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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 27/11/2020.

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

Reasons and Considerations

On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal, and in the absence of a Natura Impact Statement, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on European site, the Lower River Shannon SAC (site code 002165), or any other European site, in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives. In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting permission.

Note: the Board noted the recommended reasons for refusal set out by the Inspector, relating to alleged prematurity pending the determination by the planning authority or the road authority of a road layout for the area, and the alleged material contravention of Policy T12 of the statutory development plan for the area. However, on the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal and having regard to the relevant provisions of the development plan, which do not include a defined reservation for a proposed road route at or within the subject site lands, it was determined that these recommended reasons would not be applicable to the current application.

Board Member

Date: 27/11/2020

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