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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 23/11/2023.

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the proximity of the proposed development to the River Shannon SAC (Site code 002165) and the existing streams on the site which function as hydrological pathways between the site and the SAC, and the absence of a site suitability assessment to establish the suitability of the site for the disposal and treatment of foul effluent, it is considered that the potential exists for indirect effects on qualifying habitats for which the site is selected associated with the migration of sediments and other pollutants to surface water. On the basis of the information provided with the application and the 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 the Lower Shannon River SAC (Site code: 002165), in view of the site's Conservation Objectives. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission for the development.

Board Member


Liam Bergin

Date: 01/12/2023