An Coimisiún Pleanála

Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 21/10/2026.

The Commission, in accordance with section 37N of the said Act, decided to REFUSE permission for the construction of a landscaped earthen bund at the western and northern ends of the site and for the provision of demountable flood barriers at two other locations on the site based on the Reasons and Considerations set out below.

Planning Commissioner: Mary Henchy **Date:** 27/10/2026

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the information provided with the application, including the Natura Impact Statement, a description of the proposed development and works completed to date, the Commission noted that the Natura Impact Statement does not consider or assess impacts associated with construction and operation of the proposed earthen berm. The Commission cannot be satisfied beyond reasonable scientific doubt that the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, would not adversely affect the integrity of the Inner Galway Bay

Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004031), the Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268) and the Cregganna Marsh Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004142) in view of the Sites' conservation objectives and qualifying interests. The proposed development would, therefore, contravene policy objectives NHB 2 and NHB 3 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.