

Board Direction BD-015339-24 ABP-315737-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 06/02/2024.

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

Reasons and Considerations

- 1. It is considered the proposed development would be premature by reference to the existing capacity deficiencies in the Ballinabrannagh wastewater treatment plant to which connection is proposed and the period in which the constraint may reasonably be expected to cease. The proposed development would, therefore, be prejudicial to public health and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
- 2. On the basis of the information provided with the application and the appeal and particularly having regard to the absence of an examination of the likely significant effects the proposed development would have on the conservation objectives of the River Barrow & River Nore Special Area of Conservation (site code 002162) in relation to the proposed connection to the Ballinabrannagh Wastewater Treatment Plant which is deficient in capacity and which discharge from the plant flows into the River Barrow and has a hydrological connection to the River Barrow & River Nore Special Area of Conservation (site code 002162), the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans and projects would not result in adverse effects on the integrity of the River Barrow

& River Nore Special Area of Conservation (site code 002162) in view of the site's Conservation Objectives. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from considering a grant of permission for the proposed development.

Date: 06/02/2024

Board Member

Tom Rabbette