



The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on September 13th 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 generate significant quantities of manure, the disposal of which has the potential to have a significant effect on the quality of waters. Adequate information has not been provided to enable the Board to complete an environmental impact assessment of this likely significant indirect effect on the environment in relation to the proposal to spread the manure generated by the proposed development on lands that are remote from the appeal site.

Furthermore, information has not been provided on the potential for significant effects on European sites arising from such spreading, and in the absence of an appropriate assessment that deals with this matter, being an indirect effect of the proposed development, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development would not have an adverse effect on one or more European sites. The proposed development would also be contrary to the advice given regarding the siting of poultry units at section 4.3 of the *BATNEEC Guidance Note for the Poultry Production Sector* issued by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1996, which seeks to maintain a nutrient balance within a control area, and the advice at section 4.6 of the Note that, in cases where the normal spreading area is obtained by

agreement from another landowner, the owners of units should maintain a reserve spreading area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 13th September 2017

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