

Board Direction BD-011044-22 ABP-311690-21

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 25/07/2022.

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

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the sensitive location of the proposed development adjacent to an area zoned town centre in the Clonakilty Development Plan 2009-2015 (as varied) and a tourist attraction and accessed through a public park and based on the level of detail set out in the documentation submitted with the application in relation to the description of the nature of the development, the level of detail provided in relation to the baseline information/surveys and anticipated arising environmental impacts, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed new use as a satellite dewatering centre for imported sludge in combination with the continued existing use of the site as a wastewater treatment plant would not give rise to significant foul odour, noise, and general nuisance. Based on these considerations, the Board was not satisfied that the proposed development would not comprise an inappropriate form of development at this location, by reason of it being prejudicial to public health and seriously injurious to the amenities of the area, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Patricia Calleary Date: 26/07/2022