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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 05/02/2020.

The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the proximity of the subject site to the Boyne Estuary SPA (004080), the factors that can adversely affect the achievement of the conservation objective to maintain favourable conservation conditions of the non-breeding waterbird special conservation interest species listed for the designated site, namely anthropogenic disturbance and ex-situ factors, and the absence of a Stage 2 assessment on the potential for likely significant effects in relation to these factors, on the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal, including the Natura Impact Statement, and in light of the assessment carried out, the Board, cannot be satisfied, beyond reasonable scientific doubt, that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, would not adversely affect the integrity of Boyne Estuary SPA, in view of the site's conservation objectives and qualifying interests. The Board is, therefore, precluded from granting planning permission for the proposed development.

Board Member

Date: 07/02/2020

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