

Board Direction BD-011867-23 ABP-307661-20

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at Board meetings held on 29/09/2020, 13/10/2021 and 08/03/2023.

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

## Reasons and Considerations

The Kerry County Development Plan, 2022-2028 identifies the proposed development site as being located in an area 'Unsuitable for Wind Development' by reference to Map 12.4: 'Wind Energy Areas' with the related policy set out in Objective KCDP 12-20 which seeks to ensure that commercial wind energy projects will not be considered in areas outside of 'Open-to-Consideration' and 'Repower Areas'. Having regard to the analysis undertaken within the 'Wind Zoning Methodology' included at Appendix 6 of Volume 1 of the Development Plan, this designation is considered reasonable and consistent with national policy as set out in the Wind Energy Development, Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2006. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the policy provisions set out in the County Development Plan and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member** 

Date: 08/03/2023