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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 11/01/2019.

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 information provided with the application and the appeal, and in the absence of a Natura Impact Statement, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Killarney National Park, Macgillycuddy's Reeks and Caragh River Catchment Special Area of Conservation (Site code: 00365), and Castlemaine Harbour Special Area of Conservation (Site code: 00343) in view of the conservation objectives for those sites. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from giving further consideration to a grant of planning permission.
2. The proposed development is situated in a Rural General area in close proximity to Lough Caragh, which is located within a designated rural Prime Special Amenity Area. Notwithstanding the history of sand and gravel extraction in the area, it is considered, on the basis of the submissions made in connection with the planning application and the appeal, that the proposed extension to the south and southwest cannot be carried out without causing serious injury to the rural and tourism amenities of the area and the amenities

of property in the vicinity. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development to the area.

Board Member

Date: 14/01/2019

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