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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018**

**Planning Authority: Offaly County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: PL2/17/270**

**APPEAL** by Stephen Fahy care of CLW Environmental Planners Limited of The Mews, 23 Farnham Street, Cavan, County Cavan against the decision made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018 by Offaly County Council to refuse permission.

**Proposed Development:** Construction of one number pig house together with all ancillary structures (to include meal storage bin(s)) and associated site works (to include upgrading the existing entrance) arising from the above proposed development at Walsh Island, County Offaly.

**Decision**

**REFUSE** permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

## **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**

The proposed development is located on a locally important aquifer which is the source of public and private water supplies in the area. Having regard to the need to provide for the protection of water supply sources, the need to maintain a high standard of water quality in particular in relation to groundwaters and to the provisions of the Offaly County Development Plan 2014-2020 to protect groundwater sources, to preserve the quality of surface water, ground water and drinking water and to protect the county's waters from pollution set out in policies and objectives EnvP-03, EnvO-03 and EnvO-07. The Board was not satisfied, on the basis of the information submitted, that there is sufficient evidence to indicate that water quality and sources of water supply would not be compromised by the proposed spreading of slurry on land in the area. It is considered that the proposed development would be prejudicial to public health and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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**Eugene Nixon**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this            day of            2018.**