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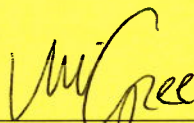
**Direction**  
**CD-020295-25**  
**ABP-322284-25**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 22/07/2025.

The Commission decided to **Not to Direct** the local authority to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the said proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

**Planning**

**Commissioner:**

  
Liam McGree

**Date:** 22/07/2025

**DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER**

**Reasons and Considerations**

- (a) Having regard to:
- (b) the nature and scale of the proposed development,
- (c) the physical, topographical and hydrological separation distances between the proposed development and European Sites,
- (d) the unsuitability of habitats at the application site to support mobile species associated with any European Site,

- (e) the lack of meaningful hydrological connections between the Site and the European Sites,
- (f) the standard pollution controls that would be employed regardless of proximity to a European Site and effectiveness of same,
- (g) the submission made on behalf of the local authority, including the Screening for Appropriate Assessment prepared on behalf of the local authority,
- (h) the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027, and
- (i) the report and recommendation of the person appointed by the Commission to make a report and recommendation on the matter,

it is considered reasonable to conclude, that on the basis of the information available, which is considered adequate to issue a screening determination, that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the identified European Sites, in view of the conservation objectives of these Sites, and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, and the submission of a Natura Impact Statement for the proposed development, is not required.