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**Board Direction**  
**BD-016562-24**  
**ABP-314861-22**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 12/06/2024.

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 water management system that the applicant submitted to the Board under further information, it is considered that the applicant has failed to demonstrate how this water management system would be compatible with the on-going infilling of inert waste permitted under Planning Reg. Ref. 21/342 in the existing quarry. Furthermore, it is considered that, in the absence of up-to-date water quality data on the water discharging from the existing quarry, the efficacy of the water management system to discharge to quality standards has yet to be fully demonstrated by the applicant. In these circumstances, it would be premature to grant planning permission for the proposed extension to the existing quarry, as to do so may jeopardise the quality of water downstream from it, which would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. 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 including in particular the on-going infilling of inert waste permitted under Planning Reg. Ref. 21/342 in the existing quarry, would not be likely to

have a significant effect on Killala Bay/Moy Estuary Special Area of Conservation (000458) and Killala Bay/Moy Estuary Special Protection Area (004036) in view of the sites' conservation objectives.

**Board Member**

Eamonn James Kelly  
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**Date:** 12/06/2024

**Note**

The Board was satisfied that the noise and dust data cited in the Environment Report adequately demonstrated that dust and noise generated by the proposed quarry extension would be compatible with the existing amenities of nearby dwelling houses and therefore did not concur with the Inspector's second recommended reason for refusal.