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**Board Direction**  
**PL05E.248118**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

The Board decided, by a majority of 2:1, to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the location of the site, within a Zone of Archaeological Potential and adjacent to recorded archaeological monuments comprising the historic town of Killybegs, the upstanding remains of Cat Castle, St Catherine's Holy Well and St Catherine's Church, the Board was not satisfied that the proposed development would not unduly interfere with the scenic character of the landscape and that it would not visually intrude upon, and inhibit the enjoyment of, the Zone of the aforementioned cultural heritage sites. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the provisions of Donegal County Development Plan and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Note:** The Board noted the absence of a current Local Area Plan or policy that would provide policy guidance for the appropriate level development of the interface between the port and adjacent lands.

Please issue copy of Board Direction with Board Order.

**Board Member**

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Eugene Nixon

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017