

Board Direction BD-018255-24 ABP-319074-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 14/11/2024.

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

Reasons and Considerations

Based on the available information, the proposed development would be premature having regard to the existing deficiencies in the Rosslare Strand Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the period within which this constraint may reasonably be expected to cease. The proposed development would be contrary to policy objective WW01 of the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028 which requires that all wastewater generated is collected, treated and discharged after treatment in a safe and sustainable manner. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Board noted the 'amber' status of the wastewater treatment plant and that the plant does not consistently meet the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency Wastewater Discharge License.

The Board concurred with the planning authority that it had not been demonstrated that capacity exists in the wastewater treatment plant for the proposed development and that there is no evidence on file that a Combined Approach Assessment has

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been completed. Therefore, the proposed development is considered premature as it may be prejudicial to public health.

Board Member

Liam Bergin

Date: 19/11/2024