



Board Direction

Ref: PL21.246149

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 21st September 2016.

The Board decided to refuse permission generally in accordance with the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the Sensitive Rural Landscape designation of the site as defined in the county development plan, together with the policy on wind farms under that plan as contained under Section 11.1.4 which indicates that wind farms will be discouraged in or close to designated sensitive landscapes, and having regard to the absence in the landscape of sufficient features to enable the wind farm to be visually assimilated, the Board considered that the proposal would be seriously injurious to the visual amenities of the area and of properties in the vicinity and would not therefore be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board considered that the development would have a negative impact which could not be successfully integrated into the landscape.

Board Member: _____
Michael Leahy

Date: 21st September 2016