



Board Direction

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 1st March 2017.

The Board agreed with the screening assessment carried out in the by the applicants which concluded that the the Lough Swilly cSAC (002287) and Lough Swilly SPA (004075) are the European sites for which likelihood of significant effects cannot be excluded.

The Board considered the Natura Impact Statement submitted with the application and carried out an appropriate assessment of the implications of the proposed development for these two European Sites in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives. The Board considered that the information before it was adequate to allow the carrying out of an appropriate assessment.

In completing the assessment, the Board considered, in particular, the

- i) likely direct and indirect impacts arising from the proposed development both individually or in combination with other plans or projects,
- ii) mitigation measures which are included as part of the current proposal,
- iii) Conservation Objectives for these European Sites,

The Board accepted and adopted the Appropriate Assessment conclusion ultimately reached in respect of the potential effects of the proposed development. Board was satisfied that the proposed development would not adversely affect the integrity of the above European sites in view of their Conservation Objectives.

The Board decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, subject to the amendments shown in manuscript on the attached copy of the Inspector's draft reasons, considerations and conditions.

Board Member: _____ Date: 1st March 2017
Michael Leahy