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**Board Direction**  
**BD-001719-18**  
**ABP-301019-18**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 16/11/2018.

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

### **Reasons and Considerations**

The site is located within an area identified as a Regionally Important Aquifer-Karstified and is located c. 300m from a Karst Spring and 200m from the edge of the Galway Bay Complex SAC (site code 00268) and the Inner Galway SPA (site code 04031). It is considered that, taken in conjunction with existing development in the vicinity, the proposed development would result in an excessive concentration of development served by septic tanks in an area which is considered to be a highly sensitive groundwater environment. The Board is not satisfied that the effluent from the development can be satisfactorily treated or disposed of on site, notwithstanding the proposed use of a proprietary wastewater treatment system. The proposed development, would, therefore, be prejudicial to public health

**Note:** The Board could not be satisfied that the submission of a NIS is not warranted in this case.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 20/11/2018

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