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Pleanála

Board Direction
BD-006554-20
ABP-305861-19

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 24/09/2020.

The Board decided to defer consideration of this case and to issue a Section 132 notice to the applicant regarding the following:

1. The Board is not satisfied that impact of the development on the hydrological regime in the area has been adequately addressed in the documentation submitted with the planning application. The applicant should submit details of the impact that both the removal of c. 6 ha area of Wet Heath and the insertion of new drainage throughout the site would have on the hydrological regime in the area, and the consequent impact on Wet Heath and Blanket Bog habitats within and surrounding the site. It is noted that changes to the hydrological regime of an area can result in the loss or deterioration of Wet Heath and Blanket Bog habitats.
2. The applicant is requested to submit details of the quantum of carbon storage that would be lost as a result of both the removal and the drainage of peatland areas, and how the proposed development would not exacerbate climate change through the loss of carbon to the atmosphere.

(Allow 4 weeks)

Board Member:

Date: 25/09/2020

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