



The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 3rd November 2017.

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. On the basis of the submissions made in connection with the application and the appeal and in the absence of a Natura impact statement, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on European sites Lough Oughter and Associated Loughs Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 000007) and Lough Oughter Complex Special Protection Area (Site Code 004049) in view of the sites' conservation objectives. In these circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission for the proposed development.
2. The Board is not satisfied that adequate information has been submitted in relation to the scale of the proposed facility relative to the reduced volume of input material which it appears is proposed at appeal stage, the source for the input materials, the final destination and frequency and volume of removal of the solid and liquid digestate, details of the biogas flare stack, risk assessment plans for spillages, leakages, accidents and emergencies, details of a grid connection and details of existing hydrology and hydrogeological environment

such as would enable the Board to carry out an assessment of the proposal in the context of proper planning and sustainable development and an assessment of the potential environmental impacts on the area which might arise. In the absence of such information, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant adverse effects on the environment. The proposed development would thus be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 6th November 2017

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