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**Board Direction**  
**BD-012454-23**  
**ABP-315259-22**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 14/06/2023.

The Board decided to direct Limerick City and County Council to prepare a Natura Impact Statement of the proposed development, based reasons and considerations set out under.


### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to:

- a) The nature and scale of the proposed development,
- b) The location of the proposed development and the separation distance from the Lower River Shannon SAC (site code: 002165)
- c) The existence of a hydrological connection from the proposed development site to the Lower River Shannon SAC
- d) The nature of the qualifying interests, some of which may be located along the section of the River Shannon in closest proximity to the proposed development.
- e) The submission made by the local authority, including the Preliminary Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment Screening received by the Board on dated November 2022,
- f) The report and recommendation of the Inspector,

It is considered reasonable to conclude that on the basis of the information available, which is considered adequate to issue a screening determination, that it cannot be ruled out that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on a number of the qualifying interests associated with the Lower River Shannon SAC (Site Code: 002165) in view of the conservation objectives of these sites and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment and the submission of a Natura Impact Statement for the proposed development is, therefore, required.

**Board Member**



**Date:** 14/06/2023

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