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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 11/03/2019.

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. The proposed development is dependent on the operation of an existing quarry (the Plantations) to the west of the site for materials processing. Having regard to the limited information in relation to the existing quarry particularly in relation to the treatment of washwater and the environmental controls on the site in proximity to the River Blackwater, the board could not determine whether the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the Environment and whether there was a requirement for environmental impact assessment. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. Having regard to the location of the site in close proximity to the River Boyne and River Blackwater candidate Special Area of Conservation and Special Protection Area, the observed site conditions and the absence of information on the capacity of the processing plant to the west of the site, to accommodate the materials generated on site, the Board is not satisfied, on the basis of the submissions made in connection with the planning application and the appeal,

that adequate information has been provided on the impact of the proposed development on the hydrological and hydrogeological environment of appeal site and on water quality in the River Boyne. It is therefore considered that the Board is unable to ascertain, as required by Regulation 27(3) of the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations, 1997, that the proposed development will not adversely affect the integrity of a European Site and it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 11/03/2019

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