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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 01/11/2024.

The Board decided by majority vote (2:1) to refuse permission for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

The Board considered the plans and particulars submitted relating to the proposed development as well as the additional details relating to proposed landspreading. Having regard to these details, the Board agreed with its Inspector that the Appropriate Assessment Screening submitted by the Applicant was insufficient to enable the Board to make a determination particularly in relation to the in-combination effects with the landspreading. In these circumstances, the Board could not be satisfied that the proposed development either individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have significant effects on European sites – Lough Ree Special Area of Conservation (code 000440), Lough Ree Special Protection Area (code 004064) and Fortwilliam Turlough Special Area of Conservation (code 000448). In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting planning permission.

The Board, while agreeing with its Inspector that the Appropriate Assessment Screening was not sufficient to allow a conclusion of no potential effect on a

European Site, disagreed that this matter could be addressed through a request for additional information, but rather concluded that such issues would more appropriately be dealt with through a new application for planning consent.

Board Member

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Joe Boland

Date: 01/11/2024