



## **Matters Considered**

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

## **Reasons and Considerations**

1. Having regard to the agricultural zoning of the area and the proximity of residential properties, it is considered that the building is unsuitable for the receiving and treatment by lime of municipal waste sludge. The development proposed for retention would, therefore, be contrary to the objectives of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019 and would seriously injure the amenities of the area. The development proposed for retention would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. Having regard to the nature of the development proposed for retention involving the storage of pre-treated biosolids and their use as an organic fertiliser on surrounding agricultural land, and having regard to the proximity of watercourses to the development proposed for retention which discharge to the Corock River which in turn discharges into the Bannow Bay SAC (Site Code 00697) and Bannow Bay SPA (Site Code 004033), and in the absence of a Natura Impact Statement, the Board cannot be satisfied that the development proposed for retention individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the European sites. In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting permission.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission for retention for the use of the shed for storage only of pre-treated biosolids, the Board having regard for the precautionary principle, could not be satisfied that, given the proximity of the facility and surrounding agricultural land to the nearest watercourse with a pathway to the European sites, the proposed development for retention, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the European sites.

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**Stephen Bohan**  
**Member of An Bord Pleanála**  
**duly authorised to authenticate**  
**the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this            day of            2018.**