



Board Direction

Ref: 06S.JD0027

At a meeting held on 8th May 2017, the Board considered the documents and submissions on file and the report and recommendation of the Planning Inspector.

The Board decided unanimously to direct the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the scale and nature of the proposed development, to its location in a sensitive but highly frequented landscape south of the Dublin built up area, to the prevalence of artefacts of cultural, historical and archaeological heritage throughout the general area and to the ecology of the area the Board considered a full and proper consideration of all the possible significant effects on the environment of the proposed amenity development and the potential for mitigation of these required that an environmental impact assessment process be undertaken. Therefore, it is considered that the preparation of an environmental impact statement is required.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation not to direct that an EIS be undertaken the Board noted the Inspector's view that the historical and archaeological features of the lands had proved to be resilient to date notwithstanding the numbers of visitors to the area. However the Board considered that the proposed development is such that further significant additional numbers of visitors will be encouraged to use the facilities provided and it is deemed appropriate that the effect of these, and other, impacts be properly assessed.

Board Member: _____
G.J. Dennison

Date: 8th May 2017