

Board Order PL17.249132

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: TA/161227

Appeal by Colm Flynn of Rathcore, Enfield, County Meath and by Niamh Souhan of Rathcore, Enfield, County Meath and by Nick Wilkinson of Hotwell House, Ballinakill, Enfield, County Meath and by Kilsaran Build care of Fergus Gallagher, Piercetown, Dunboyne, County Meath against the decision made on the 4th day of August, 2017 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to the said Kilsaran Build.

Proposed Development Permission for continued use of the previously permitted developments under planning register reference numbers 01/1018 (PL17.127391), 95/1416 (PL17.099325) and 91/970 (PL17.089787) including the existing quarry, stone extraction and processing and related ancillary buildings and facilities; permission for a lateral extension of circa 1.1 hectares from the existing quarry area of circa 9.7 hectares as permitted under planning reference 01/1018 (PL17.127391) to give an overall extraction footprint of circa 10.8 hectares; permission for the deepening of the overall extraction area circa 10.8 hectares by two number 15 metre benches to a final depth of circa 45 metres AOD from the current quarry floor level of circa 75 metres AOD as permitted under planning reference 01/1018 (PL17.127391); replacement of existing septic tank with a new wastewater treatment system and

constructed percolation area; restoration of the site to a beneficial ecological afteruse; all associated site works within an overall application area of 30.3 hectares, and all for a period of 23 years; an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared in respect of this planning application, all at Rathcore and Connellstown Townlands, Enfield, County Meath.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with 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.

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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the limited information on file regarding the arrangements for the treatment of discharge waters, to the location of the quarry in a karstic environment and to the limited investigation and understanding of the complex hydrogeological conditions obtaining on site and in the wider area, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not give rise to the pollution of surface water bodies, adversely impact on water supplies in the vicinity of the site or have a significant adverse effect on Saint Gorman's Well, a County Geological Site, and its related ecology. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the policies of the Meath County Development Plan 2013 to 2019 and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Terry Prendergast

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2018

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