

Board Direction BD-011321-22 ABP-312748-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 27/09/2022.

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

Reasons and Considerations

The Board is not satisfied, on the basis of the submissions made in connection with the planning application and the appeal, that adequate information has been provided on the impact of the proposed wind turbine development on the special conservation interest species for which Lough Ree SPA (site code 004064), River Suck Callows SPA (site code 004097), Lough Croan Turlough SPA (site code 004139), and Four Roads Turlough SPA (site code 004140) have been selected. It is therefore considered that the Board is unable to ascertain, as required by Regulation 27(3) of the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations, 1997, that the proposed development will not adversely affect the integrity of a European Site and it is considered that the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member

Date: 27/09/2022