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Pleanála

Board Direction
PL26 247780

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 7th February 2018.

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. The proposed development, is located within the Preferred Route Corridor for the proposed Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour Road Improvement Scheme, which forms part of a Trans European Network linking Rosslare Europort with Dublin-Belfast-Larne (E01) and Waterford-Cork (E30), the protection of which is an objective of the current Wexford County Development Plan, which is in accordance with the Government's Guidelines on Spatial Planning and National Roads (2012). The proposed development would, therefore, be premature pending the determination by the planning authority of a final road layout for the area, would materially contravene Objectives T14 and T15 of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019, and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Amended Screening Report, and in light of the assessment carried out above, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development, would not have a significant effect, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, on the following European sites, in view of the Conservation Objectives of those sites.

Wexford Harbour and Slobs SPA 004076

Raven SPA 004019

Lady's Island Lake SPA 004009

Tacumshin Lake SPA 004092

Ballyteigue Burrow SPA 004020

3. Notwithstanding the information presented in the Environmental and Planning Technical Assessment submitted to the planning authority on 4th October 2016 and the further information submitted to the Board on 22nd December 2016 relating to glint and glare, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard to users of the N25 national primary route.

Board Member

Date: 08.02.2018

Terry Prendergast

Note: The Board noted the Inspector's recommended reason for refusal No 1, and decided not to rise it as a new issue with the parties to the appeal given the other substantive reasons for refusal.

Note: Please issue Board Direction with Order.