

Board Direction BD-009707-21 ABP-311257-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 21/12/2021.

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 an objective of Cork County Development Plan to retain areas of local biodiversity value, ecological corridors and habitats that are features of the County's ecological network, inclusive of natural and seminatural grasslands, and to protect these from inappropriate development (Objective HE 2-3). Having regard to the wet heath habitat within the site and the range of habitats which support a diverse range of species of ecological value and to the ongoing degradation and damage to such habitats at this location, it is considered that the proposed development would result in the loss of habitat of ecological value, it would have a significant negative effect on the biodiversity of the area, and it would, thereby, conflict with Objective HE 2-3 of the County Development Plan. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 21/12/202

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