

Board Order ABP-305561-19

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Sligo County Council

Application by Donald and Anita O'Connor of Slieve Daeane, Cleveragh Drive, Sligo requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its powers under article 250(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether the local authority should be directed to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the 'Lest Sligo Forgets' Great War Memorial Garden together with all associated site works at the entrance to the Regional Park, Cleveragh, Sligo.

Decision

Direct the local authority not to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the said proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the nature and scale of the proposed development,
- (b) the separation distance between the proposed memorial garden and the Lough Gill Special Area of Conservation (site code: 001976) and other European Sites,
- (c) the submission made to the Board by the persons who made the request, which did not identify any potential significant effects on a Natura 2000 Site, and by the local authority, including the Screening for Appropriate Assessment report dated July 2019, and
- (d) the report and recommendation of the person 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 or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Lough Gill Special Area of Conservation (site code: 001976) or on any other European Site, in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives, and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment and the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement for the proposed development is not, therefore, required.

Paul Hyde

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

Dated this day of 2019