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Board Direction
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At a meeting held on 29/04/2020, the Board considered

- (a) the submissions made in relation to the proposed development,
- (b) the report of the Inspector, and
- (c) the documents on file generally.

The Board decided not to approve the proposed development, generally in accordance with the recommendation of the Inspector, and for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

In the absence of adequately scaled drawings which detail the location and dimensions of the proposed combined footpath and cycleway relative to Annex I habitat for the full route, and relative to the Umlagh Stream, and in the absence on an Invasive Species Management Plan, the Board is not satisfied that the Local Authority has demonstrated that the proposed development would not adversely affect the integrity of European Sites: Sheephaven SAC (site code: 001190) and Mulroy Bay SAC (site code: 002159) in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives, as the proposed

development would entail development which has the potential to disturb / remove Annex I habitat, and to deteriorate water quality, within the Natura 2000 sites.

In overall conclusion, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not adversely affect the integrity of the European Sites in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from approving the proposed development.

Note:

The Board noted the screening assessment and conclusion set out in the inspector's report that the Sheephaven SAC (site code: 001190) is the European site for which there is a likelihood of significant effects. However, the Board also noted that the inspector's screening assessment had identified that the Umlagh Stream provides a hydrological link to the Mulroy Bay SAC (site code: 002159), and considered that there would be potential for deterioration of water quality due to works to be carried out on the bridge over the stream.

Board Member:

Date: 29/04/2020

John Connolly