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**Board Direction**  
**BD-007153-20**  
**ABP-307969-20**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

The Board decided to direct the local authority not to prepare a Natura impact statement in respect of the proposed development, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to:

- (a) The nature and scale of the proposed development,
- (b) The substantial separation distance between the proposed development site and the Malahide Estuary Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000205) and the Malahide Estuary Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004025),
- (c) The length of the hydrological connection between the site and European Sites,
- (d) The treatment processes and capacity in the Ashbourne Wastewater Treatment Plant and the separation distance to European Sites
- (e) The submissions made by the local authority, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report dated the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020, and
- (f) The report and recommendation of the person appointed by the Board to make a report and recommendation on the matter,

It is considered reasonable to conclude that, on the basis of the information available, which is considered adequate to issue a screening determination, the

proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Malahide Estuary Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000205) or the Malahide Estuary Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004025), or on any other European Sites, in view of the Conservation of these sites and that, consequently, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, and the preparation of a Natura impact statement is not, therefore, required.

**Board Member**

**Date:** 11/12/2020

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