LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL
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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (as amended)

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO REFUSE

To: Andrew Cluskey
c/o Maeve D'Arcy
One Creamery Square, Newtownshandrum
Charleville
Co. Cork
P56 C923

Date: 30th October 2026

Planning Register Number: 2660190

Date Application Received: 14/04/2026

Validation Received: 14/04/2026

Further Information Received: 09/10/2026

Type of Application: RETENTION PERMISSION AND PERMISSION

Description of Development: Retention and Permission for: A) Retention of roofless cubicles and feeding area with underground slatted slurry storage tanks. B) Permission for construction of a roof over the outlined facilities described above in paragraph a). C) Permission for construction of a silage pit. D) Permission for construction of an overground circular slurry storage tank and all associated siteworks *Further Information Received on 25/09/2026 - Retention of silage pit & Revised Notices received on 09/10/2026*

Name of Applicant: Andrew Cluskey

Location of Development: Mansfieldstown
Castlebellingham
Dundalk, Co. Louth

Date of Decision: 30th October 2026

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the above mentioned Acts, The Council of the County of Louth, being the Planning Authority for the County of Louth, has decided, for the reason(s) set out in the schedule attached, to **REFUSE RETENTION PERMISSION AND PERMISSION** for the development described above.

An appeal against this decision may be made to An Coimisiún Pleanála. The procedure for making an appeal is available on An Coimisiún Pleanála's website (www.pleanala.ie).

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REFERENCE NO. 26/60190

SCHEDULE

1. The Draft Appropriate Assessment Screening Report submitted to the Planning Authority is considered to be insufficient. The Preliminary AA Screening Conclusion states that on the information available that it is not possible to exclude with sufficient certainty the possibility of a significant effect on Dundalk Bay SAC and Dundalk Bay SPA through the hydrological pathway. The Planning Authority is therefore not satisfied that the development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on European sites. In such circumstances, the Planning Authority is precluded from granting permission. Furthermore, based on the information submitted the development would contravene policy objectives NBG 4 and NBG 5 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 (as varied) and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The applicant has confirmed that unauthorised structure/s remain on site for which retention permission has not been sought therefore the granting of further development on this site would set an undesirable precedent for other similar developments, which would in themselves and cumulatively, be harmful to the amenities of the rural area and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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