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**Board Direction**  
**BD-010969-22**  
**ABP-312046-21**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 08/07/2022.

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 lack of up-to-date baseline data, and the commentary within the submitted Natura Impact Statement that further assessments are required with regard to Appropriate Assessment, the Board is not in a position to conclude that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not adversely affect the integrity of European Site the Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002170), in view of the site's conservation objectives, and the Board is precluded from granting permission for this proposed development.
2. Having regard to the strategic traffic function of national roads as set out in Section 1.4 of the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in January, 2012, the location of the site and its exclusive access off the N72, the Board considered that the siting of the proposed crematorium on the subject site would adversely affect the road's operating efficiency and prejudice its strategic traffic function. The proposed development would be contrary to the principles of good traffic

management, would adversely affect the use of a national road and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Board Member**

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**Date:** 11/07/2022