



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/1403

Appeal by Residents of Ardgaineen and Vicinity care of Stephen Dowds Associates, 5 Mary Street, Galway against the decision made on the 19th day of December, 2017 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Harrington Concrete and Quarries care of Earth Science Partnership (Ireland) Limited of Tonranny, Westport, County Mayo in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: Upgrading an existing quarry entrance comprising of new entrance gate, stone wall, signage and road markings and all associated ancillary site development works, at Ardgaineen and Kilgill, Claregalway, County Galway.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions 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

Having regard to the improved junction design, with a resultant positive impact on road safety, and having regard to the design and appearance of the proposed boundary wall and entrance gates, and to the pattern of development in the vicinity, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area or the residential amenities of property in the vicinity and would not lead to the creation of a traffic hazard. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2.
 - (a) Sight distance triangles shall be adequately maintained and kept free from vegetation or other obstructions that would reduce visibility below the minimum required.
 - (b) The developer shall provide road markings (Edge of Carriageway lines RRM 0025) to delineate the edge of the public road, on both sides of the road, for a distance of 100 metres in both directions from the quarry entrance.
 - (c) The developer shall provide a sign stating 'Caution Quarry Entrance 200 metres ahead' in an appropriate location.

Details of these requirements shall be agreed with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development on site.

Reason: In the interest of road safety.

3. (a) All surface water generated by the development shall be disposed of within the site and shall not be discharged onto the road or the adjoining property.
- (b) Only clean uncontaminated storm water shall be discharged to the soakaway system or surface waters.
- (c) The development shall not impair existing land or road drainage.

Reason: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

4. The proposed development is for the improvement of entrance and egress from the site for the existing permitted elements of the quarry and shall not be construed as a permission for an intensification of use of the site for quarrying or any other purpose.

Reason: In the interests of clarity and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2018.