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**Board Direction**  
**BD-011123-22**  
**ABP-312987-22**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 17/08/2022.

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 Considers that:


Having regard to the proximity of the subject site to the Killarney National Park, Macgillycuddy's Reeks and Caragh River Catchment candidate Special Area of Conservation (cSAC) (Site Code no. 000365) it is considered that:

- the proposed development may result in increased artificial lighting generated at both the construction and operational phases of the development and that may impact on Lesser Horseshoe Bats that commute along routes to the west of the Port Road/ Deenagh River. The submitted Appropriate Assessment Screening does not provide sufficient scientific reasoning to clearly eliminate the likelihood of significant adverse effects.

In view of the site's conservation objectives and qualifying interests, the applicant has failed through the submitted Appropriate Assessment Screening to demonstrate that the proposed development would 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



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Michelle Fagan

Date: 17/08/2022