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**Board Direction  
PL07.246533.**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2016.

The Board decided to grant permission by a margin of 2:1 generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the provisions of the Galway County Development Plan the Board considered that the proposed development would be in keeping with the established use of the site for the grazing of sheep and subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not have a negative impact on the scenic character of the area or its potential for recreational amenity. The proposed development would therefore be in keeping with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Furthermore, having regard to the nature of the application and of the appeal, the submissions made on file, the request made for costs, the provisions of Section 145 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and to the discretion afforded to the Board in this matter, it is considered that no particular circumstances apply that would justify the award of costs against the planning authority in this instance.

The Board noted the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report submitted by the applicant and the Appropriate Assessment Screening determination carried out by the Inspector. The Board concurred with the Inspector's determination, and adopted his conclusions and recommendations in this regard. The Board was therefore satisfied, having regard to the nature, location and scale of the subject development, and in the light of the mitigation measures set out in the applicant's Screening Report, which would constitute normal construction practice, that the construction of the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, on European sites Nos. 002008 (Maumturk Mountain SAC) and 002031 (Twelve Bens / Garraun Complex SAC) or on any other European sites, in view of their conservation objectives.

## **CONDITIONS**

1. The development shall be retained in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application as amended by the further plans and particulars submitted on the 8th day of March 2016.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

**Board Member** \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Hyde

**Date:** 17.10.16