

Board Direction BD-015574-24 ABP-315904-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 20/02/2024.

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

## Reasons and Considerations

- 1. The Board is not satisfied, on the basis of the submissions made in connection with the planning application and the appeal that effluent generated by the development proposed to be retained can be satisfactorily treated and disposed of on-site without risk to groundwater quality. The development proposed to be retained would therefore be prejudicial to public health and contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
- 2. Having regard to the information on file, in particular the uncertainty regarding the suitability of the site to adequately treat the effluent arising and the potential for indirect conduits between the development and European sites, the Board decided that it cannot be concluded that the development proposed to be retained would not be likely to have a significant effect individually or in combination with other plans or projects on Lough Corrib SPA and Lough Corrib SAC as both share a surface water sub- catchment and groundwater catchment. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission for the proposed development to be retained.

Board Member Mary Henchy Date: 28/02/2024