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Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 28/09/2018.

The Board decided to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the agricultural zoning of the area and the proximity of residential properties, it is considered that the building is unsuitable for the receiving and treatment by lime of municipal waste sludge. The development proposed for retention would therefore be contrary to the objectives of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019 and would seriously injure the amenities of the area. The proposed receiving and treatment by lime of municipal waste sludge would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. Having regard to the nature of the development proposed for retention involving the storage of pre-treated biosolids and their use as an organic fertiliser on surrounding agricultural land, and having regard to the proximity of watercourses to the development proposed for retention which discharge to the Corock River which in turn discharges into the Bannow Bay SAC and Bannow Bay SPA, and in the absence of a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development for retention, either

individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the European sites.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant retention permission for the use of the shed for storage only of pre-treated biosolids, the Board having regard for the precautionary principle, could not be satisfied that, given the proximity of the facility and surrounding agricultural land to the nearest watercourse with a pathway to the European sites, the proposed development for retention, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the European sites.

Board Member

Date: 02/10/2018

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