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**Board Direction**  
**BD-011530-22**  
**ABP-314078-22**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 06/12/2022.

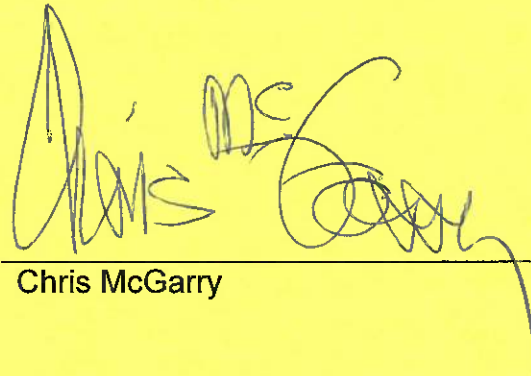
The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

### **Reasons and Considerations**

On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal 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 result in adverse effects on the integrity of European sites the River Shannon Callows SAC (site code 000216), Middle Shannon Callows SPA (site code 004096) and River Suck Callows SPA (site code 004097), in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives, having regard to potential hydrological connectivity with the River Shannon Callows SAC (site code 000216) and the Middle Shannon Callows SPA (site code 004096) and having regard to the possibility that the development may pose a collision risk to qualifying interest species for the Middle Shannon Callows SPA (site code 004096) and River Suck Callows SPA (site code 004097). In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting permission.

**Note:** the Board noted the recommended reason for refusal of the Inspector relating to the absence of established need and that therefore the proposed development would give rise to an unnecessary proliferation of masts and thereby be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Having regard to the totality of the documentation submitted with the application and appeal and including the assessment by the planning authority of the further information received on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2022, the Board considered that sufficient information was available on file to support a need for the proposed development and that the proposed development would not lead to an unnecessary proliferation of masts.

**Board Member**



Chris McGarry

**Date:** 06/12/2022