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**Board Direction**  
**BD-012273-23**  
**ABP-310588-21**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 26/05/2023.

The Board decided to refuse permission, 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, including the revised Natura Impact Statement received by the Board, and in light of the assessment carried out by the inspector, which the Board agreed with and adopted, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not adversely affect the integrity of European sites Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (site code: 002170), Nier Valley Woodlands SAC (site code: 000668), Lower River Suir SAC (site code: 002137) and Comeragh Mountains SAC (site code: 001952), in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission.

**Board Member**

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**Date:** 26/05/2023