

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Galway County

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APPEAL by An Taisce of The Tailors' Hall, Back Lane, Dublin against the decision made on the 10th day of February, 2016 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Ballinakill Quarries Limited care of McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan of Block 1, G.F.S.C., Moneenageisha Road, Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Extension to existing quarry. The proposed quarry extension is on lands to the east, south and west of the existing quarry and the extension area measures approximately 13 hectares, all at Cregg, Kylebrack, Loughrea, County Galway.

DECISION

REFUSE permission for the above 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. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

1. The information contained in the Environmental Impact Statement together with the drawings submitted with the application are deficient and are insufficient to enable the Board to complete an Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed development in particular in respect of the likely significant impacts on human beings (arising from noise, vibration, dust and safety), water, soils, cultural heritage (archaeology) and on material assets (traffic network).
2. On the basis of the information submitted, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not have significant effects on the integrity of the Lough Derg North-east Shore Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002241), a Natura site, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, in view of that sites' Conservation Objectives. In these circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission.

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

Dated this day of 2016.