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**Board Direction**  
**BD-009029-21**  
**ABP-308219-20**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 07/09/2021.

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

#### **Reasons and Considerations**

In light of the proximity of the development site to the Abbey River which forms part of the Lower River Shannon SAC (Site Code 002164) and upstream of the River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA (Site Code 004077) and on the basis of surface water connectivity the potential arises for direct and indirect effects arising from habitat loss and impact on water quality during construction and operation phases of the proposed development. On the basis of the information provided with the application and the appeal particularly with regard to surface water management the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposal individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not result in adverse effects on the integrity of the Lower River Shannon SAC (Site Code 002164) and the River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA (Site Code 004077) in view of the sites' conservation objectives. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission for the proposed development

**Board Member**

**Date:** 07/09/2021

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