and SD of the area.

Note: The Board noted the Inspector's concerns relating to the subject of appropriate assessment and shared these concerns but decided not to seek further information on the matter in the light of the substantive reason for refusal cited above.

Please issue a copy of the Direction with the Order.

Board Member: _____ Date: 19th January 2016

G.J. Dennison