

Board Order ABP-308935-20

Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 to 2007

Planning Authority: Wexford County Council

Register Reference Number: SS/G675/20

Appeal by Grantstown Voluntary Housing Association care of IE Consulting of Inovation Centre, Green Road, Carlow in relation to the refusing, on the 16th day of November, 2020, by Wexford County Council, of a licence under section 4 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 for the discharge of sewage effluent from an existing and proposed development at Grantstown, Wellingtonbridge, County Wexford to surface water at Barrystown/Harristown, Wellingtonbridge, County Wexford:

Decision

In exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 8 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977, as substituted by section 6 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) (Amendment) Act, 1990, An Bord Pleanála, based on the Reasons and Considerations set out below, hereby refuses the appeal.

Reasons and Considerations

On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal and in the absence of a Natura Impact Statement, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed project individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on Bannow Bay Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000697) or any other European site, in view of the site's Conservation Objectives. In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting a licence.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Water Pollution 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.

John Connolly

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

Dated this 2/ Stay of JUNE 2021