

## Board Direction ABP-304994-19

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 14/11/2019.

Having regard to:

- a) The nature and scale of the proposed development, including the limited extent of the demolition works, the lack of any likely construction-related emissions and the fact that any surface/rain water will be conveyed to the existing foul sewer system,
- b) The location of the proposed development outside of any Natura 2000 site,
- c) The lack of direct hydrological connections to the River Nore,
- d) The separation distance between the proposed development and the European sites at the closest points,
- e) The intervening ground conditions, comprised of concrete, that characterises the development site,
- f) The lack of in-combination effects arising from other proposed and permitted development in the vicinity,
- g) the submissions made to the Board, and

h) the report and recommendation of the person appointed by the Board to make a report and recommendations on the matter,

the Board considers it reasonable to conclude that, on the basis of the information available which is considered adequate to issue a screening determination, the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the River Barrow and River Nore Special Area of Conservation (Site code: 002162) or the River Nore Special Protection Area (Site code: 004233), or any other European site, in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives and, therefore, the submission of a Natura impact statement for the proposed development is not required.

**Board Member:** 

Date: 15/11/2019

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