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Pleanála

Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 16/01/2025.

The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having considered the totality of information and submissions on the file and the reports of the Inspectorate including their specialist consultant, it is considered that insufficient information has been submitted by the applicant to adequately demonstrate that the proposed development would not directly, indirectly and cumulatively adversely affect water quality in the River Boyne, which is interlinked with Population and Human Health (drinking water), Biodiversity (fish and mammals) and Material Assets – Natural and Agricultural Resources (tourism, recreation and other amenities associated with the River Boyne), as to satisfy the requirements of Article 94 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) and associated Schedule 6.

2. Furthermore, it is considered that scientific doubt remains as to the absence of adverse effects on the integrity of the River Boyne and Blackwater SAC and River Boyne and Blackwater SPA arising from the treated wastewater effluent element of the proposed development in view of the conservation objectives of these sites.

Board Member

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Date: 16/01/2025