

An
Bord
Pleanála

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

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

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:


- (a) The classification of the site by Geological Survey Ireland as being of low to moderately high landslide susceptibility,
- (b) The high density of historical landslides in this area, including within the site itself,
- (c) The tension cracks recorded as being present on the site,
- (d) The upland and sloping nature of the terrain,
- (e) The high rainfall prevalent in the area,
- (f) The high density of drainage channels throughout the site both natural and manmade,
- (g) The proximity of the Owengar River which bounds the site to the west,
- (h) The volumes of peat and other spoil material requiring excavation, handling, storage and management on the site,

on the basis of the information submitted with the application and appeal, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development would adequately mitigate risk

associated with potential landslide as a consequence of the development of the proposed wind farm.

In view of the above, it is considered that the proposed development would constitute an unacceptable risk of pollution of watercourses in the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member


Stephen Bohan

Date: 11/11/2024