



Board Direction

Ref: PL26.245835

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

The Board decided to refuse permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, subject to the amendments to the Inspector's draft reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

1. Having regard to the nature and excessive scale of the proposed development, to its location on a site subject to significant flood risk and also located within the drainage catchment of an adjoining environmentally sensitive watercourse that drains over a short distance into a designated Natura 2000 site (River Barrow and River Nore Special Area of Conservation), as well as being located a short distance upstream of the intake for the New Ross water supply (Pollymounty), it is considered that the proposed development would pose a significant risk to the water quality of the adjoining watercourse. The proposed development would represent an inappropriate location for the proposed development and would constitute an unacceptable environmental risk and would be prejudicial to public health. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. Having regard to the nature, excessive scale and characteristics of the proposed development, to the proximity of the facility to an adjoining watercourse (Aughnacrew River) which forms part of the River Barrow and River Nore Special Area of Conservation (Site code: 002162), it is considered that the proposed development would pose an unacceptable risk of contamination of the adjoining watercourse and subsequently a deterioration of water quality and conservation status in the designated Special Area of Conservation. It is reasonable to conclude, on the basis of the information available, that the proposed development, both individually and in combination

with other plans and/or projects would adversely affect the integrity of the River Barrow and River Nore Special Area of Conservation (Site code: 002162).

3. Having regard to the nature, excessive scale and location of the proposed development on the edge of a small rural settlement, it is considered that the proposed development would represent an excessive scale of development, would be detrimental to the rural character of the area and would have a disproportionate and obtrusive impact on the visual amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member: _____
Nicholas Mulcahy

Date: April 11th, 2016