



6 WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DECISION MAKER (CHIEF EXECUTIVE)

It is noted that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) carried out by the A/Executive Planner dated 30th June 2021 and approved by the A/Senior Executive Planner and the Senior Planner, has been carried out giving full consideration to the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and all plans and other particulars received by the Planning Authority on the 07th May 2021, all County Council internal department reports, and all submissions and observations received from prescribed bodies and third parties made in relation to the environmental effects of the proposed development.

It is considered that the EIAR received on the 07th May 2021 **does not** adequately assess the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed development and is inadequate due to an absence of sufficient information to comply with the requirements of Article 5(1) of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU and the potential impacts on

- Cultural Heritage;
- Landscape and Visual Impact;

The following concerns are also noted as non-compliance with Article 5(1):

- The assessment of cumulative impacts arising from the proposed development;
- The assessment of residual impacts from the development;
- The assessment of major accidents and disasters; and
- The general identification of impacts, with an over-reliance on statements such as 'no significant impacts'.

Such issues result in a lack of clarity in regard to assessment of the likely environmental impacts of the proposed development and prevent the Planning Authority from carrying out a thorough assessment of the proposed development.

In these circumstances I am satisfied that planning permission be refused for the reasons as set out in the attached planners report and recommendation.

Signed: 

Chief Executive