

Board Direction BD-014407-23 ABP-316135-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 01/11/2023.

The Board decided to not to direct the local authority to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the proposed development, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the nature and limited scale of the proposed development;
- (b) the physical, topographical and hydrological separation distances between the proposed development and European Sites;
- (c) the surface water management arrangements which form part of the overall project;
- (d) the submission made on behalf of the local authority, including the Screening for Appropriate Assessment received on 23rd day of March, 2023; and
- (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 or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Glengarriff Harbour and Woodland Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000090) or the Sheep's Head Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000102), or any other European Sites, in view of the

conservation objectives of those 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 Eamonn James Kelly

Date: 01/11/2023