



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: TA/170519

APPEAL by ECO Advocacy CLG of Trammon, Rathmolyon, Enfield, County Meath and by Kilsaran Concrete (trading as Kilsaran Build) care of SLR Consulting Ireland of 7 Dundrum Business Park, Windy Arbour, Dublin against the decision made on the 14th day of March, 2018 by Meath County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Kilsaran Concrete (trading as Kilsaran Build).

Proposed Development: Permission for a period of 21 years for the continued use of the previously permitted developments under planning register reference numbers – TA/160094; TA/150309; TA/70175 (appeal reference number PL 17.227088); TA/30258 (appeal reference number PL 17.206229); 00/2156 (appeal reference number PL 17.125619) and 98/1981 (appeal reference number PL 17.111632) including the existing quarry, stone extraction and processing and related ancillary buildings and facilities including the concrete batching and block making facilities; Permission for a small lateral extension of circa 1.8 hectares from the existing quarry area, permitted under planning register reference number TA/70175 (appeal reference number PL 17.227088) to give an overall extraction footprint of circa 16.8 hectares; Permission for the deepening of the extraction

area in part, by two number benches from the current floor level of circa 36 metres AOD to a final depth of circa 0 metres AOD. The current permitted quarry floor level is circa 24 metres AOD under planning register reference number TA/70175 (appeal reference number PL 17.227088); Realignment of the existing internal access road over a distance of circa 400 metres to release rock reserves beneath for extraction, with relocation of the existing weighbridge and office; Permission for an overburden storage area along the eastern site boundary covering an area of circa 1.1 hectares; Permission for a construction and demolition waste recovery facility which provides for the importation, storage, processing and recovery of waste concrete arising from concrete plants operated by Kilsaran on a 3.9 hectare site within the existing quarry and provision for a hardstanding area for stockpiling and crushing of waste materials and a waste inspection/quarantine shed; Restoration of the site to a combination of beneficial ecological and agricultural after-use; All associated site works within an overall application area of 49.4 hectares at Trammon Townland, Rathmolyon, 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.

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the information provided in the Environmental Impact Statement submitted with the planning application in relation to hydrogeology and hydrology in the vicinity of the proposed quarry, and the submissions made in connection with the application and appeal, the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development, either individually or cumulatively with the adjacent operational quarry, would not give rise to the pollution of surface water bodies, adversely impact on water supplies in the vicinity of the site or reduce base flows in nearby surface water bodies. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to policies of the Meath County Development Plan 2013 to 2019 in this regard and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. On the basis of the information provided with the application and appeal, and in particular in relation to hydrogeology and hydrology, and in the light of the proximity of the subject development to the adjacent watercourses, and the lack of adequate examination of in-combination effects with the adjacent operational quarry, and in the absence of a Natura Impact Statement, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (site code:002299) and the River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Protection Area (site code:004232), or any other European site, in view of the sites' Conservation Objectives. In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting permission.

Philip Jones

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of 2020.