



## Board Direction

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**Ref: PL01.246282**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

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

### REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the location of the site within the River Barrow and Nore Special Area of Conservation, and to the nature, scale and characteristics of the proposed development, which is likely to result in the generation of silt-laden runoff draining to the River Barrow, it is considered that the proposed development would result in an unacceptable risk of contamination of the River Barrow and consequent risk to water quality. Having regard to the absence of detailed information on the source and composition of the infill materials, to the 12-year time period involved in particular, and to the absence of detailed proposals to demonstrate a very high level of control of silt, the Board cannot be satisfied beyond reasonable scientific doubt that the proposed development would not adversely affect the integrity of this European Site in light of its conservation objectives, which are dependent on good water quality. The Board, is, therefore, precluded from giving further consideration to a grant of permission.

*Note:*

The Board noted that the proposed development would also require to be screened for EIA in light of the criteria set out in Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
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