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Board Order PL 17.249285

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2017

Planning Authority: Meath County

Planning Register Reference Number: TA/161345

Appeal by Eamon Regan of Killballyporter, Rathmolyan, Enfield, County Meath and by ECO Advocacy CLG of Tromman, Rathmolyon, Enfield, County Meath against the decision made on the 29th day of August, 2017 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Keegan Quarries Limited care of Declan Brassil and Company Limited of Lincoln House, Phoenix Street, Smithfield, Dublin.

Proposed Development: Relocation of a permitted concrete block yard from the site of an established and permitted quarry, precast concrete manufacturing plant, and block manufacturing facility located on the northern side of the R156 Regional Road, to the southern side of the R156, at Tromman, Rathmolyon, County Meath, and the development of an ancillary mixing/batching plant and associated development, works and landscaping. The development will consist of a hardstanding block yard of approximately 7,700 square metres; associated mixing/batching plant comprised of an aggregate hopper and loading platform, aggregate storage and mixing shed of 111 square metres gross floor area (GFA), a batch tower of 75 square metres GFA (10.5 metres above ground level), two number belt conveyers, three number storage silos and treatment lagoons; together with an internal road including a culvert under the R156 to provide vehicular and services access from the established quarry to the proposed plant, the provision of road safety barriers along the R156 and all associated and ancillary development, landscaping and work, all on a site of

approximately 3.74 hectares at Tromman, Rathmolyon, County Meath. The proposed development was revised by further public notice received by the planning authority on the 4th day of August, 2017/

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.

Reasons and Considerations

1. The proposed development is dependent on the operation of the existing quarry to the north of the R156 and will facilitate the expansion of the existing pre-cast concrete manufacturing facility, also to the north of the R156. Planning permission for the quarry, the existing block yard and existing pre-cast concrete manufacturing facility, expires on the 5th day of August, 2018. In the absence of a development strategy for these adjacent lands and a valid planning permission for the on-going operation of the quarry, it is considered that the proposed development, located on the opposite side of the R156 to existing quarry activity in the area, on low-lying land, would represent a piecemeal and disorderly approach to the development of the site and to the expansion of overall activities. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

