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**Board Direction**  
**BD-006029-20**  
**ABP-305821-19**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 30/06/2020.

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

### **Reasons and Considerations**

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1. On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal, including the Natura Impact Statement, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not adversely affect the integrity of Lough Gill SAC (Site Code: 001976), Cumeen Strand SPA (Site Code: 004035), Cumeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay SAC (Site Code: 000627), Ballysadare Bay SPA (Site Code: 004129) and Ballysadare Bay SAC (Site Code: 000622), in view of the conservation objectives of these sites. The Board noted, in particular, the absence of information in relation to the impact of reduced groundwater resulting from dewatering arising from the proposed development and to the cumulative impacts of the proposed development and the adjacent associated processing area. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission.

2. Notwithstanding local planning policy supporting quarrying on the site, having regard to the nature, scale and extent of the proposed development, and the inadequacy of information to comprehensively identify and demonstrate the cumulative impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the adjacent associated processing area, in particular in relation to water quality and biodiversity, it is considered that, in the absence of such adequate information, the proposed development could be detrimental to receiving freshwater habitats and could be prejudicial to public water supplies sourced from Lough Gill and could lead to loss or disturbance of habitat and/or species in the adjacent associated processing area. As such, it has not been demonstrated that the proposed development would not be prejudicial to public health and be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 30/06/2020

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Note: The Board agreed with the Inspector's conclusion with regard to the Environmental Impact Assessment and considered that sufficient information is not provided to demonstrate the absence of likely significant environmental effects and, hence, to complete an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Please issue Direction with the Order.