



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-307007-20

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Application by Galway County Council requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its powers under article 250(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, on whether the local authority should be directed to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of a proposed 30 unit housing development at Gort Uí Lochlainn, Mountain Road, Moycullen, Galway.

Decision

Direct the local authority not to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the said proposed development based on 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.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) The nature and scale of the proposed development,
- (b) The separation distance between the proposed development site and known Lesser Horseshoe Bat roost sites associated within Ross Lake and Wood Special Area of Conservation and Lough Corrib Special Area of Conservation,
- (c) the lack of identified hydrological connections between the site and European sites,
- (d) the treatment processes and identified capacity in the Moycullen Waste Water Treatment Plant and the separation distance to European Sites,
- (e) the submission made by the local authority, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report dated January 2020, and
- (f) the report and recommendation of the Inspector appointed by the Board 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, the proposed development, either individually and in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on Ross Lake and Woods Special Area of Conservation (Site Code:001312), Lough Corrib Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000297), Lough Corrib Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004042), Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268),

Inner Galway Bay Special Protection Area (Site Code:004031) 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, therefore, required.

Dave Walsh
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2020