

**An
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**Board Direction
BD-017062-24
ABP-317993-23**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 22/07/2024.

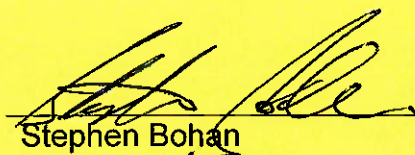
The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

1. Notwithstanding the submission of a Natura Impact Statement, the Board is of the view that there is insufficient information provided with the application in order to carry out a Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening. As such, the Board cannot be satisfied that the development proposed for retention, has not resulted in, and will not result in, likely significant impacts on Lough Swilly SAC (site code 002287) and Lough Swilly SPA (site code 004075) and as such, in such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission for retention of the development.
2. The development proposed for retention has resulted in significant alterations to the coastal landscape, within an area of Area of Especially High Scenic Amenity, and within an Area of High Scenic Amenity, with resultant negative impacts on same. Furthermore, the appearance of the agricultural shed proposed for retention is not considered to be a traditional or appropriate design, and as a result it appears as an incongruous addition within the landscape. The development proposed for retention is therefore considered contrary to Objective L-0-1 (as relates to the protection of the landscape) and Policies L-P-1 (as relates to areas of Especially High Scenic Amenity), L-P-2

(as relates to areas of High and Moderate Scenic Amenity) and L-P-3 (as relates to Donegal's coastline) of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030

Board Member



Stephen Bohan

Date: 22/07/2024