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Board Order  
ABP-317713-23

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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Wexford County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 20230538**

**Appeal** by John Waters of Grange, Fethard-on-Sea, New Ross, County Wexford against the decision made on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 by Wexford County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

**Proposed Development:** Construction of rock armour revetment works at the base of the cliffs in order to create a coastal protection barrier and all associated site works at Grange (Electoral District Fethard), Fethard, New Ross, County Wexford.

## **Decision**

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

## Reasons and Considerations

1. 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 development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Bannow Bay Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000697), the Bannow Bay Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004033) and the Seas off Wexford Special Protection Area (Site Code 004237), or any other European site, in view of the site's conservation objectives. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission.
2. Insufficient technical justification and information have been submitted in relation to the need for and effectiveness of the proposed coast protection works. Insufficient details have been submitted to ensure that the proposed development would not have a negative impact on the erosion of nearby properties. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to Objective CZM32 of the Wexford County Development Plan 2022-2028 and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



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**Joe Boland**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

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

Dated this *10<sup>TH</sup>* day of *September* 2024.