



## Board Direction

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**Ref: PL27.247714**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The Board decided to refuse permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, subject to the amendments shown below.

### REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the nature and scale of the development proposed, the proximity of the proposed development to the Poulaphuca Reservoir SPA, and the main conservation objective for this site which seeks 'to maintain the special conservation interests for this SPA at favourable conservation status of species including the Greylag Goose', the fact that the lands that make up the appeal site are an important core feeding ground for Greylag Geese, which are confirmed to be in decline regarding numbers, there is potential for significant effects on the conservation status of Greylag Goose and the applicant has failed to provide adequate information to demonstrate that this would not be the case. In this regard the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Poulaphuca Reservoir Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 004063). In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting approval/permission.

Note: The Board was not satisfied, on the basis of the information submitted, that the applicant had satisfactorily resolved the subject of the potential visual impact of the proposed development. However, in the light of the foregoing substantive reason for refusal decided not to pursue the matter further.

Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
G.J. Dennison