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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 25/03/2024.

The Board decided to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

The Board was not satisfied that there was sufficient information provided in the submitted Environmental Impact Assessment Report and accompanying documentation such as to enable it to carry out a complete environmental impact assessment and conclusively reach a reasoned conclusion in respect of all of the resultant likely significant environmental effects, taking into account the mitigation measures, arising from the proposed development as is required under Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (the EIA Directives).

Notwithstanding the conclusion that the most viable option is to restore the lands using uncontaminated soil and stone from excavation works information provided, the Board is not satisfied that the information provided in the submitted Environmental Impact Assessment Report and accompanying documentation adequately identifies, describes and assesses in an appropriate manner the direct and indirect significant effects of the proposed development on

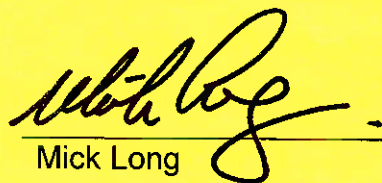
- **Population and Human Health and Air Quality and Climate**, with particular attention to the impact of dust generation on the nearest existing residential receptors.

- **Traffic and Transport**, with particular reference to the safe and efficient passage of trucks along the right of way, outside of the red line boundary.
- **Surface Water**, with particular attention to the impact of on the nearby watercourses.

In the absence of an ability for the Board to carry out a complete environmental impact assessment and conclusively reach a reasoned conclusion in respect of all of the likely significant environmental effects arising from the proposed development, the proposed development if permitted would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board shared the view of the Inspector that the EIAR was lean in respect of the information provided but it did not agree with the Inspector that it provided sufficient information to identify and describe the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the proposed development on the environment and therefore the Board concluded that it would not be appropriate to permit the proposed development based on the information provided in the application.

Board Member


Mick Long

Date: 02/04/2024