

Board Order ABP-312162-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Kildare County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 19/1138

Appeal by Keegan Quarries Limited care of Tobin Consulting Engineers of Block 10-4, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin against the decision made on the 9th day of November, 2021 by Kildare County Council to refuse permission to Keegan Quarries Limited for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: Development consisting of a development area of approximately 1.05 hectares, the use of a weighbridge, wheelwash, the erection of a staff office and administration building, car park area, access road and improved site entrance, concrete and readymix batching plant, block yard and associated infrastructure. The proposed site access will be from the L-1011 local road, to the north of an existing sand and gravel pit, QR45. An EIAR and Appropriate Assessment accompanies this application; as revised by significant further information submitted to the planning authority on the 30th day of June, 2020 consisting of amendments/clarification to the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR); all at Ballyonan, Broadford, County Kildare.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the location of the proposed development and its proximity to residential dwellings, and to the lack of adequate baseline information in respect of sensitive receptors as presented in the application and appeal documentation, it is considered that the proposed development, notwithstanding the mitigation measures proposed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted at application stage, would seriously injure the amenities of properties in the vicinity by reason of noise and general disturbance. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. On the basis of the information submitted with the planning application and appeal, the Board is not satisfied that the overall water management and drainage system as proposed, is sufficient to draw satisfactory conclusions in relation to the proper and satisfactory management of surface water and groundwater. The proposed development would, therefore, give rise to a potential source of water pollution, would be prejudicial to public health and be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Mick Long

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

Dated this 25 day of Jamary

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