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**Board Direction**  
**BD-018811-25**  
**ABP-319763-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 04/02/2025.

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

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development within an established agricultural farmyard, and the provision of additional storage capacity for the management of slurry and animal manures, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual amenity of the area and would be acceptable in terms of public health and environmental sustainability and would be supported by the relevant provisions of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024- 2030. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

### **Appropriate Assessment – Screening**

The Board noted that the proposed development is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site. In completing the screening for Appropriate Assessment, the Board accepted and adopted the screening assessment and conclusion carried out in the Inspector's report in respect of the identification of the European Sites (River Moy SAC (0002298), Bricklieve Mountains

and Keishcorran SAC (001656) and Templehouse and Cloonacleigha Loughs SAC (000636)) which could potentially be affected, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, and that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on the European Sites in view of the site's conservation objectives, and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not, therefore, required.

### **Conditions**

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the Planning Authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the Planning Authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2. All foul effluent and slurry generated by the proposed development and in the farmyard shall be conveyed through properly constructed channels to the proposed and existing storage facilities and no effluent or slurry shall discharge or be allowed to discharge to any stream, river or watercourse, or to the public road.

**Reason:** In the interest of environmental protection and public health.

3. All uncontaminated roof water from buildings and clean yard water shall be separately collected and discharged in a sealed system to existing drains or adequate soakpits and shall not discharge or be allowed to discharge to the foul effluent drains, foul effluent and slurry storage tanks or to the public road.

**Reason:** In order to ensure that the capacity of effluent and storage tanks is reserved for their specific purposes.

4. The slatted shed shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications as issued by the Department of Agriculture, Farming and the Marine and referenced in the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Waters) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, as amended. The slatted shed shall be used only in strict accordance with a management schedule which shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, prior to commencement of development. The management schedule shall be in accordance with the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022, as amended, and shall provide, but not be limited to, the following:


- (a) Details of the number and types of animals to be housed.
- (b) Arrangements for the cleansing of the buildings and structures (and the public road where relevant).

**Reason:** In order to avoid pollution and to protect residential amenity.

5. The removal of waste organic material and its spreading on land by the applicant or third parties shall be undertaken in accordance with the systems of regulatory control implemented by the competent authorities in relation to national regulations pursuant to Council Directive 91/676/EEC (the Nitrates Directive) concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources.

**Reason:** In the interest of environmental protection.

**Board Member**

  
Emer Maughan

**Date:** 05/02/2025