

**Board Direction BD-008566-21 ABP-308935-20** 

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 17/06/2021.

The Board decided to refuse the appeal, 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 project individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on Bannow Bay SAC (000697) or any other European site, in view of the site's Conservation Objectives. In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting a licence.

## Note:

The Board noted the Inspector's first reason for refusal, but considered that

- (i) The applicant had provided the population equivalent (P.E.) estimation breakdown with the application form, which included combined hydraulic loading rate of 18,560 litres per day, and
- (ii) The applicant had clarified, in response to the further information request, that the size of the proposed percolation area (at 930 square metres) would exceed the 928 square metres recommended in the site characterisation report.

The Board also noted that it could have these matters clarified further if considered necessary. However, and having regard to the substantive reason for refusal, the Board decided not to pursue these matters further with the parties.

**Board Member** 

John Connolly

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