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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021**

**Planning Authority: Donegal County Council**

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether:

- (a) the continuation of existing quarry operation including extraction, processing and sale of raw and processed material, is operating in accordance with its pre-64 authorisation, and
- (b) the continuation of quarrying to the extremity of the current landholding (2.53 hectare), abutting a European Site – the Cloughernagore Bog and Glenveagh National Park Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002047) is in accordance with its pre-64 authorisation

at Arduns, Gweedore, County Donegal is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** the said question was referred to An Bord Pleanála by Donegal County Council of County House, Lifford, County Donegal on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021:

**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to -

- (a) sections 2 and 3 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) the Board's previous decision under 05E.QV0189 signed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014,
- (c) the nature and scale of the activities undertaken at the quarry site subsequent to the Board's decision on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014, and
- (d) the pattern of development in the area which includes an active quarry adjacent to the site and the proximity of the Cloghernagore Bog and Glenveagh National Park Special Area of Conservation to the immediate east of the site:

**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála has concluded that -

- (a) the continuation of existing quarry operation, within a site area of 2.068 hectare, including extraction, processing and sale of raw and processed material, is in accordance with this pre-64 authorisation, and
- (b) the continuation of quarrying to the extremity of the current landholding (2.53 hectare), abutting a Natura 2000 site, is not in accordance with its pre-64 authorisation, by virtue of the nature and extent of the works outside of the established boundary of the quarry:

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**NOW THEREFORE** An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (4) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that -

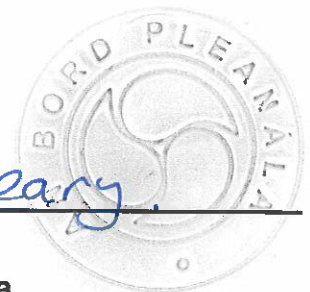
- (a) the continuation of existing quarry operation, within a site area of 2.068 hectare, including extraction, processing and sale of raw and processed material, is operating in accordance with this pre-64 authorisation and is development and is not exempted development, and
- (b) the continuation of quarrying to the extremity of the current landholding (2.53 hectare), abutting a European Site – the Cloughernagore Bog and Glenveagh National Park Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 002047) is in accordance with its pre-64 authorisation, is development and is not exempted development

at Arduns, Gweedore, County Donegal.

*Patricia Calleary*

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



Dated this *04* day of *May* 2022.

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