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**Board Direction
BD-019883-25
ABP-320079-24**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 05/06/2025.

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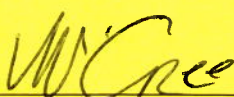
Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the information submitted with the application and appeal, the Board conclude that:

    (a) the proposed development is of a class specified in Part 2, Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;

    (b) the proposed development would constitute an extension to a previously permitted development, Bradán Wind Farm; and

    (c) that the proposed development, as an extension to a previously authorised development would result in a combined project in excess of the limits specified at Class 13 of Part 2, Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and that Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposal is therefore mandatory in this instance.

    In the absence of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report, in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 6 of the said Regulations, the Board is precluded from giving further consideration to the granting of permission for the development the subject of the application.

2. Having regard to the information provided with the application, and appeal and in the absence of a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on West Donegal Coast SPA (Site Code 004150), Lough Nillan Bog SPA (Site Code 004110), Donegal Bay SPA (Site Code 004151) and Durnesh Lough SPA (Site Code 004145), in view of the Conservation Objectives for these sites, and it is considered, therefore, that the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Board Member _____ **Date:** 10/06/2025
Liam McGree