

## **Board Direction BD-007235-21 ABP-308083-20**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 11/01/2021.

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

## **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to a number of discrepancies set out in the site characterisation reports submitted with this application, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development, taken in conjunction with existing and permitted development in the vicinity, would not significantly and negatively impact on the environment and would result in an excessive proliferation and concentration of developments in the area served by wastewater treatment systems and discharging to the groundwater. It is considered therefore, that the proposed development would be prejudicial to public health.

| <b>Board Member</b> |            | Date: | 11/01/2021 |
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|                     | Dave Walsh | _     |            |

**Note:** The Board also considered that the proposed development would be likely to contribute to the build-up and coalescence of ribbon development in this open rural area, when taken in conjunction with existing/permitted development in the vicinity of the site and having regard of the viability of Clifden, and would therefore militate

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against the preservation of the rural environment and lead to unsustainable demands for the provision of further public services and community facilities.