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## Board Direction

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2017.

The Board decided to refuse permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

### Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- a) Policy Objectives GI 7-2 and ED 3-5 of the Cork County Development Plan, 2014 – 2020,
- b) The location of the proposed wind farm on a rural elevated upland plateau within an open and exposed landscape, without any landcover or significant features capable of visually absorbing the scale of the development proposed,
- c) The Wind Energy Guidelines – Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in June 2006,
- d) The scale and height of the proposed turbines, and
- e) The pattern of development in the vicinity and the planning history of the subject site.

it is considered that the proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, and would therefore be contrary to certain criteria set out in Policy WD 3-5 of the Cork County Development Plan, 2014 – 2020. Furthermore, it is considered that the proposed development would have an adverse impact on a designated Scenic Route, that is, Route S44, which it is an objective to protect in accordance with the Cork County Development Plan 2014 – 2020, and would therefore be contrary to Policy GI 7-2 of the Development Plan. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the provisions of the The Wind Energy Guidelines –

Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in June 2006, and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Philip Jones