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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 23/02/2021.

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

Reasons and Considerations

Objective EO-01 of the Offaly County Development Plan 2014-2020 states that it is an objective of the Council to achieve a reasonable balance between responding to government policy on renewable energy and in enabling the wind energy resources of the County to be harnessed in an environmentally sustainable manner which will be implemented having regard to the Council's Wind Energy Strategy. Policy EP-05 and Objective EO-01 of the Plan state that applications for wind energy development outside of the identified wind energy development areas will not normally be permitted. The site is not located in an area identified for wind energy development in the Development Plan. Therefore, it is considered that the proposed development would materially contravene Policy EP-05 and Objective EO-01 of the Offaly County Development Plan 2014-2020 and, as such, would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 23/02/2021

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