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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a further Board meeting held on 4th September 2018.

The Board decided by a vote of 3:1 to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- the Wind Energy Development Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in June, 2006;
- the pattern of development in the area, including the proximity of existing dispersed residential dwellings predominantly to the east, north and northwest of the application site;
- the noise impact assessment carried out by the applicant and the failure to apply appropriate noise criterion for what may be defined as a low noise environment contrary to the recommendations of the Wind Energy Development Guidelines;
- the spatial extent and height of existing constructed and / or permitted wind energy developments that are as yet not constructed / commissioned within the vicinity of the site;

the Board was not satisfied that the proposed wind farm (including as reduced from 11no. to 10 no. wind turbines by condition in the decision of the Planning Authority), taken cumulatively with other wind energy development in the vicinity, would not seriously injure the amenities of residential property in the vicinity by way of noise effects.

Note: The Board considered the shadow flicker mitigation measures proposed by the applicant to be unacceptable but did not consider including this as a reason for refusal given that this matter could be addressed by condition

Board Member

Date: 12th September 2018

John Connolly