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Board Direction
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ABP-310325-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 08/02/2022.

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

1.0 Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the information provided with the application and appeal, and in light of the assessment carried out above, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans and projects would not adversely affect the integrity of the Doogort/Machair SPA (Site Code: 004235) and the Doogort/Machair/Lough Doo SAC (Site Code: 001497). This conclusion is based on concerns that the proposed fencing would be located within a Machair habitat, which is one of the few remaining Machair habitats not affected by fence enclosure and the proposed fencing could damage the said habitat which is a priority habitat under the Habitats Directive and a qualifying interest of the Doogort/Machair/Lough Doo Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 001497). Furthermore, it is considered that the introduction of additional fencing posts could provide perching posts for avian predators which would pose a significant threat to the Dunlin breeding habitat which is the sole species of conservation interests associated with the Doogort/Machair Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004235). The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member



Date: 08/02/2022

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