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**Board Direction**  
**BD-000254-18**  
**ABP-300304-17**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

The Board decided to direct the local authority to prepare an environmental impact assessment in respect of the said proposed development, for the following reasons and considerations.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to:

- (i) The environmental and cultural heritage sensitivities of the receiving environment in the vicinity of the proposed Arklow Flood Relief Scheme with particular reference to the potential for changes to the hydrology of Arklow Marsh proposed Natural Heritage Area, works to Arklow Bridge which is a protected structure and the potential to encounter contaminated materials as well as for cumulative impacts arising from the construction of the Arklow wastewater treatment plant.
- (ii) Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended.
- (iii) The submission of the local authority.
- (iv) The guidance contained in "Environmental Impact (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-threshold Development" issued by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in August, 2003.

It is considered that the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Assessment should be undertaken.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 01/05/2018

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