

## Designated Areas Appeals Advisory Board

Minutes of Hearing 26th September 2018

The Board assembled at Nox Hotel, Headford Road, Galway on 26th September 2018 to hear the Appeal of [REDACTED] against the inclusion of lands in Lough Corrib SAC (Site Code: 000297).

### Attendance:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Maryellen Sacco Power, Secretary  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ecologist  
[REDACTED] Rebecca Teasdale, Conservation  
[REDACTED] Ranger, NPWS.

### Site Visit:

The Board met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on site and visited the lands under appeal. The Board first visited the area marked A and B on the appellants report. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Board viewed the area marked A [REDACTED], they then proceeded to area B, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Maryellen explained that the land was not part of his appeal so could not be decided on but that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and he could discuss his plans with Rebecca Teasdale.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The boundary of the cSAC was unclear for this part of the site, Rebecca Teasdale gave an approximate line for the boundary but it was not defined.

The Board then proceeded to sites C and D on the appellants report, first visiting site D.

[REDACTED]

**Open Hearing:**

[REDACTED] explained that the Board is advisory in capacity and makes a recommendation to the Minister on an ecological and scientific basis and that they are unable to consider planning permission or monetary value. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Closed hearing:**

After returning to the hotel the Board agreed to discuss the sites in the order viewed.

**Area B (Appellants Report)**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Area A (Appellants Report)**

[REDACTED]

The Secretary pointed out that the Board have no say in planning permission and clarified that the recommendation would remain the same.

**Land between sites A and B (Appellants Report), [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The Board agreed that they cannot make a decision as there is no defined boundary on site.

**Areas C and D**

[REDACTED]

Recommendation:

Area A - Successful as is considered garden associated with a house.

Area B - Unsuccessful, by majority decision

Land between areas A and B, to the north of the sheds – The Board were unable to reach a decision as there is no defined boundary on site.

Area C – Riverbank and ditches including the drains is to be retained to the foot of the mound on the field side as the Board does not consider it necessary to include the fields to protect the water quality.

Area D – Riverbank and ditches including the drains is to be retained for 15m as the Board does not consider it necessary to include the fields to protect the water quality.

## Minutes of 6th Dec 2017

### AOB

The Board briefly discussed the request from the INHFA and ICSEA to become members of the Board. The chair asked that the current representatives discuss it with their organisations so that it can be further discussed at the next meeting.

### Next Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> of October for Kenmare River SAC

31<sup>st</sup> of October and 1<sup>st</sup> of November for Falcarragh to Meenlaragh SPA