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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 21/06/2023.

The Board determine that the development proposed to be carried out by Galway County Council which would comprise minor alterations to existing buildings on Nun's Island and all associated site development works would not have significant effects on the integrity Lough Corrib SAC, Galway Bay Complex SAC or Inner Galway Bay SPA, therefore, the Board direct that preparation of a Natura Impact Assessment report in respect of the development is not required by the local authority, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

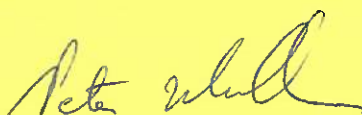
Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to: -

- (a) the nature and scale of the proposed development,
- (b) the proximity of the proposed development site to the Lough Corrib SAC, Galway Bay Complex Sac or Inner Galway Bay SPA,
- (c) the hydrological connection between the site and the European sites via an adjacent watercourse,
- (d) the submission made by the local authority, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Assessment,
- (e) the report and recommendation of the person appointed by the Board to make a report and recommendation on the matter,

It is considered reasonable to conclude that on the basis of the information available, which is considered adequate to issue a screening determination, that the proposed development, either individually and in-combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Lough Corrib SAC, Galway Bay Complex SAC or Inner Galway Bay SPA, 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 not therefore, required.

Board Member



Peter Mullan

Date: 22/06/2023