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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 22/05/2019.

The Board decided, by a majority of 2:1, to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

The site of the proposed development is located in the Chair of Kildare, Special Landscape Character Area as indicated in Chapter 14 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 which has a low capacity to accommodate uses without significant adverse effects on the appearance or character of the landscape having regard to special sensitivity factors. Having regard to the open, exposed and elevated nature of the site, and the scale, nature and design of the proposed development, it is considered that the proposed solar farm would form a prominent and obtrusive feature in the landscape, which would be highly visible in views from its environs and which would adversely impact on the character of the local setting. The proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would conflict with this development plan objective which seeks to protect the landscape. The proposed development would, therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 22/05/2019

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