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Board Direction
BD-003114-19
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 22/05/2019.

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, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report, having regard to the fact that the presence or otherwise of hydrological links between the application site and European sites have not been examined, and noting that a Natura Impact Statement has not been prepared and submitted with the application and appeal, the Board cannot be satisfied beyond reasonable scientific doubt, that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on Stabannan-Braganstown SPA (Site Code 004091), Dundalk Bay SPA (Site Code 004026) and Dundalk Bay SAC (Site Code 000455), in view of the sites' conservation objectives. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission for the proposed development.

2. On the basis of the information submitted with the application and appeal, it is considered that the proposed development, which would generate a significant amount of heavy goods vehicle movements, would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and obstruction of road users along the adjoining local road network, due to the restricted width and alignment of the road and in the absence of the provision of adequately designed passing bays. The proposed development, therefore, would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 22/05/2019

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