

Board Direction BD-013885-23 ABP-309991-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 26/09/2023.

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

Reasons and Considerations

It is considered that the proposed development would be in accordance with European waste policy, the National Planning Framework and relevant provisions of applicable regional and local planning policy and would be acceptable in principle in terms of its contribution to Ireland's national strategic policy on sustainable waste management and the move to a circular economy. However, having regard to the previous use of the site for quarrying and to the lack of survey information submitted with the application and appeal regarding the existing environmental and ecological status of the subject site and surroundings, the Board is not satisfied, on the basis of the documentation submitted with the application and appeal, that it can be demonstrated that adverse impacts on water quality, habitat and species can be avoided, managed and mitigated or that the extent of such impacts have been identified with certainty. In this regard, it is considered that the proposed development would have unacceptable direct and indirect impacts on biodiversity and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Chris McGarry

Date: 26/09/2023