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**Board Direction**  
**BD-005909-20**  
**ABP-306647-20**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 09/06/2020.

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

### **Reasons and Considerations**

1. Having regard to the absence from the submitted Natura Impact Statement of any mitigation measures to ensure that surface water run-off from road works, required to insert a right hand turning lane in the N72 in conjunction with the proposed access to the site, would not pollute the Blackwater River SAC, the Board is not in a position to conclude that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not adversely affect the integrity of European Site No. 002170, in view of the site's Conservation Objectives, and so it is precluded from granting permission to this development.

2 Having regard to the strategic traffic function of national roads as set out in Section 1.4 of the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines, the location of the site and its exclusive access off the N72, , the Board considers that the siting of the proposed crematorium on the subject site would adversely affect the road's operating efficiency and prejudice its strategic traffic function. The proposal would therefore be contrary to the principles of good traffic management, it would adversely affect the use of a national road and be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 09/06/2020

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