

Board Direction BD-011740-23 ABP-311579-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 03/02/2023.

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

Reasons and Considerations

- 1. On the basis of the information submitted with the planning application and in the absence of a Natura Impact Statement, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on Barroughter Bog SAC (Site Code 000231), Lough Derg, North-East Shore SAC (Site Code 002241) and Lough Derg (Shannon) SPA (Site Code 004058), or any other European site, in view of the site's conservation objectives. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission.
- 2. DM Standard 13, of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 requires that, where possible new agricultural buildings are located within or adjoining the existing farm complex. The proposed shed structure is intended to be used for the repair of machinery associated with a farm located c. 1.7 km from the appeal site. The applicant has not provided a satisfactory justification for the location of the proposed shed structure within the curtilage of a residence remote from the farm it is intended to serve and the proposed development would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Note

The Board had regard to the Planning Authority's view that the proposed development would represent a material contravention of objectives LCM1 and LCM2 of the Galway County Development Plan. The board was not satisfied that this was demonstrated to be the case on the basis of the information provided in the file.

Board Member

Stephen Brophy

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