



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 17/1083

APPEAL by Tommy McHugh of Ballydotia, Belclare, Tuam, County Galway and by Mortimer Quarries Limited of Cartron, Belclare, Tuam, County Galway against the decision made on the 7th day of February, 2018 by Galway County Council to grant subject to conditions permission to the said Mortimer Quarries Limited.

Proposed Development Construction of a concrete Batching Plant on and adjacent to a quarry site previously approved under planning register reference 06/2275 and An Bord Pleanála reference PL 07.222783. The proposed development is ancillary to the main quarry and it will include the following: washdown/surface water collection system and washwater recovery tanks; aggregate storage bins; concrete block-making and storage facilities and all ancillary site services at Cartron (E.D. Claretuam), Belclare, Tuam County Galway.

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. On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal, the absence of any examination of the potential for groundwater discharges from the subject site and in the absence of a Natura Impact Statement, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development either individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on European Site Number 000297, or any other European site, in view of the site's Conservation Objectives. In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting approval/permission.

2. On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development

would not be likely to cause pollution to the regionally important karsified (conduit) aquifer (RKc), and considered that the proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Eugene Nixon

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2018.