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Board Direction
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At a meeting held on 23/07/2020, the Board considered the submission of the Planning Authority and the report of the Inspector in relation to the question of whether Galway County Council should be directed to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of a proposed 30-unit housing development at Gort Ui Lochlainn, Mountain Road, Moycullen, County Galway.

The Board decided to direct the local authority not to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the proposed development, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

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 Wastewater 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) and 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.

Board Member:

Date: 23/07/2020

Dave Walsh