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## Board Order ABP-318279-23

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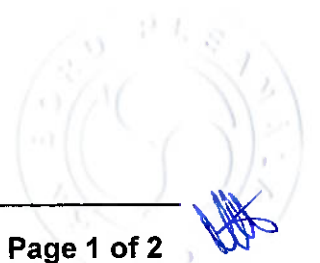
**Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Donegal County Council**

**Application** by Patrick Noel King, Straboe, Cockhill, Bunrana, County Donegal, requesting An Bord Pleanála to consider and determine, in accordance with its powers under article 120(3)(c) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether Donegal County Council should be directed to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in respect of the restoration and upgrade of the existing visitor experience at Fort Dunree, Bunrana, County Donegal.

### DECISION

**NOT TO DIRECT** the local authority to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in respect of the said proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.



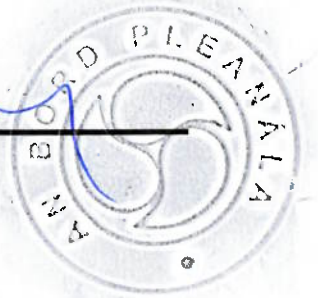
## REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS


Having regard to:

- (a) the location of the site on lands that are covered by the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied), and the results of the strategic environmental assessment of this plan undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive,
- (b) the nature, scale and location of the proposed development,
- (c) the design and construction methodology response to the natural heritage in the surrounding area,
- (d) the project details provided by Donegal County Council,
- (e) the guidance set out in the '*Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-threshold Development*' issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government,
- (f) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 and 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and
- (g) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

it is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not therefore required.

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



Dated this <sup>28</sup> day of  2024