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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 05/05/2022.

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

Reasons and Considerations

Objective CAEO-03 of the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027 states that it is an objective of the Council to achieve a reasonable balance between responding to government policy on renewable energy and in enabling the wind energy resources of the county to be harnessed in an environmentally sustainable manner. Policy CAEP-38(b) states that the Council shall have regard to 'Areas Open for Consideration for Wind Energy Developments' in the Wind Energy Strategy Designations Map from the County Wind Energy Strategy, and Objective CAEO-05(2) states that, in all other areas, wind energy developments shall not normally be permitted – except as provided for under relevant exemption provisions in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). The site is not located in an area identified for wind energy development in the Development Plan. It is considered that the proposed development would materially contravene Policy CAEP-38 and Objective CAEO-05 of the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027 and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member


Michelle Fagan

Date: 06/05/2022