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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 08/12/2020.

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 appeal and in the absence of a Natura Impact Statement the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on European site No. 002162, in view of the site's Conservation Objectives by way of an impact on the water quality and freshwater habitats of the catchment of the Barrow/Nore. In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting permission.
2. Having regard to the extent of recorded archaeological monuments in proximity to the site, and in the absence of a comprehensive advance archaeological assessment, the Board could not be certain that the proposed development would not have a significant negative impact on archaeology and cultural heritage. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note:

The Board noted but did not agree with the Inspector's concerns regarding the capability of the road network in the vicinity of the site to accommodate the movements of heavy goods vehicles associated with the proposed development.

Board Member

Date: 08/12/2020

John Connolly