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**Board Direction
PL16. 247736**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on March 27th 2017.

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

Reasons and Considerations

The proposed development would involve substantial works within the Special Protection Area (SPA) for the Mullet Peninsula site code 004427 and it is considered that it would be likely to have significant effects upon it. Having regard to the deficiencies in the information submitted in connection with the applicant and in response to the appeal, and to the failure of the proposed development to provide a cover area for Corncrake in keeping with the requirements of the previous permission P11/404, it cannot be concluded that the proposed development would not adversely affect the integrity of the SPA for the Mullet Peninsula in view of its conservation objectives.

Note: The Board shared the serious concerns of the inspector in relation to bulk height and scale of the proposed development in an open and exposed coastal landscape and agreed it would be visually obtrusive but considered that this constituted a new issue in the context of the appeal. However, in view of the other reason for refusal, the Board decided not to pursue this matter further with the parties to the appeal.

**Board
Member**

Date:27.03.17

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