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**Board Direction  
BD-008576-21  
ABP-309478-21**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 21/06/2021.

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

#### **Reasons and Considerations**

1. On the basis of the information submitted with the application and appeal, the proposed development is deemed to be functionally connected to the existing turbine and associated infrastructure on adjoining lands, where both are identified as providing electricity to the Liffey Meats factory and processing complex and constitutes an extension of development already executed, in accordance with Category 13 of Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, whereby it would result in the development being of a class listed in paragraphs 1 to 12 of Part 2 of Schedule 5 and would result in an increase in size greater than an amount equal to 50 per cent of the appropriate threshold (5 turbines or output of greater than 5MW in the case of wind turbines). In accordance with 172(1B) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, an Environmental Impact Assessment Report, prepared by experts with the competence to ensure its completeness and quality, was required to be furnished with the application. In the absence of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in this instance, the Board is precluded from granting permission.

2. Having regard to the information submitted with the application and appeal, regarding environmental impacts, including cumulative impacts of the development on the environment and including visual impact by reference to the existing and proposed turbines, the Board is not satisfied that the likelihood of significant effects on the environment can be excluded and in this context, the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

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Chris McGarry

**Date:** 21/06/2021